



The Royal Burgh of  
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**PCC MEETING ON THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023 IN THE NEW TOWN HALL AT  
7pm**

**PRESENT:** Margaret Wardlaw, Linda Lauder, Duncan Lucas, Peter Mills, Jim Wood, Evelyn Boyd, Stewart Moreland, Nigel Mathers

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

**APOLOGIES:** David Stutchfield, Fiona Corps

**PUBLIC ATTENDING:** 2 members of the public attending

**INVITED GUESTS:** Martin Dibley, Simon Learoyd (PAF)

**QUESTION FROM PUBLIC ATTENDEES:**

Request from Pittenweem Arts Festival (**PAF**), for feedback on last years' Festival. They reported that last years' Festival, the first for 3 years, had gone well. There was a slight downturn from 2019 in the number of artists exhibiting, but visitor numbers were broadly the same. Car parking was fine as the weather was good. There were a few issues down at the harbour with people getting their hands on fishermen's permits who weren't fishermen, and **PAF** will tighten up on that a little bit. But all in all it was a good bounce back. This year the aim was to run some events as **PAF** had not done so last year in case of Covid restrictions. The applications for the various Council facilities have gone in.

We are keen to get any feedback, particularly in relation to the planning and anything we can do better this year than last year.

**MW:** Asked why there was no 'wash-ups' meeting at the end of the last Festival? **PAF:** Said it was a good point. **MW:** Said we could have had one just with **PAF**, like we are having here tonight. If we had had a meeting then, it would have prepared us for this meeting tonight. **PAF:** Said they will definitely do one this year. The only reason they had not done so last year was because the Council had said they didn't want to do it. Even if the Council do not want

to participate this year, **PAF** will meet with the **CC**. **MW**: It's good to have one as 6 months down the line our memories are not as good as they were at the time. If we can have a meeting 6 weeks or a couple of months after the Festival. **PAF** will liaise with **MW** to arrange a date.

**DL**: asked about the new payment system at the W.Braes administered by a private firm, and said there were concerns from people as to whether if they overstayed their paid parking time they would receive a £100 charge. **PM**: suggested that the parking at the W.Braes was not the responsibility of the **PAF**, it was the responsibility of the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust

**LL**: asked it what was happening to the bus parking, would be like last year?

**PAF**: said they did and would be telling buses, minibuses and campervans to park at the Waid Academy where there would be no charge. **MW**: asked how that would affect the public trying to get down there with their cars, at W.Braes. **PAF**: said it should not affect anybody. **MW**: asked if they charged for parking and **PAF**: said they did not. **Cllr SD**: asked if **PAF** had used the field last year. **PAF**: yes they did, first thing in the morning they allowed the artists to park down there and it was then locked up during the day and there were about 15 cars parked in there. **PAF** can't stop people parking in the W.Braes parking itself, and can't stop people swimming at the open air pool. **PAF** does its best to get people to park in the proper car park and not in the village.

**PAF**: said they would not be having a torch procession through the village this year. **EB**: welcomed that they are bringing events back as the majority of the local community don't get a lot from the Festival. There used to be the fireworks, the procession and the ceilidh, and she thought that if some of that was brought back in, **PAF** will get some of the goodwill back from the Community.

**MW**: said that the New Town Hall toilets were not for public use. She asked when the toilet block at the football opened in the morning. **PAF**: 9.45, and the car park opened at 10.00 am. **MW**: and what time were they closed as from 4.00 pm onwards, so many people wanted to use **NTH** toilets. She pointed out that there were still people going to get their cars at 6.00pm and there are no toilets unless they go down to the harbour. **PAF**: will ask the football club if they can keep the toilets open till 6.00 pm, not 5.00 pm. It was also agreed that they would look at the possible provision of portaloos somewhere other than just the harbour.

**LL**: asked if Ovenstone School would be open for the Festival this year, and **PAF**: said no, it would not be used, and there will be no bus going up there.

