



The Royal Burgh of
Pittenweem and District
Community Council

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Minutes for PCC meeting in the New Town Hall 13th October 2022 at 7pm

PRESENT: Margaret Wardlaw, Duncan Lucas, Linda Lauder, David Stutchfield, Evelyn Boyd and Peter Mills

COUNCILLORS: Cllr. Fiona Corps, Cllr Sean Dillon and Cllr Alycia Hayes.

APOLOGIES: Jim Wood and Ruth Brown.

PUBLIC ATTENDING: 3 members of the public were in attendance

PROPOSAL OF MINUTES: **Proposed** David Stutchfield **seconded** Evelyn Boyd

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: Cllr. SD reported the road works are to continue until next week in James Street/ Milton Road. Reports of yellow lines in James Street are inconclusive.

Cllr. F.C reported the Good Sam App is now online. This is an app with 1st Aiders who have been given training to help those who access it. Anyone can sign up to this app using your own details, it will also ask you to give your medical details.

Cllr. AH reported the value of fish landings were up 20% in Pittenweem. There are to be National Post Office strikes 13th 20th 25th October and 28th November with no deliveries or collections. Processing internal strikes are due 3rd 9th 15th 24th November and 1st December.

The Scottish Veterans Support Fund is open www.gov.scot/policies/veterans-and-armed-forces/financial-support-for-veterans Fife Council regarding cost of living is open at www.Our.fife.scot/gethelp.

MATTERS ARISING:

CHURCH CLOSURES – A meeting had been arranged on the 13th October that was invitation only unfortunately the PCC chairperson wasn't invited. PM has

gathered a lot of information regarding the back ground on the church. **PM** reported 4 Historic Church members and 10 members of the congregation were in attendance. The meeting lasted 90 minutes where questions had been asked and the outcome was quite positive. Cllr. SD gave a summary of the Parish Church which is 820 years old and should be worth keeping. There were suggestions that church could have a multipurpose use but the community would need to be willing to get involved, this would only work if the church was donated to the community. There would be the sale of the Manse and the church hall that could help with interior work and changes.

SPEED REDUCTION SIGN – Cllr. F.C reported the speed sign in Viewforth Place was due to be fixed last month but Scottish Power were let down by the land digger. The new date is now 28th November, however they hope to get to it sooner as they now have more resources.

ROAD WORKS – the resurfacing of James Street to Milton Road has been chaos for all drivers, with the main road through the village closed and a 6 mile detour for those living in the village. Anyone that relies on their car to get to the Doctor’s surgery, hair appointment or local shops had to endure this diversion. The Police were involved due to drivers travelling the wrong way through the Marygate almost causing a few bad accidents. **FC** had informed Stagecoach Bus Service regarding the closure as the Milton Place bus stops would be out of use, this also caused problems for the public. The public attending also voiced their concerns over the closure. The conclusion everyone at the meeting came to, was **FC** should have contacted the **PCC** in advance to organise what was best for the town.

TOLBOOTH STEEPLE – the invoice for the clock faces £19897.00 has been paid by cheque.

MUPS – PM reported a meeting had been held on the 15th September with progress being made, it is now the responsibility for **FC** and surveyors to draw up arrangements and maps. It was also reported that when items have been decided **FC** are unable to carry out that decision which is frustrating to the group. There is no agreement with **FC** on the Seabox land. **PM** has been exploring fundraising that include Paths for All and Crown Estate government money but information is required from **FC**.

The adoption of cycle paths is to be brought up at the next councillors meeting. **Cllr. AH** reported there are 5 cycle path projects within Fife and the details of all of them are needed before this can be put forward.

St MARGARET'S FARM DEVELOPMENT – section 75, John Handley the developer has included the **MUP** into his plans and is willing to help the community. A Planning Officer is to be appointed in regards to section 75 which is a legal document therefore the Planning Officer is to make the application. Maps regarding the **MUP** have been sent.

STATION COURT DEVELOPMENT – section 75, The Planning Officer has informed the **PCC** applying under section 75 for this development will not be possible as the plans have been submitted. Private funding might be available through Campion Homes. Neil Martin has left his post as Land Manager for this development and a new Officer is to be appointed. It has been reported there are complaints from locals regarding this development.

SUP/ELIE – A Bike Swap was held in Pittenweem 18th September, 50 people attended (30 Adults, 17 kids) there were electric bikes to try and 30 bikes available to swap. 3 bikes were handed out. A map from the Shared Path Group was on display to show residents the suggested route on where the cycle path could travel through and around the village and continue onto St Monans. **DS** also had a stand for the Community Consultation.

CYCLE RACKS – Andrew Tejada is on annual leave no return date given.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – DS and **EB** have been busy with funding applications to take the consultation forward. Unfortunately were unsuccessful with 2 applications. Waiting to hear from Fife Council Planning Communication and Fife Rural Development Fund (Fife Council). There is one not funded which is the Community Capacity and Resilience Fund (Scottish Government). An application has been sent to Rural and Island Communities-Ideas into Action **DS** will be attending a Place Standard workshop regarding Climate Change that is to take place on 25th October on Teams.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN – No update.

COMMON GOOD – PM wrote to Paul Vaughan 5 weeks ago to look in to our request, there has been no response from him. **Cllr. AH** received an email to say he was out of the office until 17th October. It was discussed that **FC** should not be removing funds from the Common Good Fund.

POLICE REPORT- Calls received up to 30th September were 28 calls to the police. 8 crimes recorded. Regarding the Community Council Meetings, the police are always keen to engage with members of the Community Council and local Councillors and would welcome the community councils and the public to get in touch with them regarding any issues they wish to raise. **Cllr.F.C** explained if the **PCC** were to contact their Community Police Officer they might be able to attend.

