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**PCC MEETING ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023 IN THE NEW  
TOWN HALL AT 7pm**

**PRESENT:** Margaret Wardlaw, Evelyn Boyd, Stewart Moreland, Duncan Lucas, David Stutchfield, Jim Wood, and Nigel Mathers.

**COUNCILLORS:** Cllr. Sean Dillon, Cllr Fiona Corps, Cllr Alycia Hayes

**APOLOGIES:** Linda Lauder, Peter Mills,

**INVITED GUESTS:** PC Wallace + PC Cook

**PUBLIC ATTENDING:** 5 members of the public

**MINUTES OF MEETING ON 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Approval proposed by **NM** and seconded by **DL**.

**POLICE REPORT:** The police officers reported that there were 22 calls to the police, and 0 crimes recorded.

They encouraged anyone from our community to sign up for the community speed watch project to assist the police in reducing excessive traffic speeds. The officers gave security advice for residents to ensure their homes were secure.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS** raised at meeting:

**Multi-use path (MUP) issues:**

The PCC newsletter showed a feeder MUP path to the west of Sandycraig Road. Concerns were expressed over security of houses on this street with the proposed cycle path and there safety issues were raised about cyclists crossing the main road at the entrance to Pittenweem. The main MUP passes through Ninian Fields and residents were concerned about any potential increase in road use down the cul-de-sac.

**West Braes car park issues:**

The toilets at West Braes car park are overflowing, and camper van users have been throwing blue chemical foul waste over the banking at the car park. See **Cllr SD**'s report below for a response.

It was also noted that the West Braes field had been used for artists vehicle parking and camping during the Arts Festival. **Cllr SD** confirmed during the meeting that the field gates will be checked and padlocked.

### **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:**

**Cllr AH** reported:

The post for the new head teacher at Waid Academy has been advertised and interviews will be held in the Autumn. Good academic results were achieved by the pupils this year.

Fife Council grounds maintenance team are due to work in Pittenweem from 21<sup>st</sup> August.

**Cllr SD** reported:

West Braes Toilets:

- Last week, the toilet block at the West Braes was closed by FCCT due to circumstances out of their control. This is a problem with sewage and Scottish Water is currently working to resolve the situation. Engineers will be on site on the 18th of August and it is hoped that the toilets will reopen for the weekend.

Pittenweem Kirk:

- Since the last Community Council meeting, the Pittenweem Kirk Working Group has had their first meeting. Evelyn and Jim were kind enough to come along and during the meeting, the group discussed ideas for future uses of the building but agreed at this stage all avenues need to be looked into. As part of this, we will be looking to hear community suggestions as to what they would like to see the building used for.

- During the Arts Festival, the church had over 1700 visitors to view the stained-glass windows and to listen to the daily musical performances. This has been viewed as highly successful and it is hoped that it can be taken forward in the future.

Playpark:

- The total raised for the funding of the new playpark is currently £61,500. This is made up from £50,000 from Fife Council, £10,000 the Norah Webber Trust and £1,500 from donations. An application will be made to FET next month for £50,000 and the group are hoping to make an application to the Common Good Fund for a further £50,000.

Tree Planting:

- The council have agreed to replant the damaged standards as part of programme of replanting across North East Fife. This will likely take place during the winter months in line with the tree planting season.

#### Crown Estate Funding:

- Since 2019, new arrangements were established to allow coastal communities to benefit from the net revenue generated by the Scottish Crown Estate marine assets. The funding is to be used for expenditure that specifically benefits coastal communities with individual local authorities making decisions on the funding of projects and being transparent and accountable to their communities and others for the expenditure.

- Projects can request funding for up to £40,000 and should focus on community priorities, the priorities of Climate Action Fife and meet at least one of the following investment priorities:

Environment enhancement; / Emissions reduction/removal of waste;/ Jobs; / Tourism; / Skills development; / Diversification projects; / Investment for a community purpose;/ Climate change adaptation.

The deadline for applications is Monday, 4th of September 2023 and to request an application form, please email [community.investment@fife.gov.uk](mailto:community.investment@fife.gov.uk)

#### Parks & Open Spaces Consultation:

- Fife Council wants to know about the quantity, quality and accessibility of outdoor space in Fife for those under 18. This survey will help us decide what opportunities and aspirations there are for open space and play areas. It will also allow us to remove barriers where they exist.

- The consultation can be found at

<https://www.fife.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-diaries/have-your-say-...-on-fifes-play-and-openspaces>.

#### Wendy Chamberlain MP & Willie Rennie MSP Summer Tour:

- On Tuesday, 22nd of August our local MP & MSP will be in the East Neuk to allow constituents to raise any issues or concerns with them on an informal basis. They will be outside the Pittenweem Hub between 13:45 & 14:15.