Report from **MD**. Chair of Visit E. Neuk (**VEN**), one of 6 local tourist associations.

**MD**: Explained that Pittenweem businesses in the High Street approached **VEN** a while ago, about putting an orientation board, or a town map, at the Pittenweem Harbour, to indicate that there were businesses in the High St. The view was that visitors went to the harbour and missed the cafes and businesses in the High Street. At the same time, Anstruther approached **VEN** to do something not dissimilar, and **VEN** pushed ahead with this one, (map shown by **MD**) because Anstruther already has town maps. - but in a deplorable condition. Anstruther, together with the **CC**, **VEN** used a local artist, Yolandé Kenny, to produce a map, an artist's impression of Anstruther. This will replace existing maps, together with a history of the town around it and Fife Tourism partnership will have their QR code on there, website addresses etc. The question is, would something like this suit Pittenweem. **PM**: Pittenweem already has paper maps, prepared by the library. **MD**: This would be something up on a wall. **MW**: We already have a map on a noticeboard at the High Street. **PM**: Pointed out that if we want to persuade people to come up to the High Street, then we need something at the harbour. **SM**: Asks were **VEN** wanting to direct them to the retailers on the High Street? Would retailers names be on it? **MD**: Said they won't name any particular business. The Anstruther one shows where the village hall is, the ATM, the Co-op etc. **SM**: said these things are expensive to make and put up. **PM**: asked whether there was funding for this? **MD**: Said they practically have enough to do Pittenweem. **VEN** are getting help from **FC** and Fife Tourism Partnership. The original cost about £1,000, so we are talking about £2,000, and that sort of money can be raised. **PM**: asked about planning and **MD** confirmed that would be required. In Anstruther, the maps are replacements, Pittenweem, being in a Conservation area, planning would be needed. He said that for this evening, he simply wondered whether in principle **PCC** would be interested in something like this? **LL**: Asked if **PCC** could get back to him on that. **MD**: confirmed that would be fine. **JW**: asked if **VEN** was a commercial organisation and **MD** said it was not, it was a voluntary organisation the same as **PCC**, elected once a year by members of the Community.

There was a brief discussion about the Fisher lass signs, but **MD** said that these were not the responsibility of **VEN**. **Cllr SD**: said that he would investigate the possibility of updating the brown signs at the village entrances.

**Bill Porteous** came along unexpectedly and gave an update on the West Braes Sea Pool and the signs. He said they were pleased with the progress of the sea pool and the crazy golf last year. They now have a new container, giving more storage space and replacing the one that was falling apart. There are no plans for any large projects this year. They will continue to maintain the pool and the crazy golf. They hope to paint the crazy golf in April and have lots of sponsors for that. If anyone would like to assist the volunteers on the crazy golf, for a short or long term, they should get in touch with **BP**, or Marie or anyone on the committee. The more people that are involved the easier the task is. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust will be organising the car parking on the same lines as Ruby Bay and Kingsbarns, and at no expense to us the **FCCT** resurfaced the car park. The money that is raised is to improve the facilities and that can only be beneficial. The main aim of the new charge is to ensure that motor homes are paying their dues. **MW**: asked that as with Anstruther, would there be no charges over the winter? **BP**: was not sure. **EB**: said Anstruther was different as it is run by Fife Council. **BP**: We on the committee would like to, with the tourism group on **FC** create a brown sign on Viewforth Place, so people do know where to go, if this was something the **CC** would like to do. We would support it in terms of funding. In terms of the brown signs at either end of the village, our committee feels they are not as expressive of what there is in the village as they should be. St.Monans sign for instance has a bit more detail on it. We feel this may be another thing the **CC** may want to explore in terms of costs and benefits, and it would encourage visitors to go to the High Street and not just the harbour. **LL** asked who owned the notice board by the toilets as she felt this could be a good position for a sign giving information about businesses etc. it was thought it belonged to the **FCCT**. **MW** thanked Bill for his update.

