



The Royal Burgh of
Pittenweem and District
Community Council

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**PCC MEETING ON THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER 2023 IN THE NEW TOWN
HALL AT 7pm**

PRESENT: Duncan Lucas, Peter Mills, Stewart Moreland, Tony Russell.

COUNCILLORS: None

APOLOGIES: Cllr Alycia Hayes, Margaret Wardlaw, Nigel Mathers, Suzanne Doyle Morris, David Stutchfield.

INVITED GUESTS: None

PUBLIC ATTENDING: None

Unfortunately, Margaret Wardlaw was unable to be present and Peter Mills acted as Chair.

Minutes of meeting on 9th November: Approval proposed by **DL**, seconded by **TR**.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: None present.

MATTERS ARISING:

Anstruther-Pittenweem Shared Used Path Group (APSUPG):

The group will meet on 15.12.23 to be updated on land negotiations with Savilles and FC and to hear of Sustrans suggestion that there may be a national cycle network around the coast of the East Neuk of Fife. The section of SUP from St Andrews Road to Dreelside Park in Anstruther has now been completed.

East Neuk Community Action Plan Shared Use Path (ENCAP SUP):

A road safety audit was completed for this section of the path on 14.11.23 by Drummond Black Consulting Ltd. It proved a useful summary of the problem points and requires a response from the designers. Unfortunately, it offers no suggestions or advice as to how to deal with these issues. The report was viewed by members of the PCC. **Action:** Expert consultant advice is urgently required and FC is arranging this.

The Secretary had written to FC to support a change of use for the Common Good Land, just to the north of the proposed St Margaret's Farm development, to enable a 5m transport corridor through this section.

Cllr FC will report later concerning potential linkages of the path east from Levenmouth to the East Neuk.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION / LOCAL PLACE PLAN:

DS is making a first draft with the action group, help from PAS and examples from other villages and will report to PCC when completed.

PCC WEBSITE: DS generously agreed to continue to update the aboutpittenweem website which is a great resource for information about Pittenweem and has the **PCC** minutes available online for the last 10 years. DigitalFife is another option but this is thought to be limited in scope.

COMMON GOOD FUND: No accounts for Fife CGFs have yet been published or presented to the North East Fife Area Committee. They were due in November or at least by the Committee meeting of December 6th.

Concerningly, the FC annual accounts show a continued reduction in value of CGFs by 8.5% in 2022-23.

Cllr AH has sent a formal letter of complaint to the CEO of **FC** with a request for more transparency in how funds have been managed and **PCC** await a response.

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS: Both Campion Homes and the St Margarets Farm housing developments are awaiting permission from Scottish Water to use sewage drainage at Billowness. Scottish Water state there is no further capacity available. Such drainage access would require consent to build on Common Good Land. The **PCC** would have to be asked for its view on this issue.

LICENSING OF SHORT TERM LETS: Appeals from neighbouring residents are inappropriately being heard by the **FC** Housing Decision Panel. An Appeal Panel consisting of **FC** councillors should be established with this responsibility and **Cllr AH** is exploring this with **FC**.

SCOTTISH WATER: Work is still scheduled to start on the East Shore and Harbour in January 2024, a delay necessitated by the recent storms. **PCC** have been told works will likely take 6 months.

CHURCH CLOSURES: It was in October 2022 that the Fife Presbytery approved closure of Pittenweem churches. A community report on possible future use of church buildings was written at that time. The congregation are

still considering options. **Cllr SD** is encouraged to organise a public meeting as soon as possible.

WEEM WOOD: The PCC would like to acknowledge the work of Janis Irvine and neighbours in Charles Street in helping to maintain the wood. There has been some vandalization and loss of standards due to high wind. Roger Honeyman at **FC** has also been very supportive in keeping the area mown and cut back and promising to replace damaged standards. Wooden signs have been created but not yet placed.

CHANGE OF FORMAT FOR THE AGENDA: Suggestions have been received by the secretary and await action.

PLANNING REPORT: **PM** has been providing this service. **DL** has offered to take over in the future.

APPROVAL OF PCC ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES: PCC approved **MW**, **NM (treasurer)** and **PM** as the three signatories to the account.

NEW PCC MEMBERS: The chair indicated that there were still vacancies in PCC membership, which allows up to 10 members. Current members were encouraged to try and recruit.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current account balance of £1530.79.

CHAIR'S REPORT: No report.

A.O.C.B.

Abbey Wall Road Seawall break: Storm Babet recently brought the seawall down threatening five listed houses. **PCC** would like to record thanks to the ward councillors, Rob Allen in Abbey Wall Road, Bill Kennaway at Gyles House and **FC** for together ensuring an immediate temporary repair to ensure no destruction of property.

Xmas lights: It was good to see the lights on but only three out of the five trees are currently lit. **PCC** will explore what repairs are required.

Sandycraigs estate road finish: **TR** reported on the apparent inferior finish on the road resurfacing in Sandycraigs compared with the High Street and Abbey Wall Road. He was asked to explore with **FC**.

PCC minutes: Unfortunately, the September minutes are still on display on the Town Notice Board and have not been updated. The **PCC** apologises for this omission due to handover of responsibility.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 11th JANUARY 2024 AT 7pm.

ABBREVIATIONS:

PCC – Pittenweem Community Council,

MW – Margaret Wardlaw, **DL** – Duncan Lucas, **PM** – Peter Mills,

SM – Stewart Moreland, **DS** – David Stutchfield, **SDM** - Suzanne Doyle

Morris, **TR** - Tony Russell, **NM** – Nigel Mathers, **GJ** - Grazyna Jakubowska

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

Cllr.AH – Councillor Alycia Hayes.

FCCT – Fife Coast and Countryside Trust

FC – Fife Council

ENCAP – East Neuk Community Action Plan

We would encourage any Pittenweem resident interested in these issues to attend our meetings which are held the second Thursday of each month.