



The Royal Burgh of
Pittenweem and District
Community Council

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**PCC MEETING ON THURSDAY 8th JUNE 2023 IN THE NEW TOWN
HALL AT 7pm**

PRESENT: Margaret Wardlaw, Duncan Lucas, David Stutchfield, Jim Wood,
and Nigel Mathers.

COUNCILLORS: Sean Dillon, Fiona Corps.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Alycia Hayes, Linda Lauder, Peter Mills, Evelyn Boyd,
Stewart Moreland

INVITED GUESTS: Robbie Blyth, FCCT

PUBLIC ATTENDING: 1 member of the public

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 11th May

Approval proposed by **JW** and seconded by **DL**

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: Cllr **SD** report

- The new Primary School clusters have been confirmed. Pittenweem retains Nicola Wallace as Head Teacher who will also be responsible for Crail Primary School.
- The new road sign for James Street to go above the Blue Door Gallery has been ordered and delivery is expected to take 12 weeks.
- The resurfacing of High Street has been confirmed and a start date of 23rd October is scheduled. Abbey Wall Road is not confirmed but is likely to take a similar time.
- The Historic Churches Working Group has produced the preliminary report including Pittenweem Church and there is a Presbytery meeting on 17th June which **SD** will attend.
- The Scottish Fire Service is altering operations – Glenrothes and Methil stations each lose one appliance, and Kirkcaldy station loses a high reach ladder. This means the East Neuk will have a reduction in fire cover Mon-Fri 9-5pm and Dunfermline will be the nearest station.
- The Fisher Lass road signs at the entrances to the East Neuk will be funded, and selection of the exact image to use has a 2 stage process.

Options are; create an updated Fisher Lass image, have an image of a chosen landmark to represent East Neuk, or not have an image at all. SD to get the preference of each East Neuk community council and then the chosen option will have several designs done. The public will then be able chose from these designs. A straw poll of PCC members attending showed that a new Fisher Lass image was preferred. Other PCC members can email their preferences to **MW**.

ACTION: Cllr SD to attend Presbytery meeting on 17th June.

ACTION: PCC members to email **MW** with their preference of a Fisher Lass image, local landmark, or no image on East Neuk signs.

Councillors Report June 2023 - Cllr Fiona Corps

Community Council Elections

The Returning Officer has decided that, subject to there not being an unscheduled major electoral event which would impinge on the election timetable, the Community Council elections this year will take place on Thursday 28th September 2023. Deadline to apply to register to vote to be able to stand as a candidate 10 July. Deadline to apply to register to vote to be able to vote in any poll 10 August. Submission of nomination papers for election 31 August. Publication of Statements as to Persons Nominated 5 Sept

The Community Council web page on Fife Council website has been updated to advise of the forthcoming election date. Anyone interested in standing as a candidate for their local Community Council will have to apply to be registered to vote by **Monday 10 July 2023**, see website for details. Link to website - <https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/council-and-democracy/politicians-and-committees/community-councils>

Nomination papers will be available from the Community Councils page on fife.gov.uk from the 14th of August.

Anyone wishing to stand will require their electoral roll number, this can be found by contacting Election.Enquiries@fife.gov.uk

Operation Paramount

I recently spent the morning with our Road Traffic Matters Community Officers carrying out speed checks in the Cellardyke area. This was a great opportunity to see how they operate the speed gun and how drivers travelling in excess of speed limits are dealt with by Police. During the deployment 14 drivers were warned in relation to their speed and 2 drivers

were issued with tickets. Following concerns from local residents and speed survey information received from Traffic Management at Fife Council it has highlighted a need for further speed deployments in the area which will be carried out over the coming months.

The Community Police Officers PC 0333 Robert Wallace and PC 0137 Rob Cook would like to take this opportunity to say that they are always keen to engage with members of the Community Council and elected members and would welcome you and the public to get in touch with them regarding any issues you wish to raise. Please contact them on their community team email address. eastneuklandwardCPT@scotland.police.uk Please Note, this email address is **NOT** for reporting a crime or ongoing incidents and due to our shift pattern, is not monitored 24/7.

Rennie describes ‘utter astonishment’ at fire service cuts

North East Fife MSP Willie Rennie has today challenged community safety minister Siobhian Brown over cuts to the fire service vehicles in Fife. The cuts will mean the withdrawal of engines at Methil, Glenrothes and Dunfermline. Willie Rennie raised recent incidents of fire in Fife and asked whether the government was certain the cuts should go ahead.