**DL**: There have been 3 or 4 complaints about the harbour sign. It is ill placed. It would be better at the end of Abbeywall Road. **Cllr SD**: will look into the sign directing traffic to the harbour via Lady Wynd and ask that this be moved to the top of Abbey Wall Road . He will also ask for a sign at the opening of University Avenue on Viewforth Place, to direct visitors to the tidal Pool. **BP**: said that thankfully these signs was nothing to do with the **WBSP** committee, but his committee would like to know if there was any interest from the committee in improving the brown signage. **MW**: There was a conversation about brown signs some years ago now, and nothing came of it. **PM**: said that

his understanding about brown signs was that you just purchased it, and you didn't need permission. **BP:** His committee felt it was the right thing to do to let the **CC** know what their intentions were.

**MW:** asked all members if they could jot down their notes from the meeting and send them to her and she will forward them to **AC**.

### **PROPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**JW** proposed acceptance of the minutes and **DL** seconded

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising

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

**Cllr SD:** 1) a speed survey has been carried out on Charles Street, and the results suggest that some form of traffic calming is necessary which will be included in next years' roads programme, but in the meantime, dragon's teeth will be painted at the 20 mile an hour area and any enforcement will be carried out by the police. 2) **Cllr SD** was informed yesterday of an incident involving Council workers in the Churchyard which was very concerning. **Cllr SD** had a meeting today with bereavement services and have been assured this will be investigated swiftly, and **Cllr SD** has been asked to convey wholehearted apologies to the Community on behalf of the bereavement services. 3) The RNLI shed in Anstruther: the Anstruther CC are holding a meeting on Tuesday 18th April at the E.Neuk Centre for anyone interested in taking it forward as a community asset, and to form a trust. 4) In terms of the Fisher Lass signs, **Cllr SD** met with the transport people and the Fife Tourism Partnership who run **VEN**, and it was thought that with the contentiousness of it last time, a consultation would be good. **Cllr SD** has searched for the original image (the high quality one that would be needed for the sign) everywhere and no one has it. It is lost. 3 options were discussed: a) to use the Fisher Lass image, but to get the graphic designer to go over it, trace it, and have it similar to what it was. **DL** said he would like to see the original kept as it had the spirit. **Cllr SD:** agreed. b) an E.Neuk landmark that would be chosen by the public. c) or just having a sign with writing. These 3 options would go to public consultation and this is at a very early stage. **MW:** said this had been discussed 5/6 years ago by the **CC** and the Fisher Lass was the preferred option but it was going to be far too expensive. **Cllr SD:** said that the Roads committee had given him an

estimate of about £500 per sign. The money would not come from the Common Good, it would be found from somewhere. The point is that they are looking old and tatty. They are needing replaced. **MW:** said they were only 6 or 7 years old. **DL:** asked about the sale of the Church building and he understood there was going to be a visit by Historic Scotland. **Cllr SD:** said that they were still waiting for a report from the Presbytery on it, in June. **EB:** thanked **Cllr SD** for all the work he was doing, particularly his work on the Fisher Lass. **MW:** said a sign down at the harbour would be really useful to get people to go from the harbour to the High Street. **LL:** said there used to be a sign like that near the telephone box. **Cllr SD:** added that the **FC** were hoping to bring cohesion to all the signs among the villages. **LL:** said it would be good to have informative signage like they have at Cellardyke. Here there is nothing about the history of the harbour. She thought it a good idea to have something similar across all the villages.

**Cllr AH:** said that we now have a wildlife sightings database for Fife. It's grown by over 70,000 records in the last year alone. If you see anything interesting in terms of wildlife, then if you could log it there, so that when it comes to conservation we know what to conserve. As well as helping local conservation groups, it also helps us make sure any decisions taken which may affect the local biodiversity are well-informed. Thanks to [NatureScot](#) for helping fund it. For more information visit [www.fife.gov.uk/fifenature](http://www.fife.gov.uk/fifenature) or get in touch with Fife Nature Records Centre at [nature.info@fife.gov.uk](mailto:nature.info@fife.gov.uk).

