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PCC MEETING ON THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2022 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 apologised for being late.

APOLOGIES: Ruth Brown and Cllr Sean Dillon.

PUBLIC ATTENDING: 4 members of the public were in attendance.

INVITED GUESTS: John Handley

MW welcomed everyone to the meeting and explain the fire procedure and where all exits were and where the toilets were located.

Our **A.G.M** took place before the meeting started. This can be seen on a separate piece of paper.

MATTERS ARISING:

St MARGARET'S FARM DEVELOPMENT – Mr John Handley is the Planning Consultant for Waverly Tweed who are developing this area. Mr Handley gave an update on events and information since acquiring an interest in the property and submitting planning consent to **FC**. Mr Handley asked did anyone have any questions.

PM indicated that the development was welcomed both by the CC and the community which appreciated the regular efforts made by Mr Handley to inform everyone about the plans. **PM** indicated that there were two outstanding questions.

He explained there were concerns regarding traffic access to the development and that junction visibility splays were currently insufficient for speeding

westbound traffic on the A917. Mr Handley answered by telling everyone that he didn't have knowledge regarding transportation but was aware of the concerns as he used to stay in that area of James Street and his dad owned the former garage beside St Margaret's Farm and agreed access in this area might not be acceptable. A mini roundabout has been suggested as this would also help slow traffic but FC had not agreed to this. **PM** asked where was the recent speed survey conducted? Road Officers had monitored the traffic in June/July on one of the busiest weekends of the year as there was a big drag race on at Crail Aerodrome. The 85th percentile speed for westbound traffic was 27.2 mph. Mr Handley unfortunately was not aware where the survey had been conducted. **PM** went on to explain this differs from the monitoring completed by FC in 2018 where the westbound 85th percentile speed in Milton Place was 30.6mph. Everyone agreed that safety was a priority.

PM asked about ownership of the land to be developed. Land adjoining the A917 already belongs to the developer but a large area still belongs to the Inch Farm family and there was uncertainty about its availability. Mr Handley agreed that both of these points were the critical questions at present.

The plans for the development have now been amended so as to incorporate the MUP route which will be an additional asset for residents. Discussions have commenced on asking the developer for a contribution toward the community cost of developing the MUP. Mr Handley indicated that this may depend on the viability of the project but as the demand of housing in the East Neuk of Fife is so high this seemed likely to be a successful venture. **MW** asked about the time scale for making a decision on the community contribution? Mr Handley replied about January 2023.

SM enquired what measures were in place regarding the water supply and sewage drainage. Sewage will drain to Billowness and it may need upgrading but unfortunately nothing can be done until the planning has been accepted. Mr Handley is chasing this up on a daily basis. **DL** asked what regulations were needed to build a garage as none of the houses had one. John explained there are parking spaces beside the houses. The public was involved during the consultation and the plans have been redefined to reflect that.

Margaret thanked Mr Handley for attending our meeting and answering everyone's questions and if anyone was interested all reports could be seen on the table beside the door entry.

COMMON GOOD FUND – PM sent minutes to all members regarding the meeting held 18th November in the County Buildings, Cupar with Paul Vaughan and Eleanor Hodgson. Representing the PCC were Margaret Wardlaw, Jim Wood, Peter Mills and Cllr Alycia Hayes. **PM** will contact Mr Vaughan to make enquires regarding action points that have been suggested which include an additional external audit and a report on what happened. It was agreed that applications for Common Good Funding in the future should always come to the PCC initially. Currently ward councillors are being asked to make surrogate decisions for CC which is not as recommended by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

PRIORY INTERPRETATION BOARDS -East Neuk of Fife Preservation Society – an application to apply to the Common Good Funds has been withdrawn. **LL** is to invite William Kennaway to our meeting in February regarding the boards.

