



The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council

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

Website: www.aboutpittenweem.org.uk

Minutes of meeting held on 11th August in Pittenweem New Town Hall

Opening of Meeting :

In the absence of an elected Chair, the Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7.00PM and welcomed all present.

Present:

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

Fife Council: Cllr D Macgregor

Guests: R Bremner and G Stutchfield

Members of the public: One

Apologies: Cllr E Riches and Cllr J Docherty

Approval of previous Minutes:

Proposed: J K Querido

Seconded: M Wardlaw

PICT (Pittenweem Community Trust)

Our guests for the evening gave us a hand-out and an insight into what PICT are all about. Details are as follows:

- PICT has evolved out of the 'Save a Pub for Pittenweem' campaign
- Some initial thoughts were to purchase an asset (pub) but after investigating what other Community Trusts have done, PICT are taking a much wider look at things
- PICT have undertaken site visits to 4 North of England Trusts and networked with others that are now established for different purposes along the East Neuk
- Seeing consultation as paramount, PICT has initiated a survey which is ongoing and will be updated regularly. Highlights include:
 - 112 Respondents to date
 - 328 Specific comments, broadly evenly split between the Economy, the Place and the Community
 - Concerns on the infrastructure are the state of roads and pavements, housing, local facilities and cleanliness
 - Concerns on the economy are the shops and pub/restaurant
- There are currently 65 @ £1 members

BW thanked PICT for their presentation.

Anybody wishing to know more about the Pittenweem Community Trust should visit web page
www.aboutpittenweem.org.uk/pict.html

Election of New Chairman

Following Ken Brereton's resignation at the last meeting, various emails were circulating suggesting that we need not elect a new chairman as we have only two meetings left in the current session. KH asked Cllr DM if a date had been set for new elections and he said no. That being the case, KH then said it might not be two meetings and could be more and in any event, our Community Council requires four office bearers as per its Constitution and a chairman to represent the council within the community, not just to chair meetings.

We agreed to elect a new chairman.

DS proposed WH who thanked him for his nomination but declined due to work commitments.

KH proposed DS who accepted the nomination and this election to Chairman was confirmed.

DS asked somebody to take on the Treasurers position but with nobody willing to take this on he agreed to undertake both positions.

DS then proceeded to 'chair' the remainder of the meeting.

Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions:

- Maintenance to clear blocked gulley's remains outstanding. KH chased Fife Council but emails bounced and he will continue to keep pursuing this unresolved issue.
- It was noted in July that Pittenweem Coastline Community Church do not have authority to use their Biomass Heating System with the flu in its current location. As its been reported as being used, KH to write to Fife Council to request its disconnection until it's relocated to ensure any unauthorised usage.
- The cost of providing fencing round the play park at the back of the Primary School is being seen as prohibitive at £10,000.00 to get funding for. KH asked to obtain alternative quotes for a wooden fence.
- The request to replace various signs remains outstanding. c/f to next meeting.
- Work by Stuart Goodfellow on traffic priority for top of Abbeywall Rd is still awaited.
- Usage of emails in respect of when to use 'reply to all' was explained again for Community Council work.
- KH to chase Kirsten Moresly re Planning Application to site power sockets in High Street.
- Cleaning of War Memorial at Pittenweem Parish Church programmed to be undertaken shortly.
- KH to resubmit funding request to Fife Environment Trust for additional play park equipment.
- KH chased Ruth Crighton re Community Payback work which is part completed and is awaiting feedback.
- KH chased Liz Murphy re landscaping at New Cemetery and is awaiting feedback.
- KH reported damaged wooden fencing on road to West Braes and to wire fencing at Pan Braes to Iain Barbour.
- JT raised the issue of lying surface water at Marygate which appears to be worse after the recent repairs. BW said she disagreed that it was worse. Cllr DM will report to Fife Council.

Councillors' report:

Cllr D M advised:

- KH asked about Maw Dubs being considered for future housing for Pittenweem as we appear to not be involved in the planning for future developments. Various discussions ensued and Cllr DM took the action to follow this up at Area level.

Planning Issues:

JT advised:

- A retrospective planning application for the rear of Adamsons bakery and no comments were forthcoming.

Treasurer's report:

DS advised:

- Main account balance - £5,764.87

East Neuk and Landward Community Council Liaison Group:

Next Meeting is scheduled to be held in Pittenweem New Town Hall Thursday 4th September at 6.30pm. PCC has agreed to meet the cost of holding this meeting.

Secretary's report:

KH advised:

- There have been no responses to the open letter in the East Fife Mail.
- There is a meeting to be held on Emergency Planning and Business Continuity on 28 October in The Corn Exchange, Cupar.
- Summarised a Fife Council Briefing Note on the harbour breakwater repairs which basically advised there is no change in the deterioration April to date and that new investigative works are to commence June/July with results to be published July / August.
- Reported to Andrew Freguson in Fife Council a complaint received from a member of the public to being charged by Leonard Low for accessing the Church Steeple which was clearly unsafe and unfit for public access. KH has been advised that the matter has now been taken up with LL and should be resolved.

Common Good Fund:

KH advised

- Pittenweem in Bloom requested funding of £1712.33 for External Floral Displays was approved.
- The Annual Accounts are still awaited.

Pittenweem Community Fund Raising

MW advised:

- Current funds stand at £2785.44 (same as last month)
- August Farmer market is proving to be popular and a good turn out on Saturday 16th is hoped for where there will be a cold counter for Venison.
- That there remained an opportunity for a 'fish van' to attend if anybody knew of one who might be interested.

Pittenweem Arts Festival Liason Group

Following the recent Arts Festival, various discussions ensued and the point was made to BW, our remaining representative on that Group, that we should look to give feedback now and not later on recent events. This included the following from everybody:

- Not every household received a 'parking letter'.
- Not every household received parking passes.
- Festival Office reported as having run out of parking passes.
- Deliver vans reporting as having difficulty getting access to harbour area.
- Carers having access and parking difficulties.
- Reports of festival staff being approached and spoken to in an aggressive manner.

Claims that cars were being asked to pay £2 for parking and not a donation was made by MW. BW refuted this as she said she was present and never saw anybody undertaking such actions. However, as the point was made that as BW didn't see every car entering the parking area this claim couldn't be dismissed and accordingly, it should also be made to the Arts Festival Group.

- Following KB's resignation, it was unanimously agreed that JKQ be our second representative on this Group.

AOCB:

- After the inability to get any local tradesmen to repair our notice boards, the Council decided to go for like for like new replacements. DS to get exact quotes for these.
- WH gave feedback on recent meetings about the outflow pipe at West Shore and why SEPA wouldn't test the beach for pollution as it's not a bathing beach. He also advised on Scottish Water looking to upgrade the pumps and replace the outfall pipe. Concerns remain on the functionality of this system in peak times where it was struggling to cope as it services circa 2/3rds of Pittenweem households. KH to write email/letter to SEPA and Scottish Water supporting the West Shore residents endeavours.
- JT asked about the allocation of parking spaces at Waggon Rd. Cllr DM will chase up and get clarification.
- BW brought up the topic of a pop up shop along West Shore and after various discussion there are no actions resulting from that as they have the required certificate and no planning authority is required.
- DS asked that a Vice Chair Report slot be placed on the Agenda.

Close of meeting:

In the absence of any other competent business, the meeting was closed at 9.20 PM.

The date of the next meeting was set for 13/10/14 when Fiona Sword of Include Me has been invited to attend.

K Horsburgh
Secretary