**Cllr AH:** pointed out that if you receive help to pay your rent as part of your Universal Credit, you must tell the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) that your rent has increased to make sure you get the right amount of benefit to cover your new rent charge for 2023/24.

**Cllr AH:** Has called a public meeting to discuss new food action plan for Fife. East Neuk food producers, retailers and consumers have been invited to join **Cllr AH** at Pittenweem New Town Hall on Wednesday 19th April at 7.30pm to give their feedback on a new food action plan for Fife. The meeting is non party-political and anyone who has an interest in the production and consumption of local produce is invited to attend. Food4Fife's draft strategy and action plan can be viewed and downloaded at <https://our.fife.scot/food4fife>. The aim would be to make our fantastic local food more affordable and accessible locally. For example, there is glorious artisan bread made locally but it is £3.40 a loaf - if you have a family to feed

and you have to make sandwiches for everyone, if you are on a budget, you'll be thinking, 75p for a loaf at Aldi versus £3.40 for a loaf locally. So how do we create a relationship with our producers that allows our locals to get accessible affordable food. And in doing this, it means the food does not travel so far, doesn't have as big a carbon footprint. **DL:** Asked if this brought up subsidies. **Cllr AH:** Yes. **MW:** Asked if there were posters? **Cllr AH:** Said there's stuff on facebook and there is a press release. But said she would create a poster.

### **St MARGARET'S FARM DEVELOPMENT**

**MW:** said that **JH** did not have anything to report, but is hoping to have something for the next meeting. They are going to be demolishing all the old farm steading buildings, over the next 2 or 3 weeks. **FC** has complained that they are becoming unsafe and kids are playing in them.

### **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

**MW:** asked if **DS** had any updates. **DS:** said nothing on the logo. **DS** has sent round the possible logos. He is not sure how we are going to select a final logo. **MW:** We are going to do that on the 24th April. **EB:** suggested that we all look at them and choose a top 3 and e-mail that to **LL**. **PM:** suggested that they be numbered so it is easy to choose which ones we are voting for. **DL:** questioned whether a child had really done one of them on their own as it was so good. He was assured that they were all done in class, so they were all their own work. **LL:** said that she would number them and send them out. And the top 3 (First, Second and Third) should be numbered and then returned to her. **EB:** said that the Head teacher had told her that the children were very keen to hear which logo was the winner. **LL:** summarised by saying if it still needed discussed after everyone had sent in their preferences, it could be discussed at the meeting on 24th. **EB:** Because they are so good it would be nice to have a winner and 2 runners up. **LL:** said this had been discussed at a previous meeting and it had been discovered that we might not have enough money after all other payments were made from the awarded funds.

**EB:** Also, **Cllr FC** said there was concern about comments made about the chippy. She felt that it would be good to announce the winner/s and show the film at the school assembly. **EB** didn't know until today that everything had been put up on the website. **MW:** felt it should have come to the **CC** members first. **MW:** said that anything put out to members of the **CC** must be sent out to all members and not to one or two. **PM:** suggested we ask **DS** to take the film down meanwhile. **EB** pointed out that you could not get onto the link for

the film on the website. So **DS** needs to look at this at some point. It was agreed that **DS** should be asked to take down the film. **MW**: Following on from **Cllr FC's** concern about comments about the chippy, **MW** felt we could not change what the children had said. **Cllr SD**: felt that at the moment a child commented that 'it would be good to get new businesses' and in brackets, 'especially a chippy'. Maybe we could just take out 'especially a chippy'. **EB**: I don't think you can change what they say. **LL**: said that there was a chippy down at the shore. Following discussion, it was generally felt it should be left as is. **EB**: said that all in all it had been a good report and the kids did well. **MW**: said that all the cheques had gone out that had been requested by **DS**.