MUPS – PM explained there are problems within the **FC** active transport section due to staff illness, prolonged leave and resignations. The next meeting of the APSUPG is to be held on the 6.1.23 at 2pm. Mr Allan MacLean has been off work himself which has delayed progress. Mr MacLean had explained that it can take 12 to 18 months to confirm land agreements. Recent FC drawings of the MUP have been sent to landowners by the APSUPG to update them. Some of the public that were at the meeting had concerns regarding the Mayview link leading to the harbour as none of the residents have been informed of any plans. **PM** reported that this is a recent subsidiary link to the harbour area and is work in progress. The public in attendance thought this might be a waste of money as few people would use it. Most of the cycle traffic on the MUP will pass behind Pittenweem. There are five planned subsidiary links into Pittenweem each of which will carry limit traffic. There will be an opportunity for a consultation on this. **MW** reported that it would be best if a meeting with ENCAP and the community could be arranged sometime later in the New Year. **Cllr AH** reported that a MUP was built behind her previous house and this turned out to have a positive outcome for residents.

SUP/ELIE – PM, JW and John Marston attended a video meeting with Crispin and Sonja on 30.11.22. £86,000 has now been acquired from Sustrans for design of stage 2 of the **SUP**. Recent update maps were sent to all members. Land problems have been encountered around Station Court at Inch Farm and along the A917 coming into Elie.

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

COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS: Cllr AH reported **FC** have information regarding Pension Credit and the Cost of Living as well as Getting Ready for winter on social media. There is a warning of a current scam regarding phone calls from local housing repairs, this is NOT **FC**. **Cllr AH** indicated that council tenants would not receive a phone call like that from **FC**. Remember to ask for ID before letting anyone you don’t know into your home. A rent increase will apply in April 2023 and **FC** is to set up a programme regarding black mould found in houses.

CYCLE RACKS – LL reported information from Fife Coast and Country Trust indicating they are unsure of the exact location for the motorhome bays at the West Braes. They had contacted Andrew Tejada who replied it would be in the best interest of all interested parties that they wait for a proper plan for upgrade of the car park in West Braes to be made available and that it should show a location where cycle parking should be located. Andrew also commented there is no need for site inspection at moment and will be in touch with the **PCC** after the New Year regarding a site visit for the park & harbour area. **PM** reported the Doctor’s Surgery (Coast Health) are interested in installing cycle racks.

CHURCH CLOSURES – discussions are being held and are ongoing within the congregation.

TOLBOOTH STEEPLE – There are no new updates at present.

STATION COURT DEVELOPMENT – No new update and closing date for comments have now passed.

SPEED REDUCTION SIGN – Cllr FC wasn’t in attendance to report, the last update was Scottish Power was to repair the Flashing Speed sign at Viewforth

Place by the 28th November. There are road works with traffic lights in the vicinity, the **PCC** hoped the repair was being carried out.

TREE PLANTING SIGN - Ruth has regrettably stepped down as a co-opted member due to work commitments and has explained there is no report on the Weem Wuid sign. **MW** has asked Ruth for information on how to contact the St Andrews Men Shed who are dealing with this.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – DS has been successful with £4,900 from the Rural and Island Communities: Ideas into Action Fund, to be used by 31st March 2023. The project will use the Place Standard Tool with a Climate Lens as a basis for the consultation process. Pittenweem Community Council would like funding to undertake a wider and more in-depth community consultation to follow up on issues identified in a recent survey.

EB has also been successful with £9,000 from **FC** Rural Fife Development Fund. The application is to undertake community consultation and community events. There will be some overlap with David's application so we'll need to agree on how we want to approach this. It was agreed to arrange an extra meeting in January to discuss this further.

FIFE DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME/LOCAL PLACE PLAN – have extended the deadline for applications to be received from October 2023 to January 2024.

POLICE REPORT - there were 20 calls to the police. 2 crimes recorded. **Coffee with Cops** - Community Engagement Meetings PC's Cook and Wallace will be available for a chat and a coffee with members of the local community at Kilrenny Church Hall Book and Jigsaw café on 21st December 2022 and on 4th January 2023 between 1400 hours and 1600 hours, if anyone has any questions or would just like to get some security advice, pop along and say hello!

Cllr AH explained a number of police were retiring and the Police College have been taking in new recruits but in insufficient number. The structure of the Police has not altered.

ELECTRIC POINTS IN HIGH STREET – as there have been no new updates, it was decided this can be removed from the agenda.

