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PCC MEETING ON THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 2023 IN THE NEW TOWN HALL AT 7pm

PRESENT: Margaret Wardlaw, Duncan Lucas, Linda Lauder, Peter Mills, Jim Wood, Evelyn Boyd, Stewart Moreland and David Stutchfield.

COUNCILLORS: Cllr Alycia Hayes, Cllr Sean Dillon

APOLOGIES: Cllr Fiona Corps

PUBLIC ATTENDING: 2 members of the public were in attendance.

INVITED GUESTS: None

MW welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them all a Happy New Year.

PROPOSAL OF MINUTES: Proposed by - Duncan Lucas Seconded by – Jim Wood

COUNCILLORS REPORT: Cllr Sean Dillon

Roads Programme 2023/24:

- The council's Roads & Transportation department have been in contact with local elected members regarding the resurfacing work to be carried out in the financial year 2023/24. In Pittenweem, officers have submitted the following roads to be approved by the NE Fife Area Committee at its next meeting in February:
Queen Elizabeth Road
Sandy Craig Road
University Avenue
Abbeywall Road
South Loan
Viewforth Pavement (No.51 – Bowling Club)
James St (Charles St – New Grange)
- Elected members are given the opportunity to highlight any adopted roads of concern that are not included in the plans; however, this will

mean money from other road improvements in NE Fife would need to be reallocated. They are especially keen to hear of any pavements needing improvement as the budget is not fully allocated for them at present. I have recommended the High St & Kirkgate as an area of priority. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with suggestions.

Church Closure:

- There is to be a meeting held on the Tuesday, 17th of January 2023 to provide the community with an update regarding the proposed closure of the Kirk. All members of the community are welcome.

Larachmhor Tavern:

- Following several complaints regarding the mural of a witch on the side of the Larachmhor Tavern, I have been in contact with the council's planning department. They have confirmed that as the public house is in a conservation area planning permission is required.
- The planning officer has been in contact with the proprietor to inform them of this and has given them until the 20th of January 2023 to apply for retrospective planning permission. After this, the wall will have to be returned to its original condition. At time of meeting, no such application has been received.

Cost of Living Support:

- The council is continuing to offer support to those facing challenges due to the current cost of living support. Information can be accessed at <https://our.fife.scot/gethelp> or by telephoning 0800 952 0330.
- The council have also compiled a list of warm spaces open to the community across the East Neuk. A copy is attached to this email.

Bulky Uplifts:

- From April 2023, the council will be removing the charge for domestic bulky uplifts of items including, but not limited to, fridge freezers, mattresses, and sofas after growing concerns over illegal dumping.

MATTERS ARISING:

MINUTE TAKER:

Linda has resigned from doing the minutes. She did them since no one else would take them on and to date we have been unsuccessful in recruiting anyone else. When someone takes on such a position they should be treated with respect and consideration, they do not have to do it but we need someone to record the minutes as we do with other positions so, please keep this in mind. We are all only basic members and if we have to step in to take on a position then please show your appreciation. They do not get paid for doing this but they do have to give up a few hours a month to complete the task. We will put out another advert for a minute taker although LL thought we may end up short of funds.

COMMON GOOD: PM has already sent several emails to Peter Vaughan regarding questions related to the meeting we attended in November to no avail. It was stressed at that same meeting about the poor response we have from most departments at FC and could they please report this complaint.

MUPS:

A meeting was held in Anstruther on the 6th January. Minutes from that meeting.

Joint Shared Use Path Group

Minutes of meeting held on Friday 6th January 2023

Present: Carl van der Lee, Peter Mills, Nigel Mathers, Jim Woods, Linda Lauder, Allan MacLean and Elizabeth Riches.

Via Teams: Gerald Cooper, Ali McLeod and Cllr Sean Dillon

Apologies: Cllr Alycia Hayes and Pauline Leckie

Minutes of last meeting were proposed and seconded by PM and NM

Matters arising:

- i) Allan was thanked for plans that had subsequently been forwarded to landowners.
- ii) It was agreed that discussions with landowners/tenant might decide the future use of the core path from Milton Muir Farm east to Milton Cottage. Allan's preference would be a dedicated cycle and walking route.

2. Sustrans: Susan James (the embedded officer with Fife Council) has moved on. A replacement is being sought. NB. Pauline does not work on a Friday.

ENCAP: Active negotiations with landowners have enabled maps to be produced for use at a Community Presentation in Pittenweem New Town Hall on 23rd March at 7.30 pm.

(This will be an opportunity for maps of all routes being developed by the JSUWPG to be on display). PCC had concerns raised by homeowners who may be affected by the proposed path from A917 down to Mayview. The benefits of this new route were pointed out. £86,000 has been awarded by Sustrans for Design Stage 2 to cover salaries for Sonja and Crispin. Discussions with landowners further west of Pittenweem towards Elie are ongoing.