### **FIFE DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME/LOCAL PLACE PLAN**

**PM**: Said that we needed to wait until **DS** gets back. **LL**: Said that all the workshops have taken place and they are hoping to have another one on 19th April. She had missed the last one on online maps, but when she had read the power points she saw that it was much as **DS** had already explained to **CC** at the consultation held on 27<sup>th</sup> March. **DS** had proposed doing a mock Local Plan but **LL** felt that this would still need **CC** involvement. It will give us an idea of how it will look, and it will take months. It needs to be ready by January 2024 and it then has to go out to neighbouring CC's and to the public for 28 days. So we would need to start thinking about it shortly - but not until after our consultation meeting with **DS** on the 24th April.

### **MUPS/ CYCLE CONTRA FLOW**

**PM**: said that the **PSF** on 23rd March had been a success. There had been at least 116 visitors. Lots of children came and they were occupied in the back hall by the Community Library volunteers, meaning the parents had time to look at the exhibitions. Many people stayed for one or two hours. The catering from David Barnett was first rate. 3 Councillors came to open it at 2.30. Landowners and housing developers attended. There were no complaints about the Multi User Path coming from Anstruther and going round the back of Pittenweem. There were complaints about subsidiary paths, coming in to Pittenweem, and there are at least 7 routes by which it could come in to Pittenweem. All of us are going to be impacted by one or other of these routes.

Sustrans require that **MUP** connect directly into local communities to allow safe passage for pedestrians and cyclists into the main shopping and visitor



centres in the Burgh, and the links have to be as direct as possible. If we do not do this, Sustrans will not fund the main cycle route. Pittenweem presents challenges as a consequence of the tortuous narrow main road which is currently difficult for pedestrians to cross safely and the one way traffic system which flows from west to east. There are at least seven potential routes into the centre including travel along the unsafe A917 from either direction. Detailed proposals for the five potential safe subsidiary paths were tabled on maps. All of these subsidiary paths will have some impact on local residents but will not be busy and could hopefully be incorporated without much disruption.

There were three specific concerns raised regarding subsidiary paths:

1. The section of the path passing down to Mayview raised concern to local residents about security, noise and light pollution. The path behind houses might be argued to improve security with passers by helping to observe and prevent any trouble. The plan is for the small area of field between the path and the back of houses to be landscaped. The number of travellers along the subsidiary paths will be limited and hence unlikely to be noisy and there is no path lighting. This access point into the harbour area and centre is a vital safe link for the new subsidiary path between Anstruther and Pittenweem, which goes past Spindrifft, alongside the north side of the A917 and down to Mayview. This is so important to improve pedestrian safety along this busy road. Unless we have some way of safely delivering cyclists in to Pittenweem then that whole section becomes irrelevant. We can't just end the path at the junction with James St. and deliver them into busy traffic there.
2. There are four potential crossings points for subsidiary paths across the A917 including one at each end of the Burgh. Safe crossing at these points may require signalled crossings which would help with traffic calming and speed control. Advice on such crossings will be provided by an external traffic consultant and funds (£8,000) to enable this have been acquired from Sustrans.
3. In terms of access for cyclists travelling west from Anstruther, it may be necessary to consider a short section of a single channel contraflow along the seaward side of Marygate and the High Street to allow access into the centre. Otherwise, cyclists would have to travel completely around Pittenweem and then return into the centre from a western approach. Local retailers would be keen to enable visitors to access the centre. Contraflows are widely used in Fife, in St.Andrews for instance and they have a long safety record. Again, the

external traffic consultant will be asked to review the feasibility and safety of this proposal, and this should be done as soon as possible. Having this consultant does not mean we are committed to their conclusions.