ROAD/STREET SIGNS - this was reported in the last minutes, due to a back log at **FC** it can be into the new year before this is replaced at University Avenue.

PLANNING REPORT:

18 West Shore planning application – Closing date for comments have now passed. There were 6 objections. **DL** wrote an objection on behalf of the **PCC**. **MW** reported information regarding trees at The Anchorage, 1 Milton Place and planning at Falside Farm were on display at the small table, for anyone that was interested.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A reply from Willie Rennie regarding East Neuk First Responders was sent to all, he is aware of their difficulties & enclosed a recent letter from the Chief Executive in response to Willie Rennie's correspondence requesting an update on the progress.

- **Face book posts** there are articles that have been sent & forwarded to all asking to advertise from FC. These were Boundaries, Love to Shop FIFE and Pension Credit.
Climate Action Fife Small Grants fund was posted on PCC Face Book page. Applications close on Sunday 4th December 2022.
- This has been sent to us before - SHARE is an NHS Research Scotland initiative. It has been created to establish a register of people, aged 11 and over, interested in participating in health research. Also advertised on our Face Book page.
- Will follow up on Bike rack visit & No Entry signs in the New Year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There is £1803.46 in the current account and £6,062.56 in the fundraising account. The latter is broken down to include **PIB** £3991.26, Pict £2000 and PCC balance £71.30. **MW reported 10 hanging baskets had been sold for the sum of £100 recently, not included in the above.** Monies used from FRA for other CC meetings will be reimbursed once the awarded grants are paid into the bank account.

CHAIR'S REPORT: **MW** reported the Larachmhor Tavern has a board advertising their Ship Ahoy Chip Shop on the pavement opposite the Church of Scotland.

- The Anstruther group engaged with looking at sites for a skate park has enquired if the **PCC** would be in agreement if they were to consider the former skate park at the West Braes. The **PCC** did agreed this could go ahead but the group might also contact the West Braes Project as a

courtesy. There are 2 other areas in Anstruther that are also being considered.

- Crail Matters is a long standing weekly online newsletter. They have invited Pittenweem and Kingsbarns to join them in the venture. John Murphy is putting together a Pittenweem newsletter to be published in the December 9th edition. It is hoped the Pittenweem Post will be a regular feature in the future and the community is encouraged to use this information source.
- MW thanked the MUP group including **PM, JW**, Nigel Mathers and John Marston for all the work they have contributed over the last year.
- There are computer classes for beginners on Mondays at the Community Coastal Church in Session Street. Learners will need to take their own laptops with them.

NTH UPDATE

- Allan Moncreiff Alarms sent an email to the **NTH** to advertise employment for an Administration Assistant working in Leven. if interested contact office@allanmoncriefalarms.com
- Margaret informed the **PCC** she will be stepping down as Chairperson of the **NTH** in the New Year. Anyone interested to take over the running of the hall etc. should contact her on 01333-312362 or mwar7777@aol.com.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS – Unfortunately there will be no public event to switch the tree lights on this year.

UPDATE ON BLACKS FISH-SHED - Andrew Wilmot an architect/business owner of Oberlanders Architects, based in Edinburgh purchased 65 High Street in 2016. His intent was/is to reconfigure the plot into two properties - one a family home for himself, with a hybrid work/studio space inspired by the towns unique and festive 'open studio' culture. Andrew entered Pre-App discussions with Fife Council Planners several years ago but nothing has been finalised or agreed so he will be looking to re-engage shortly. His intention was always to discuss with neighbours, ourselves and other interested parties as design ideas developed. Any views or issues would be welcome. It was suggested to contact Andrew regarding the amount of weeds growing within the area.

PITTENWEEM IN BLOOM – a purchase of 10 hanging baskets has been made by the Kilrenny/Anstruther/Cellardkye Community Council.

A.O.B.

- **EB** enquired regarding holding events, this would be discussed at a later date.
- **JW** informed the committee that during the **AGM** the accounts hadn't been proposed. This was rectified **JW** proposed and **PM** seconded the accounts.
- **PM** asked what was happening to the former Pittenweem Inn. The reply was that there had been no response from the owner.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 12th JANUARY 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.

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,