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**JOINT SHARED USE PATH (MUPS).** NM reported that the last meeting of the Joint Shared Use Path group with Anstruther representatives was harmonious and constructive. It was agreed to approach the National Cycle Network to see if the path can be part of the national routes and potentially receive more funding.

**SUP/ELIE** - New maps were included in the PCC newsletter, which did not distinguish between the main path and feeder paths. Members of the public have raised concerns about these paths (see above).

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** MW reported that Fife Voluntary Action have suggested that roles, responsibilities and procedures of Community Councillors are put on the PCC notice board.

**ACTION:** MW to put a copy on the notice board.

**SCOTTISH WATER.** – Preliminary excavation work in the harbour area is starting on 28<sup>th</sup> August until 6<sup>th</sup> September and temporary road diversions will be in place for this period.

**EAST NEUK OF FIFE PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRIORY BOARDS –** LL has responded to the Preservation Society with the PCC preferred locations.

**PITTENWEEM ARTS FESTIVAL** – there is a “washup” meeting scheduled for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm the NTH. PCC members can raise any issues observed during this year’s festival.

**STREET NAMING** - LL has sent suggestions through to Fife Council. Cllr SD reported that few of the names are eligible to be used as streets cannot be named after living people.

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION / FIFE DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME / LOCAL PLACE PLAN:**

DS confirmed that details of the consultations and Local Place Plan were included in the newsletter to all residents. He was thanked for his work. DS also reported that PCC are using the Scotland Community Mapping software, but that Scottish Government may fund additional work on a PlaceBuilder software which would allow interactive on-line consultation.

**ACTION:** DS to report back to September meeting the status of Scottish Government support for PlaceBuilder software.

**COMMON GOOD:** Cllr AH reported that the response of P Vaughan of Fife Council has been disappointing about the details of the Common Good Fund and that he has requested an accountant to review the account with her and representatives of PCC. The PCC unanimously voted to make a formal complaint to the Chief Executive of Fife Council about the situation.

**ACTION:** Cllr AH to formally complain to Fife Council about the operation and lack of clarity of the Pittenweem Common Good Fund.

**CHURCH CLOSURES** – in Cllr’s report.

**PLAY PARK:** – in Cllr’s report.

**CYCLE RACKS:** – location of West Braes racks have been confirmed, but other locations on pause awaiting finalisation of MUP / SUP routes.

**TREE PLANTING SIGN:** - MW noted that 3 local residents have offered to maintain the Weem Wood trees but were requesting PCC approval. Concerns were raised about insurance implications and the PCC would like to understand what activities the residents would be doing. SM volunteered to look at the trees. Cllr. SD confirmed that FC will replace the dead standard trees during the planting season this winter.

**ACTION:** MW to contact Footprint East Neuk about their maintenance plans and let the local residents know a decision has been deferred to September meeting. SM to look at the trees and report back to September meeting what work needs to be done.

**PLANNING REPORT:** JW reported only a few new applications. Retrospective planning for the mural on the side wall of the Larachmhor Tavern has been refused, and the applicant has until 1<sup>st</sup> September to appeal the decision.

**St Margarets Farm Development:** J Handley had been invited to the PCC meeting but currently had no update to share.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** LL has resigned from PCC and passed information and documents to MW

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** MW reported that the Community Council's accounts in July 2023 - Treasurers account £4526.88 due to a significant credit. Business Current £4,930.38

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** MW reported:

**Tollbooth Steeple** – and email has been received from Fife Council suggesting PCC assist in looking for a tenant for this building. Due to the poor interior condition it was suggested that a site meeting would be the best way forward and 10:30am on 12<sup>th</sup> September was agreed by the PCC as a suitable date.

**ACTION:** MW to reply to Fife Council, Cllr SD to confirm whether the Kirk can be used as a venue.

**Skatepark Group** meeting – Anstruther Skatepark Group are looking for a meeting at Pittenweem and have invited PCC and West Braes project to look at possibilities for Pittenweem. Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August after 5pm was suggested at the best time.

**ACTION:** SM and DL to attend the meeting

**Housing Summit** – A report of the Housing Summit held recently in St Andrews is now available. Several PCC members requested a copy which **MW** will forward,

**A.O.B.:**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7pm**

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

PCC – Pittenweem Community Council, MW – Margaret Wardlaw, LL – Linda Lauder, DL – Duncan Lucas, RB – Ruth Brown, PM – Peter Mills, SM – Stewart Moreland, JW – Jim Wood, EB – Evelyn Boyd, DS – David Stutchfield.

Cllr. FC – Council Fiona Corps, Cllr.SD – Councillor Sean Dillon,

Cllr. AH – Councillor Alycia Hayes.

FCCT – Fife Coast and Countryside Trust