A survey was undertaken at the public consultation, as a part of the Sustainability Festival, with two brief questions asked. Would you support a traffic consultant review and if safe, would it benefit the community? The consensus was yes (58% and 60%) to both questions.

**LL:** said that she thought the path going along the field would suit the cycle path. It would not affect many households and she could support that.

**DL:** had a letter from a retired Police Chief Superintendent which pointed out the dangers of having a contraflow in the Marygate. **DL** raised concern over the proposed cycle contraflow when exiting from his house in Waggon Road into Marygate. There was appropriate concern that vision may be limited and the safety of cyclists in danger. **DL** had measured the road and there was not enough room for a car and a cyclist to pass each other because of the parked cars on the North side. It was suggested that removal of a single parking place on the northeast junction of Waggon Road and Marygate would allow a safe visibility splay to prevent any such danger. However, this is the kind of advice that an external consultant would provide. **DL** said that he had carried out a private petition in Pittenweem, and so far 36 local residents around the Marygate area have signed it, opposing the imposition of a 2 way system on Marygate. **Cllr SD:** felt that some people had thought **DL's** petition meant cycles and cars. **LL:** expressed concerns that cars may not be allowed to park along the Marygate, and there is so little parking, this would not be acceptable. She was assured this would not be the case. **MW:** felt she would like to see a letter go out to the Community, asking their views. We have to take into account Community feeling on this issue. She also read out the letter from the retired Police Chief Superintendent who used to be on the **CC**. He expressed various safety concerns, and identified a possible path. He also pointed out the budget implications in terms of new signage etc. **MW:** asked why, if cars had to enter the centre via the one way system, why can't the cyclists. **PM:** said that Sustrans insisted on direct access to the harbour.

**JW:** pointed out that Sustrans had not insisted on the cycle path having to enter Anstruther, so why are they insisting on it doing so in Pittenweem?

**NM:** suggested there was a need to give clear instruction to an external consultant traffic consultant as to what issues were to be covered by a review, and what the strength of local feeling is. He also agreed with **JW** that we

should ask Sustrans why Anstruther don't have to have a secondary path into the centre of the village and Pittenweem does.

The PCC voted in favour of proceeding with an external traffic review for the SUP in Pittenweem, as long as we give her/him a clear brief.

**MW:** said that she was unhappy at now having to submit any bills on a proper headed account with the logo etc on it, on letters to Alan MacLean. It means further delays in getting the money reimbursed.

### **COMMON GOOD**

**PM** has received no further response from either Paul Vaughan or the accountant concerning the many outstanding questions that remain regarding the errors in Pittenweem (and all of Fife) Common Good Funds. It has taken a year and a half now. **Cllr AH** has asked for a meeting with Pamela Redpath, Senior Manager in the Audit and Risk Management Service for **FC** to ask for a full and independent external audit of Common Good Funds for the five year period 2017 to 2022.

### **PLAY PARK**

No updates.

### **CYCLE RACKS**

**LL** reassured **DL** that the cycle racks at the harbour front would not take away parking spaces.

### **CHURCH CLOSURES**

No updates.

### **TREE PLANTING SIGN**

**MW:** Ruth Brown, ex **CC** member who we had not heard from for some time, has been in touch. She has ordered a signpost and it would be put up but where did we want it? This was on the same day that Sandy Syme's sign turned up on a beautiful piece of wood and he has given it to us for nothing. But Ruth was talking about 3 signposts going up, which was never discussed amongst ourselves. We need to decide where we are putting these signs, so they are not a nuisance, that is in hand.

## **POLICE REPORT**

There were 9 calls to the police. 2 crimes recorded.

## **LIGHTS AT WATER WYND**

**Cllr SD:** One of them has been fixed.

## **ROAD/STREET SIGNS**

**LL:** has been in touch with the street lighting team by phone about the No Entry signs at Marygate and at the bottom of South Loan, and they have now been reported, after it was discovered the email that was to be passed on had gone astray.

