



The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council

Chair: K Brereton, Vice Chair: B Whittome, Secretary: K Horsburgh, Treasurer: D Stutchfield

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Minutes of meeting held on 9th April in Pittenweem New Town Hall

Opening of Meeting :

The monthly meeting was preceded with the presentation to Gordon Reekie of The Citizen of the Year Award 2014. KB made the presentation to Gordon accompanied with a few words and BW presented Mrs Reekie with a bouquet of flowers. In responding and accepting this award, Gordon passed on his thanks to everybody and advised the cheque he was presented with for £250.00 will be getting donated to Alzheimers Scotland. JKQ is arranging coverage of the award in The East Fife Mail.

Thereafter the Chair called the meeting to order at 7.00PM and welcomed all present.

Present:

Community Council: K Brereton, K Horsburgh, J K Querido, D Stutchfield, J Taylor, M Wardlaw, B Whittome and B Hughes

Fife Council: Cllr D Macgregor and Cllr Elizabeth Riches

Guest: None

Members of the public: None (all those who attended the earlier awards presentation left before we started)

Apologies: Cllr J Docherty and H Macgregor,

Guests:

No guests this month but KB advised that Anthony Lodge of Bishop Lowe Trust will be presenting to us at our May Meeting on their proposals to develop the Priory Gate House.

Approval of previous Minutes:

Proposed: David Stutchfield **Seconded:** Jan-Karel Querido

Matters Arising and outstanding actions:

- KH advised he had chased Sgt Jim Anderson for an update on the parking at Marygate but that his emails were being returned. As this situation has been unactioned by for some months now the possibility of going 'to press' was considered but as an alternative it was decided to call a site meeting with the interested parties . KH to organise.
- KH chased the issue of the blocked gulleys with Cllr JD who was unable to attend the meeting but had asked for an update. KH to advise him of the continued problem and to raise with Fife Council.
- Cllr DM advised on 23/10 that the missing sign at James Street has been logged but is in a backlog of sign related work to be attended to by Fife Council. Further to that correspondence, KH added a missing end of one way system sign at the east end of Marygate and KB the damaged no through road/parking sign at Mid Shore. David Brown at Fife Council has all three on his 'to do list'.
- In April DS took the action to look at pricing replacement notice boards - this is being carried forward to May Meeting
- Lack of apparent progress on the seven new Allotments in Pittenweem was discussed. It appears that preference is being given to Pittenweem residents who were on the waiting list for Anstruther Allotments but no allocation appears to have taken place yet. In addition, there were concerns re screen fencing being required as a planning condition, Cllr DM will look into this for us and advise.

- KH to keep circulating info and minutes received from the 'Save A Pub For Pittenweem Campaign'. DS advised they are holding a 'steering group meeting' tonight, 09/04. They have raised £60.00 to date.
- Revisiting the LED powered lighting at the West Braes play area by DS will be carried forward to the May Meeting.
- DS looking to locate a newly donated bench at West Braes on a concrete plinth that's already there. (its on the landward side of the toilet block)
- Replacement of the decorative lamps being handled by Angus Broadhurst remains outstanding and KB has chased and been advised that the lights at the bottom of both Bruce's and Calman's Wynds are to be repaired/replaced.
- The PAFCCP Funded 2nd Defibrillator was discussed and we are looking to have it sighted on the wall of the FMA Offices. KB has approached Billy Hughes at the FMA and will now go back to him again and then to the FMA Committee to confirm this request. KH to progress a planning application.
- We followed up Christine McCallum's concerns re dog fouling at the play area behind the Primary School. Cllr DM to approach Iain Barbour to see if we can get a mesh type fence round all the play areas in Pittenweem and a cattle grid type gate to prevent dogs being able to enter the area.

Pittenweem Arts Festival Liaison Group:

- Copy of minutes of meeting circulated to PCC on 19/3

Councillors' report:

- JD advised by email that the caravan sitting in the New Cemetery Car Park has been deemed as illegal by Fife Council, notices have been served and we are awaiting its removal.
- Cllr DM advised that the proposed site for the new Madras College, east of the hospital in St Andrews was passed by 56 votes to 11.

Planning Issues:

JT advised apart for the change of use for buildings at Grangemuir Farm there is nothing else to report

Treasurer's report:

DS advised:

- That after interest of 0.05p the Bank Balance is £882.70.
- Finalisation of year end accounts not undertaken yet but still looking to 'provision' any surplus income for defibrillator battery replacement.

East Neuk and Landward Community Council Liaison Group

- Minutes circulated by KH on 14/3 from the last ENLCC Meeting. This will now appear as a permanent update slot on our monthly agenda.