3. Joint Working Group:

i) There are no updates on land negotiations.

ii) Possible active travel event- Spring time will offer an opportunity to have a group photograph, with many users, to show the new path from the railway bridge, past Metaflake to the Co-op. It was agreed to monitor the effectiveness of the solar lighting studs. Once the rest of the path to St Andrews Road is finished it may be considered as the main safe route to school and then it might be possible to have it gritted.

iii) PM expressed concern about the proposed crossing to the east of Pittenweem on A917 being shown outside the 30 mph. It was agreed to ask for plans showing this crossing sited within the 30 mph.

iv) Core path to Dreelside. It was agreed to aim to have the dedicated path on the east side of the road leading up towards the wee bridge, and then travelling east avoiding the bridge.

4. AOCB

i) Photographs showing flooding in various affected areas have been forwarded to Mark.

ii) Local Transport Strategy for Fife is expected very shortly. Post meeting note: there will be a consultation event in the East Neuk.

iii) A meeting involving landowners/agents/tenant organised by the Group was proposed. Large plans will be needed so a date when these are available is needed before the meeting can be arranged. Allan to advise please! Gillian and Allan would be invited also, with the local Councillors.

5. DONM Friday 23rd February 2023.

6. Anstruther SUPG Progress on construction and acquisitions.

i) Out turn costs of construction of the path from Metaflake past Barnetts will be provided.

ii) Progress to St Andrews Road awaits actions by BT. The initial payment has been made to BT but no timescale for works to be carried out is available yet.

iii) A bigger Small Works Contract will be needed in the next financial year to cover outstanding issues. GC agreed to provide details on a single spreadsheet.

iv) It was agreed to send details of possible routes from Kilrenny to Crail to Allan so he could input his suggestions, and have plans drawn up.

Ali reported on a good meeting with Sustrans for the proposals from Crail to Kingsbarns. He agreed to forward details of actively interested people in Crail so Anstruther SUPG could make contact.

(No other info been received from Pittenweem PCC)

Comments from a member of the community attending meeting.

I'm just sending the points that I got from the meeting and from my memory a basic gist of what was discussed. I forgot to take down the email as I left, but hopefully this is reaching the right people!

I was there mainly there for the MUP section and had my notes to what I wanted to talk about, so that's pretty much all I can add to. What was included at that time included:

ENCAP website not being up to date with no maps or proposal to the off shoot to Mayview. Answer was that it's still in the very early stages of it being a proposal.

Questioned about public consultation. Answer: there is going to be a public meeting on the 23rd of March where there will be someone coming to talk about the path and potential ideas. With the opportunity for the community residents to give feedback. It will be a good time to go and discuss any issues.

Talked about the possible link of the path to Mayview in relation to the waterworks. It was put forward that it is an area which often floods in the bad weather and if drainage input would be adequate or if a path would make the situation work. There was also a question linked to the talks last month of the housing development at St. Margaret's Farm, with the possibility of the requirement of waterworks upgrades and if that had been taken into consideration. Suggestion that any upgrade would not affect that area.

There was also talk last month about the Mayview route being required to link the core path to the harbour. With discussions related to the housing development last month again, there was also talk of traffic calming measures near to the proposed housing development entrance, and there was a possibility of a crossing being put near the Catholic Church. The core path goes behind the Catholic Church and so a crossing there would link the path to Abbey Wall Road, hence linking the harbour. The path is also possibly going via New Grange Park, and then there would be a possibility to again use an

already developed path, from the park using the path to Lady's Close, linking to the Marygate.

Back to the actual off shoot from the a917 to Mayview. There was a question to land ownership and discussions around purchase. What the path would be like; edging the houses or a straight line down. Ownership of north and south fields are believed to be by the same person. It was said that the current proposal would be a straight line down, which brought into question the land between the houses and the path to who would be responsible for its upkeep. Suggestion was it would stay with the landowner who would be responsible for it.

Worries about potential lighting on the path may contribute to light pollution and make stargazing difficult. There was also worry about security and privacy, with the link of dark paths behind houses being an attraction to potential thieves using it to assess and enter properties. (A worry with reports of people trying doors in AbbeyWall Road, and car thefts across the East Neuk) Resident mentioned how even without the path there, there are already issues with people encroaching and invading property from the field, with the worry that a path would only exacerbate this.

I'm not sure how much detail you needed so hopefully that's enough/not too much.

Thanks for being so welcoming to us coming to the meeting. It's been interesting seeing what gets discussed and is a good way to keep up to date with what's going on in the town. I hope to try to attend when I can, and no longer just for the MUP.

