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**PCC MEETING ON THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2024 IN THE NEW
TOWN HALL AT 7PM**

PRESENT: Margaret Wardlaw, Peter Mills, Tony Russell, Grazyna Jakubowska, Duncan Lucas, Stewart Moreland, Nigel Mathers, Suzanne Doyle-Morris

COUNCILLORS: Cllr Sean Dillon and Cllr Alycia Hayes.

APOLOGIES: Robbie Blyth, an invited guest, did not attend and no apologies were received.

INVITED GUESTS: Robbie Blyth (West Braes and Caravans) Laura Marr (Play Park)

PUBLIC ATTENDING: 4 members of the public attended.

Minutes of Meeting on 11th January 2024: Approved by **DL**, seconded by **NM**.

Playpark: Representatives from the Playpark group attended the meeting. This was in response to the demolished previous park for local children. Plans to restore the playpark behind the Primary School have been created by a group of parents and residents. During the meeting two different designs from Sutcliffeplay were shown. The designs will be presented to the children at the Primary School where they will vote. The building costs are estimated to be £150K and to date £97K has been raised from a range of donations and grants. The group would like to apply to the Common Good Fund for support. Fife Council has committed to maintain the park in the future.

Post Board Keys: Keys to the notice board were distributed to both **DL** and **SDM**.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS: Cllr AH and Cllr SD

Cllr AH

Active Travel Plan: There will be public events across Fife as part of a consultation. For more information, people are encouraged to visit www.fife.gov.uk/activetravel

Upholstered Furniture Disposal: According to SEPA guidance, from 12 February, all upholstered furniture for disposal must be separated from items when brought to Household Waste Recycling Centres., such as the one in Pittenweem They must be placed into an on-site container specifically labelled ‘Upholstered Furniture.’ Free bulky uplifts can also be booked via the bins pages on the fife.gov.uk website.

ID for Voting: All voters will need ID to vote at the coming General Election. If you do not have photo ID, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate - you just need a national insurance number and a photo. Visit fife.gov.uk and search: “elections and voting”.

Cllr SD

Church Closure: Cllr. SD reported that 52 residents attended a meeting held in the Parish Church on Feb 1st to discuss the future of the building. He explained the situation of it becoming a community asset. Questions as to what that involved were answered by Linda Gillespie, Head of Community Ownership for Development Trust Association Scotland, and Victoria Collison, Director of Historic Churches Scotland. Volunteers were asked to assist in forming a Trust.

Milton Place Bus Shelter: The Council is aware of the broken Perspex in the shelter and will promptly remove it.

Playpark: On 24th of January, Cllr SD attended a meeting regarding the Playpark Upgrade. He encouraged those organizing the funding to apply for a contribution from the Common Good Fund.

“No Cycling” on West Shore:

Cllr **SD** has been approached by several residents regarding the lack of a “no cycling” sign at each end of West Shore that was removed by FC because of a lack of Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to prevent cycling along West Shore. However, in the interest of the safety of residents, several of whom have complained of ‘near misses’ with cycles, Cllr **SD** have asked that the creation of a TRO be investigated.

MATTERS ARISING:

Anstruther-Pittenweem Shared Used Path Group (APSUPG)

PM reported that several different groups, in addition to APSUPG are involved but then communication between them remains poor, with no engagement with local communities. PM has made contact with other groups (those involved with Fife Council’s Active Travel Strategy and Action Plan and quite separately those involved with the SEStran Fife Feasibility Study) appearing to be involved with the extension of the cycle route, but has had no response from them as of yet. The only other progress made since last month is that Savilles has contacted involved landowners.

ENCAP SUP

Meeting cancelled Jan 10th and held on Jan 24th. Minutes have not been circulated to members yet.

Councillors discussions with Landowners/Levenmouth

Cllr **SD** is attempting to make contact with Inch Farm owners. **MW** to assist with progress.

Community Consultation/Local Place Plan

The deadline to submit Local Place Plans has now been pushed back to June. **DS** is writing a draft LPP.

Common Good Fund

Cllr **AH** submitted an official complaint on Nov 1st but there has been no response from **FC**, other than asking for extra time. It is anticipated that the Common Good Fund Annual Report for 2022/23 should be available from 28 February. This process has taken far longer than expected. Cllr. **AH** has requested an independent external audit and a meeting with Ken Gourlay,

CEO of FC. Cllr. **AH** will report back after a meeting with **FC** Chief Legal Officer.

Police Reports

No new issues were raised.

New Housing Developments

No progress but St. Margaret's Farm representatives have been invited to attend an upcoming Council meeting.

Licensing of Short Term Lets

On 6.2.24 **FC** reported to have received 1900 applications for licenses for short-term lets, only 1100 of which have been validated yet. The distribution of licenses approved in the East Neuk of Fife will not be known for a while. **PM** has asked **FC** for the information as to how many licenses have been granted in the East Neuk more specifically.

Scottish Water

Work started in the East Shore area on 15.1.24 and traffic flow and parking have not been reported to be a problem yet.

Weem Wood

Organisers are awaiting the ground drying for further planting. A new sign will also be erected.

Change of Format of Agenda

Please keep providing suggestions.

Planning Report/Appointment of Officer

MW will continue to distribute the weekly planning list.

Pittenweem Inn

Pittenweem Inn may have been sold to a company with hospitality experience to develop into a small hotel and restaurant. **PCC** await further information with interest.

Approval of PCC Account Signature's

Approval has been given for the two new signatories **PM** and **NM** joining **MW**.

New PCC Members

We continue to try and seek new members for PCC, as allowed up to 10 members.

Damage at Water Wynd

Progress is being made with rails now installed. Cllr. **SD** is continuing to liaise with households affected.

Secretary's Report

SDM raised the question of how PCC could engage with the Pittenweem Post (PP), and their fulsome and useful reporting of the activities in the village. It is an online publication on crailmatters.com website. It is easy to register to receive it free by email on a regular basis. In addition, printed copies are available at the Community Library, Robert Adamson Hair Design, Barnett's Bakery and One Market Place. It was felt PP does an outstanding job with its reporting and rarely was anything covered in PCC that didn't find its way into PP. PCC endeavoured to keep PP abreast of anything new that they were not already covering.

Treasurer's Report

NM reported the PCC account has £1192.56 and the fundraising account £4765.13. **NM** has attended treasurer training and will continue the model set out by **MW** until the end of the financial year. He will be meeting the independent auditor in the coming week.

Chair's Report – thanked for attendance.

Public Liability Insurance

FC reported that Zurich Insurance covers PCC and other community councils but is planning to cease cover from the end of March. New insurers are being sought.

Pittenweem Arts Festival

Representatives are seeking to speak to PCC about upcoming plans to expand the community element of the Festival. They would like to meet soon to gain ideas.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 14th MARCH 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.

Alternatively, you can read a more complete guide to local activities via the Pittenweem Post, (copies of which are available in the Library, Adamson Hair Design and Barnett's Bakery or online at CrailMatters.com for more detail on what's going on around the Village).