



Minutes of the Royal Burgh of Pittenweem Community Council

Meeting Held Monday 18th June 2018 in the New Town Hall

Apologies: Cllr John Docherty, John Bowman

Present: Jim Taylor, Brian Ortmann, Ken Horsburgh, Alex Innes, Billy Hughes, Margaret Wardlaw, Cllr Linda Holt, Cllr Bill Porteous

Adoption of the Minutes of the May 2018 meeting:

Proposed: Ken Horsburgh Seconded: Margaret Wardlaw

East Neuk Emergency Plan:

Elizabeth Riches gave a presentation in which she outlined the need for an emergency plan and gave details of the current working group. Because of issues experienced in the East Neuk during the "Beast from the East" last winter it was felt appropriate that a plan be formulated for the area. Currently Kingsbarns has completed theirs and Elie and Earlsferry is currently a work in progress. It is suggested that Community Councils get involved in which case the key elements are:

Community Council Information Required

Village Local Map- including key relevant locations

Two Local Community Emergency Plan Contacts

Identify Village Emergency Resilience resources requirement and storage area

Identify Refuge Centre within village as well as keyholders

Matters Arising:

Abbeywall Road: In response to a complaint from residents in the area a meeting was held on 17th May. The issue concerns speeding vehicles on this road. Several possible initiatives were suggested including making the 20mph signs more visible, possible speed bumps, parking restrictions and a further speed monitoring exercise. Stuart Goodfellow from Fife Council was to report back on the various proposals. To date there has been no response from Fife Council.

Cllr LH

During the visit the safety concerns about the wall were raised and were to be reported back to the relevant person in Fife Council. We need to establish the structural integrity of the wall. **Cllr LH**

Parking Issues: as part of the visit we highlighted problems with parking on South Loan and at the west end of High Street. It was agreed that the current situation is unacceptable, and something needs to be done.

Road Repairs: all agreed that the recent repairs at the foot of South Loan were poorly executed and need to be redone. This is the main access to the High Street and warrants a proper repair not the bodge job that was done.

Banking on Abbeywall Road: this is an ongoing issue and it was agreed to invite Alan Bisset to the next meeting of PCC. **Cllr LH**

It was agreed to invite Colin Stirling to the September meeting to discuss parking, road repairs, Abbeywall Road issues and the one-way system.

A Nation's Tribute: considerable progress has been made regarding arrangements.

Unadopted Roads: we received notification that funds are available to effect repairs to unadopted roads, accordingly we have been asked to submit a list. It was agreed that David Street be given high priority as it is the access to the cemetery, town hall parking and football pitch parking. It is also the access when the playing fields are used for car parking during the festival. It was also suggested that Session Street be listed.

Playparks: Councillor Porteous reported that the plan is to maintain and upgrade selected playparks however Glebe Park is NOT on the list. The plan is that the parks not on the list will go on an end of life cycle, equipment will be monitored for safety but once it becomes defective it will be removed. This statement led to a heated debate as it appears that once again Pittenweem is being treated unfairly. The question was asked how come Anstruther gets a new playpark at Billowness and we cannot even get ours maintained at the current level. Councillors were aware of how incensed we are with our unfair treatment at the hands of Fife Council. We will keep this item on the agenda for next meeting.

It was agreed that we will invite Alan Bisset from FC to our next meeting to discuss playparks.

PCC Meeting Schedule: despite the recent move to the third Monday this still clashes. We need to reconsider but will stick with the third Monday for our July meeting.

Local Councillor's Report: Councillor Holt gave a short resume of the East Neuk Forum. She also noted that there is ongoing discussion about

the provision of grit bins. She requested a copy of the most recent map showing the current locations. **AI**

In addition to topics already covered Councillor Porteous reported back on the issue of Second Homes. Unfortunately, at present Fife Council is doing all it can within the current legal powers. To clarify the legislation currently being used in the South West of England to limit second homes does not exist in Scotland. Willie Rennie has written to the Scottish Government for the issue of second homes to be a consideration when drawing up the Planning Bill which is currently in progress. Regretfully even if adopted any legislation could be at least 4 years away.

Secretary's Report:

There was nothing of note to report during the last month.

Treasurer's Report:

The monthly bank statement shows a balance of £1505.97 on the 21st May. Our grant from FC for this year is £577.24 and has still to come through.

Planning:

There were forty-two notifications, nineteen approved and eleven new.

New Town Hall Committee: The AGM was held on 31st May. The issue of the new lease has still not been resolved although Janice Laird is now involved. It was reported that FC have now intimated that they are considering closing the hall. As far as current repairs are concerned FC have agreed to re-roof the tower and patch the rendering, no timescale has been given. It was also reported that the mobile phone mast looks unlikely to go ahead. There is a total of £2518.94 in the Fund-Raising Account.

Floral Grant has still not been received Cllr Holt will follow up. **Cllr LH**

AOCB: the lack of weed killing throughout the Burgh was noted.

There was disappointment that no planting of the Floral Bed at the cemetery has been carried out. The opinion was expressed that once again we appear to suffer badly compared to Anstruther. It was noted that the various flower beds in Anstruther had been planted out weeks ago, for Pittenweem we have got nothing! The situation is both unfair and unacceptable.

Next Meeting: Monday 16th July 2018