ELECTRIC POINTS IN HIGH STREET – it was explained at the moment there is no funding available. There are charging points in Anstruther at the Life Boat Station car park and 2 in St Monans beside the Bowling Club.

SESSION STREET – regarding the resident that fell. It is now their decision on what action is to be taken.

ROAD SIGNS – an email was received dated 15th September from Eva Martinez that explained her colleagues in Network Condition should be able to help with sign replacements, regarding University Avenue and James Street. Waiting on a reply.

PLANNING REPORT: with Jim Wood unable to attend the meeting, **LL** reported there were 5 Scottish Building Warrants this month.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: **LL** asked when is the AGM to be held? It was agreed to hold it at our December meeting, before the meeting starts.

- The renewal for Data Protect came in which has now been paid.
- It was agreed that **LL** would write to Willie Rennie to lobby the recognition First Responders deserves.
- One seagull proof bin (belly bin) has been installed in the harbour area, more have been ordered.
- Participation Requests – After sending our support to Peter Lomas he sent the Balmullo Community Council’s proposed Participation Request

to NHS Fife concerning St Andrews Community Hospital, he included an attachment, his current research in local government in Scotland, concerning in particular PRs submitted under the Community Empowerment Act. All members were sent copies.

- 'Is there another way to approach ASB?' an email had been sent to all from FC working with the Scottish Community Councils to inform them. They are planning to host a Team calls for about 60-75 mins or so sometime in October to hear from community councils about their experience, views and suggestions anyone interested were to register by 30th September.
- The lights on the trees in the High Street will be inspected for any repairs after the leaves have fallen off.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MW reported no bank statement for the fundraising account had been received this month. It has been discovered in the past the bank has still be sending statements to the former treasurer despite the constant reminders. There is £21916.79 in main account. Cheques waiting to clear are the clock faces £19k? Payments for hire of the hall for PCC meetings and Jack Low for auditing the accounts.

CHAIR'S REPORT: MW reported that items were covered throughout the meeting.

PITTENWEEM IN BLOOM – Monies have been transferred to the PCC bank account.

NEW TOWN HALL UPDATE – The Mad Ferrets played in the hall on 8th October playing Scottish tunes and old songs, people were even up dancing, it was that a good night the Mad Ferrets have booked again to come back next year.

- Car Boot Sales are to be held on Saturday 5th November and Saturday 3rd December 9am until 1pm.
- A Quiz Night is to be held on Friday 11th November 7pm for 7.30pm.

NOTICE BOARDS – is now repaired. PM reported that the other notice board door is now getting harder to close.

UPDATE ON PITTENWEEM INN – as long as work has started the owner can complete the work in their own time.

UPDATE ON BLACKS FISH-SHED – the Councillors will enquire regarding this property.

A.O.B.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER at 7pm in the NEW TOWN HALL.

ABBERVATIONS:

PCC – Pittenweem Community Council, **MW** – Margaret Wardlaw, **LL** – Linda Lauder, **DL** – Duncan Lucas, **RB** – Ruth Brown, **PM** – Peter Mills, **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,

NTH – New Town Hall, **PIB** – Pittenweem in Bloom,

Councillor Alycia Hayes' Report to Community Council October

Cost of Living Support (fife.scot)

Fife Council has announced a raft of initiatives to help with the cost of living crisis. Please visit the website: www.Our.fife.scot/gethelp

Make sure you're not missing out money that you're entitled to

[Increase your income](#)

Find out what help there is with household bills and making the most of your budget

[Supporting your health](#)

Advice and organisations that can support your health and wellbeing at difficult times

[Support with food](#)

Find out how to get help with food costs.

[Support with heating & utility costs](#)

Find out what help is available to help with rising energy costs and keeping your home warm

[Support with your home](#)

Support and advice to help you maintain your home, during uncertain times

[Support for your family](#)

Find out what support is available to help you and your family stay active and connected to your community

[Support with employment](#)

Looking at any barriers you are facing, to help you find and keep a job

[Support with transport costs](#)

Make the most of free and low cost travel options available to people of all ages

[Support for businesses](#)

Range of support available to businesses managing costs and financial support

SCOTTISH VETERANS SUPPORT FUND NOW OPEN

A veterans support fund is now open to help veterans with the cost of living:

www.gov.scot/policies/veterans-and-armed-forces/financial-support-for-veterans

Fife Council launches new fund to support local event organisers this winter

Fife Council has announced details of a new fund which will be used to support local event organisers this Winter. www.fife.gov.uk/fifegrants

ROYAL MAIL STRIKES

A further 19 days of Industrial Action affecting various Royal Mail Services have been confirmed by the Communication Workers Union (CWU) on the dates below. This will impact Royal Mail, IQPostMe and Whistl mail and any items posted the day before, during or in the days following these dates will be subject to delay.

National Strikes

Thursday 13 October

Thursday 20 October

Tuesday 25 October

Monday 28 November

There will be no delivery or collection of mail from the Royal Mail on these days.

Functional Strike Action which impacts Processing, Distribution

Thursday 3 November

Wednesday 9 November

Tuesday 15 November

Thursday 24 November

Thursday 1 December

FORTH ROAD BRIDGE – VIADUCT RESURFACING REVISED PROGRAMME

Due to additional concrete repair works which have been required on the southbound carriageway, the traffic management on the Forth Road Bridge will now be in place until Sunday 13 November 2022.

NHS NEWS

In recent weeks NHS Fife has had significant success in appointing 160 graduate nurses. These vital new recruits have been warmly welcomed and will take up posts providing frontline care and support for patients at sites across Fife.