Speaking in the Scottish Parliament, Willie Rennie said: “There is utter astonishment in the Levenmouth area that this fire appliance is being withdrawn. There has been a spate of fires in nightclubs, in shops, hotels. And in fact, this week in a little village in Springfield there was a fire there too. Is the government sure that this is the right time to cut the fire service budget and to allow this cut at Methil to go ahead?”

He later added: “People in Fife are rightly concerned about what the loss of these fire appliances will mean, particularly for response times to fires in North East Fife. The Scottish Government needs to face up to the fact that the fire service is being forced to make these decisions because of the restrictions placed on their budget.”

SHOUT

Shout is a free, confidential and 24/7 text support service for anyone in the UK who is struggling to cope.

Shout’s trained volunteers are available around the clock to listen and support anyone who is suicidal, depressed, anxious or overwhelmed. The service is anonymous and does not show up on phone bills.

We have partnered with Shout to offer support to young people who live in Fife. To start a conversation, text **“FIFE”** to 85258.

If your life is at imminent risk, call the emergency services on 999.

Covid vaccination

We're running Covid drop-in clinics for people aged 12+ looking to receive their spring booster.

The clinics are ideal for people who already have an appointment but need to reschedule. They are also open to people yet to complete their primary doses (one and two) of the vaccine. Those who have not received an invitation for their spring booster should check NHS inform to ensure they are eligible before attending.

Constituents can book an appointment online or phone the national vaccination helpline on 0800 030 8013.

FCCT: **RB** explained that he has been invited to the July meeting, but in light of concerns about overnight campervan parking, he wanted to understand any further issues. The parking meters have been up and running and staff are notifying drivers if vans are not abiding by the rules. Their role is to educate and engage drivers to ensure compliance. There are no concerns, the car park is always busy but the system is operating well.

The income helps fund maintenance and improvements – the car park has been resurfaced and an external tap and sink will be fitted to the toilet block at the request of the West Braes project. The public toilets have been open at weekends from 1st April and will be to the end of October and daily 10-6 for June to September. The charges are a trial process this year – 0-2 hours for free and £2 daily.

ACTION: **RB** to attend July PCC meeting.

MATTERS ARISING:

JOINT SHARED USE PATH: **MW** confirmed no new news as the PCC is awaiting confirmation on actions from our external consultants. There is a meeting with them scheduled for 16th June at 2pm. Concern was raised that an open meeting with the public is required and better communication with the community.

ACTION: **JW** and **NM** to attend this meeting with Anstruther and report back. **Cllr SD/FC** to email the consultants chasing a response.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

PCC members have been emailed regarding what training topics they think is required by Fife Council for new councillors.

ACTION: **PCC** members to email suggested topics directly to Fife Council

SCOTTISH WATER consultation on proposed upgrade plans. – An open meeting is being held on **Tuesday 27th June** in the New Town Hall between 4pm and 7pm.

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

DS updated that Priya Logan has been invited to the next meeting of the PCC consultation group on Monday 19th June at 2pm in the New Town Hall to discuss the progress of a Local Place Plan for the Largo community.

DS noted that PCC has use of PlaceBuilder consultation software with a licence paid by Scottish Government, and the Digital Innovation Team is keen to understand any issues we are experiencing with it. Currently progress is slow as the software is complex to use.

COMMON GOOD: **MW** noted that **Cllr AH** has sent a detailed email to all members.

REPLACEMENT OF BENCHES PITTENWEEM CEMETERY: **LL** received e-mail from Roger Honeyman at **FC** saying the Fisherman's memorial Assn. are to replace 2 benches at the cemetery. **MW** asked that when **LL** received e-mails such as these, could she please send them to all **CC** members.
ACTION: **LL** to send out e-mails as suggested.

PITTENWEEM ARTS FESTIVAL – no new update.

PLAY PARK: – no new update.

CYCLE RACKS: – no new update.

CHURCH CLOSURES – in Cllr's report

TREE PLANTING SIGN: - location for the sign to be discussed. Plastic tree guards will need to be on the trees for 5 years.

POLICE REPORT: 17 calls and 3 crimes reported. A discussion followed as to the detail of the reports and how the public get to learn about any local crime.
ACTION: **MW** to invite a Police representative to CC August meeting.