Secretary's report:

- JKQ has given KH a file of photographs to include on the report on Blue Plaques.
- KH advised that he has placed the order for materials (paint, preservatives etc.) with Iain Barbour at Fife Council to allow the Community Payback People to undertake the work on our seats, rails and fences.
- KH advised that Robbie Blyth at Fife Council has finished repairing the roof tiles and rain gutters at the toilet block at West Braes. KH has sent an email of thanks to him for his prompt action.
- KH confirmed he had advised Helen Coggle of Pittenweem in Bloom that the Jubilee Tree had been damaged and that they were already aware and matters are in hand to get it repaired.
- KH chased Liz Murphy for an update to coordinate activities with the Community Payback people to help landscape and repair ground damage at New Cemetery – email back says Liz has it scheduled in for later this year (no actual dates advised yet but as timescales are slipping KH will chase up again, probably with photographs attached to the email outlining the issues)
- KH raised state of New Cemetery Car Park with Rod Cox as it looks like drainage damage but has been advised to refer it in the first instance to Iain Barbour which he has now done.
- KH has sent the photographs requested in support of repairs to our War Memorial which have been acknowledged and we await a response in normal course.
- On the same topic we discussed the state of the metal railings round the War Memorial and JT is arranging to get Jim Elder to have a look at this and give us his advice.

- KH has now submitted a planning request to install three permanent power sockets in the High Street. Planning feedback is awaited (The Fundraising Committee are funding the planning costs and are looking to provide decorative lights for Christmas)
- KH still progressing the funding request with Fife Environment & Communities Fund for £18,000.00 which will now be chased on as FECF have come back asking for two separate requests to be made (West Braes and Glebe Park, not together) plus further clarification although out of it had already been submitted. There was an open debate following BW saying Alan Bisset had agreed all the funding for this initiative but as pointed out he has no authority to do so over various funds that are controlled by other groups such as The Common Good Fund and Area Budgets. Local Councillors said this was just normal and encouraged us to keep pushing and they are supporting in the background.
- DS to write to Karen Patrick to see if the Primary Parents Group could be of assistance with the £1800.00 required.

Pittenweem Community Fund Raising Committee:

MW updated as follows:

- A few places left on 19/4 for the indoor car boot sale.
- Craft fair on 31/5 has 16 tables taken
- Is liaising with Alan Bryson regarding an appropriate trophy for the junior football clubs
- Is liaising with the Primary School regarding the award for the 'best essay of the year'
- MW and KH to summarise usage of funds raised to give some publicity to encourage further support to the ongoing fundraising activities for the community.
- Paid outlays for planning application submitted for power points at £96.00 (representing a 50% reduction on normal rates due to application being submitted by a Community Council)

Common Good Fund:

- On 08/04 KH chased feedback from the meeting with Andrew Ferguson on – Financial Reporting – Heritable Property – Moveable Artefacts and charging a commercial rate for the use of Common Good Fund Property. No responses received back. KH to arrange a follow up meeting with Andrew and his team.
- KH advised he continued to be assisted in the research by previous Secretaries of the Community Council.
- Sgt Jim Anderson has still to respond on his investigation regarding missing Moveable Artefacts from Cupar Police Station (carried forward to May)
- We are looking at Fife Councils policy on appointing professional valuers for Common Good Property and Cllr DM has been assisting and advised us that Fife Council use Savills for revaluing the rental of Agricultural Land, D M Hall for Asset Valuation, Shepherds for Disposals, Summers-Inman Construction and Property for Dilapidations and local Estate Agents for sale of residential properties.

AOCB:

- JT raised the concerns of slippery areas at the harbour. Cllr DM to raise at a meeting on 11/4 at the harbour with the Harbour Master.
- Concerns raised with Local Councillors regarding state of roads at West Braes, Sandycraig Road and Queen Elizabeth Road. Cllr DM to enquire about as they are deteriorating very fast.
- Concerns were raised regarding play equipment being removed with no notice. Cllr DM to enquire about.
- JT asked the two local councillors present on the possibility of placing some 'residents parking only' signs up at Braehead RD, Priory Court, St Abbs and New Grange Crescent as many 'walkers' are leaving their cars there for very long periods and clogging up the parking spaces available. Cllr ER suggested that she thought it would not be possible at these locations due to the roads all being 'adopted' but would look into it and advise.
- BW advised there had been an accident at Marygate where a wall and sign were damaged. As this appears to have been reported and there will be insurance claims we will take a watching brief. (we will liaise with Fife Council when replacing the other three missing signs to ensure this is included)
- BW also advised that Pittenweem Primary School have been crowned champions at this year's Energy Enterprise Challenge Awards having beaten off fourteen other Primary Schools to win the title.
- JT asked how long the existing biomass chimney at the Coastline Community Church can remain in position, since a condition of approval was that it be moved to a different position. Cllr DM to enquire.
- KB advised he has had a meeting with Lindsey Brown regarding the deteriorating state of the Old Mens Club building at The Gyles and is awaiting feedback on getting the repairs arranged.

Close of meeting:

In the absence of any other competent business, the meeting was closed at 9.17 PM.

The date of the next meeting was set for 12th May 2014. JKQ gave his early apologies for non-attendance at May's Meeting.

Kenneth Horsburgh

Secretary