## **PLANNING REPORT**

**JW:** the main planning is that the 29 houses at Easter Station Court have been passed. No word on the Larachmhor. **PM:** has been looking at planning rules and **FC** have an internal understanding about planning but they haven't told anyone else what it is. They have not told us how to make a statutory consultee submission from the **CC**. They have not told us why it requires double the number of objections for a listed building objection to a normal one - which is 6 - 11 objections. The W.Brae planning application will have its final decision ratification in May by the planning committee, and our Councillors could prevent it going through if they wish. **Cllr AH:** said that unfortunately Councillors cannot make any comment on planning applications. The minute we do that, we are compelled to withdraw ourselves from the Committee. The NE Fife planning committee does have a good record of going against the planning officers' decisions. So, as Councillors, we are of a fairly independent mind when looking at planning applications. **PM:** said that Pam Ewen, Head of Planning for **FC**, has agreed to review their processes, but the new policy will not work retrospectively in this case. So our only way forward is to ask you as our Councillors to think about raising this at the meeting. **Cllr SD:** said it was probably best to put this down to a learning experience.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**LL:** All mail Received & Sent was sent via email.

Regarding **Council Elections** – Local elections are due to take place in September and will send a copy of the Establishment Scheme for Community Councils Fife to those who do not have a copy. **LL** asked for some guidance

regarding election procedure and **Cllrs SD and AH** both agreed to help with this. The discussion concluded that the **CC** would need to advertise the election, ask people to stand on the **CC** personally (because it is rare for people to step forward without being asked), that person then needs to be 'nominated' by a person, only people living within the boundary of Pittenweem can apply, and the public do not get to vote unless there are more than 10 applications to become a member (we have 8 just now). **LL** said that she would put it on the next agenda for a full discussion.

**Co-opted member** – Mr Nigel Mathers became a co-opted member as he is part of our sub group regarding both the multi - use path and the shared use path as he is a keen cyclist and has given some useful information and ideas on this project. **JW** proposed and **PM** seconded his being co-opted. **LL** added that because of our current number of Community Councillors we are at the limit of how many co-opted members we can bring on to the Committee, and they are only valid until the next elections.

**Invite** – **EB** is to attend Creative Community Spaces a Day Conference at The Stables, Falkland Estate 11 am to 4 pm on Wednesday 26 April. Evelyn explained it will be interesting as includes sharing ideas regarding village halls.

**ENCEPT** - Gillian Duncan and Michael Bruce from **ENCEPT**, have been in touch and would like to attend one of our meetings to give an update and to check the kit in our emergency kitbag. **LL** is to reply the **PCC** have dates available for either the May or June meeting.

**Community and Active Travel** - There are a Series of free Online Workshops for Community Councils regarding the Cost of Living, Climate –and cars. This had been sent to all members.

**Invited guest for May** – ENCEPT May maybe June.

John Handley if anything to report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** The fund raising account is at: £4967.38. If you take away **PIB** of £3991.26 (Aug '22) this leaves £976.12. The **MUPS refund** money is still to come in. On 31st March, the main **CC** account is at £5,063.49. Once all outgoings that are coming up are taken into account that will leave us with £2,158-02.

**A.O.B.**

**DL** recently met an elderly lady who lives at Priory Court and I think she has mental problems and needs some help. **Cllr AH** said that she would look into it if **DL** could give her the address.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 AT 7pm IN THE NEW TOWN HALL**

**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, NM - Nigel Mathers

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

Cllr. AH – Councillor Alycia Hayes.

FC – Fife Council, MUP – Multi Use Path, SUP – Shared Used Path,

ENCAP – East Neuk Community Action

PPS – Pittenweem Primary School. PSF - Pittenweem Sustainability Festival

PL - Pittenweem Library. LPP - Local Place Plan

VEN –Visit East Fife, FOI – Freedom of Information

APSUPG – Anstruther Pittenweem Shared User Path Group

HES – Historical Environment Scotland