PLANNING REPORT: **JW** reported only a few new applications. The Session Street telephone exchange development has been given a building warrant. The refusal of planning permission for the mural at the Larachmhor continues to raise media interest in national papers and internationally. After discussion it was agreed that the PCC agreed with the Fife Council decision and would refer media reporters to our formal letter of objection which is on the planning portal. There is sentiment that the Pittenweem witch trials need a

memorial of some sort. **DS** referred to the 2012 PCC community survey which asked “Do you support a memorial to the Weem Witches?” with 67 people saying Yes, 66 saying No, and 5 Don’t Know.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: **MW** reported for **LL** that in addition to her emailed report:

Double yellow lines had been repainted on South Loan and Backgate which eases traffic flow.

Two replacement benches and tables have been approved at the park.

Secretary’s Report June 2023

Emails were sent to ENCAP, Gillian acknowledged the thank you for attending our meeting.

Email Re: cemetery benches was sent to all members.

Email Re: Community Council Training Programme was sent to all members.

This was for ideas on extra training via the elections.

A reply was sent to thank the resident regarding their Multi Use Path letter

An email was sent to thank Duncan Lucas regarding handing over his Petition

A response from Sonja Re: Flyers to all households (see below)

An email was sent to Martin Dibley Re: size and cost of map. **Waiting on a reply**

I have **not** sent an email to planning Re: Planning and notice board, reason is at the moment we don’t know size of the map and if it will cost the PCC. If it is not affordable then it can’t go ahead, no reason to contact FC for planning application at the moment.

Reply from Sonja re: Flyers

ENCAPT plan to create flyers and social messages in the next few weeks.

We are waiting to hear back from the external consultant about the timeline of activities for the contraflow assessment, which we will include in the message to the residents so that they know what they can expect in the next couple of months. They are also waiting to hear from the funder regarding the budget for this project for the next financial year (e.g., cost flyers are included).

I will keep you updated about any progress. New maps have been produced and should now be added to the website. **Emails were sent to all members.**

Elections The deadline to apply to register to vote to be able to stand as a candidate and (for update of Electoral Register to be published on 1st August) **Deadline for applicants to be on the electoral register – Monday 10th July.**

This has been taken from the time table sent to all 30th March Community Council Elections. Re: request at last meeting on asking for other training if no replies are received when I return from my holidays I will send in the form.

Boundaries Scotland - Scottish Parliament consultation on provisional proposals for constituencies Boundaries Scotland has undertaken its Second Review of Scottish Parliament boundaries. The consultation on constituencies runs from 17th May to 17th June 2023. Further information can be found on their website - <https://boundaries.scot/>

West Braes Van Parking the PCC received an email from a resident with concerns regarding the amount of motorhomes and who to contact. **LL** sent a copy of the September 2022 with the report to FCCT visit regarding the upgrade of the West Braes and would contact FCCT. Robbie Blyth (FCCT) replied he was happy to contact them. **All members and Cllrs received a copy.** Another email from resident later that day with more concerns. **Again all members and Cllrs received a copy.**

A copy was sent to Robbie Blyth explaining there is no management at the moment regarding the motorhomes and is asking for him to come to Pittenweem and "gauge the views of residents". Also to publicise a public meeting to ascertain the feelings of other residents. **All members and Cllrs received a copy.** An email was sent thanking Robbie **and asking him to attend our July's meeting along with residents who have commented.**

Yellow Lines have been painted in South Loan at the Backgate junction. These lines were asked for when Lesley Craig did her walk about 2 years ago.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MW reported that the Community Council Treasurer's account, on May 2023 A/C No 00173781 Treasurer's a/c £2,203.82 and no new update on a/c no 00238077 Feb £4,967.36.

CHAIR'S REPORT: MW reported queries regarding allotments in the area. Request for a horse box to be placed outside the Pop In to sell soft drinks etc to customers. An update on old **P.I.B.** Emails sent to all I have addresses for explaining the procedure for collecting plants at Pathhead.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING AFTER TUBS ETC YOU CAN GO TO PATHHEAD AND COLLECT WHAT PLANTS AND COMPOST YOU REQUIRE, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN FOR THEM BUT NO MONEY CHANGES HANDS. PCC WILL BE BILLED BY PATHHEAD. THIS IS PURELY FOR PLANTS FOR P.I.B. TUBS. ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING PLEASE FORWARD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO M. WARDLAW, mwar7777@aol.com

New Town Hall had another successful Boot Sale on 26th May. There will be a Quiz night on 9th June at 7-30pm. This is a ticket event since supper is included. **Next Boot Sale is on Saturday 24th June 9am till 1pm**

A.O.B.:

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 13th JULY 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.

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

Cllr. AH – Councillor Alycia Hayes.

RB – Robbie Blyth of Fife Coast and Countryside Trust

FCCT – Fife Coast and Countryside Trust