CYCLE RACKS – LL is to email Andrew Tejada after the meeting with ENCAP regarding where to install Bike racks. It has been noted that Pittenweem Surgery have requested for a bike rack to be placed at the surgery.

CHURCH CLOSURES – The congregation have distributed posters announcing a meeting in the Church Hall on 17th January at 7pm and it is open to the Community for all wishing to attend. There will be an announcement regarding the position of the Church Hall.

TOLBOOTH STEEPLE – nothing to report.

STATION COURT DEVELOPMENT: A planning application has now been submitted to F.C. it has been noted that there is still no mention of a replacement for Neil Martin.

SPEED REDUCTION SIGN – This has now been repaired and is working showing the speed vehicles are travelling whilst entering the village from the West.

TREE PLANTING SIGN – It has come to light that St Andrew's Menshed had not been requested to make sign for the new wood planted at the top of the play park at New Grange. MW has agreed to ask A. Syme to make and install a sign as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – David can I have your report please from meeting on 12th Jan

FIFE DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME/LOCAL PLACE PLAN – update please David

POLICE REPORT – There were 6 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded.

Throughout December the police have carried out speed checks at Pittenweem, St Monans, Largoward, Colinsburgh and Kilconquhar resulting in 21 drivers being warned, 1 driver being reported and 1 driver receiving a conditional offer/fixed penalty ticket. Road safety remains one of their top priorities and officers will continue to carry out high visibility stop points and speed gun deployments throughout the New Year and strive to ensure we keep our communities safe.

ROAD/STREET SIGNS - LL reported a reply was received from Nigel Hampton, the signs in question are lit signs and as such are maintained by our street lighting team. I have passed this enquiry onto them.

PLANNING REPORT: JW reported a Scottish Building Warrant had been applied for the Telephone Exchange building in Session Lane and a planning application for Station Court to build new housing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: LL reported the new rates for the hire of the NTH had been submitted.

*The East Neuk Centre Trust sent an email, their AGM is to be held in Anstruther Lower

Town Hall on 24th January at 7pm for 7-30pm. All Welcome.

* Emails have been sent for an update on the TRO for South Loan & the No Entry signs. No reply regarding South Loan.

*An invitation has been sent to William Kennaway (Preservation Trust) and he has confirmed that the Society will be able to attend our next meeting on 9th February

7pm

TREASURER'S REPORT: There is £6633.03 In the Current Account, this includes our recent grant of £4,900. Fund Raising account is £5720.57 this includes £4091.61 from PIB.

CHAIR'S REPORT: MW has promised she will try and find a minute taker before the next meeting.

An artist has offered some free-standing boards suitable as notice boards, as new, so I have accepted them, price to be discussed.

NTH UPDATE – A Burns Lunch will take place on Wednesday 25th January 12 for 12-30pm and it would be appreciated if some of you here tonight attended.

I have put out a notice letting the Community know that I will be standing down completely from the NTH hopefully by the end of May. It would be good if some of you could become involved with the running of it in some way, I would hate to see it closed down for the lack of support.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS – It was agreed the lights would be switched off about 21st January. Thanks to Jim Wood and Jim Taylor for helping with this project.

UPDATE ON BLACKS FISH-SHED – LL has taken photographs of the cracked and bulging walls, also the plants growing out of the walls to be sent to the owner pointing out that attention is needed before an accident happens.

PITTENWEEM IN BLOOM – a notice has been placed on Facebook with times for meeting etc and to date 2 people have responded. There will be no plants available at Pathhead till after February but those wanting money to purchase plants after that need to make contact with M. Wardlaw first.

A.O.B.

- PM reported Crail Matters now publishes a newsletter called the Pittenweem Post which will be available online and in print. John Murphy is the local editor. Residents are encouraged to use this resource for news stories and to advertise events. Copy to Crail Matters or the editor.
- EB reported someone had concerns that the Larachmohr Tavern owner had painted the side of his building with a picture of a witch. Cllr SD informed everyone that it had been reported and the owner has until 20th January to repaint the wall back to what it was before the witch. EB also notified the committee that she would be unable to attend the next two monthly meetings owing to other engagements.

- JW reported to our Councillors the resurfacing in James Street that was done back in October looks as though it is buckled/wavy from the Primary School along to New Grange Park.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2023
AT 7pm IN THE NEW TOWN HALL**

ABBERRATIONS:

PCC – Pittenweem Community Council, MW – Margaret Wardlaw, LL – Linda Lauder, DL – Duncan Lucas, 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.

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

ENCAP – East Neuk Community Action Plan. NTH – New Town Hall,

PIB – Pittenweem in Bloom,