



## The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council

CHAIR: A Guthrie, VICE CHAIR: B Whittome, SECRETARY: K Horsburgh, TREASURER: D Stutchfield

### **Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in Pittenweem Town Hall**

#### **Opening of Meeting**

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed all present.

#### **Present**

**Community Council:** B Whittome, K Horsburgh, D Stutchfield, H MacGregor, M Wardlaw, J Taylor,  
JK Querido, K Brereton

**Fife Council:** Cllr D Macgregor, Cllr J Docherty

**Guests:** Stuart Goodfellow

**Members of the public:** Four

**Apologies:** I Wilson, Cllr Riches

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Proposed:** M Wardlaw

**Seconded:** K Brereton

#### **Guest Speaker**

The Vice Chair welcomed Stuart Goodfellow from Fife Council's Traffic Department who was invited to attend by Cllr Docherty. Stuart addressed those present and responded to questions submitted as follows:

Speed limit update: All A & B Roads are assessed regularly for speeding. Only one incident recorded since extended speed limit introduced but in reality too early to measure effectiveness of this extension. Before introducing the extension, alternatives were considered but the width of the carriageway was a prohibiter. It was recognised that speeding exiting Pittenweem was still a problem and that is being monitored.

A lower limit of 20 MPH can only be introduced on A Class Roads in extreme circumstances or on a part time basis. Residential areas not forming part of the main A Road can have a reduced speed limit of 20 MPH

SG to report poor/dim lighting outside the Primary School

Whilst recognising that the double yellow lines had been extended at Toll Cross/Charles Street Corner, it was still thought the space left to allow vehicles turning into Charles Street was inadequate.

Disabled Parking bays are not for the use of one specific person. Any misuse to be reported.

Any parking on double yellow lines should be reported to the police on **0845 600 5702**

Overnight parking of caravans/campervans is unenforceable. Its only a police enforcement issue if an obstruction is being caused.

Camping and/or overnight parking at west braes is complicated as the car park not a public road. Only suggestion made was to consider introducing a height restrictor.

JKQ made the point that the 'Brown Signs' were grossly inadequate and requested an update. SG advised these were looked at 3 / 4 years ago but would look into this.

Meeting with Arts Festival as regards Traffic management is still to be held but SG envisages no vast changes from previous years.

The Vice Chair thanked Stuart for his attendance and advising on the foregoing.

### **Matters Arising**

- KH to email Councillors giving them the opportunity to sit on a 'blue plaque committee'.
- Holes in Road at Viewforth Place have been repaired.
- Feasibility study for lights at Skate Park progressing with DS to advise update at next meeting.
- Budget of £60 unanimously approved for the distribution of a Defibrillator Awareness Leaflet to every household. JKQ and KB to progress awareness sessions with First Responders.
- Fife Council waiting until 'better weather' before making repairs to the blaze car parks at West Braes and the Rear of the New Town Hall.
- A Grit Bin for Waggon Road remains unresolved. Cllr JD to chase again.
- Concerns about disregard to parking restrictions, particularly at the top of Abbey Wall Road reported to Police.
- KH to compile a list of errors in the recently published Common Good Fund and Cllr DM to make representations to the author for comment.
- Investigations progressing DS into obtaining a Pittenweem website domain update.
- Permanent repair work following the removal of the 'pay phone' in Market place has not been undertaken but noted it was still within the timelines indicated of 4 / 6 weeks.

### **Pittenweem Arts Festival Liaison Group**

Due to agenda overrun, this item is c/f to next month.

### **Councillors' report**

Budget details due next week.

Fife Council aware of 'pothole problems'. In January, the number of potholes reported was greater than the whole of 2013. A private contractor has been engaged to assist with their repair. It was noted that claims for car/wheel damage against Fife Council has been minimal

### **Planning Issues**

No adverse comments made on plans submitted for:

- 1) Single story extension at Inverie, West Braes
- 2) Vehicular access at 10 Abbey Wall Road

### **Treasurer's report**

- Current funds: £999.70
- Paper copies of Annual Accounts for 2012 to be produced

### **Secretary's report**

- Discretion to be used when circulating informative emails received to all Community Councillors
- KH updated the meeting on various bits of communication regarding the Coastline Church and that a meeting had been held with Fife Council and the Church to discuss the acquisition of a strip of ground adjacent to their property and blaze car park as well as gaining access through the NTH ground and an offer to make good the blaze car park. Various discussions ensued and was left to progress the suggestion by JKQ to get all interested parties to hold a meeting to discuss the issues. In the meantime KH to respond to open communication back to Fife Council. No resolutions were taken other than general support for KB's comment that we as a Community Council should resist the loss of any open, safe, play areas of ground, regardless of purchaser.

### **Pittenweem Community Fund Raising Committee**

- Advert booked for next week's East Fife mail
- Tickets for Film Show now available
- Taking names now for 'exhibitors' for next round of events
- Kingdom FM to include on their 'what's on calendar'

### **AOCB**

- Damage caused by the farmer to the 'Middle Road' to be c/f to next meeting
- Grant Application Form received for replacement notice boards. DS getting quotes
- KB to include request into same application for above Grant Funding Application for a power point in a suitable location in the Market Place
  
- Cllr DM to report concerns regarding feral pigeons nesting in the harbour walls
- JT to speak with the FMA regarding the notice board at the bottom of Water Wynd
- Cllr JD to report blocked gully traps in all the wynds and they need to be cleared
- Cllr DM to report faulty light at bottom of Cove Wynd
- Concerns on storm damage of 15/12 to piers, sea defences breakwaters and missing beacon discussed. A report from a marine architect (URS) who has inspected the damage is awaited
  
- BW requested that responsibilities handed over by the Chair to Vice Chair should not be taken back without prior notification to his or her deputy be minuted
  
- BW requested that 24 hrs. notice by the Chairman to the Vice Chair would be appreciated unless in the case of emergency or sudden illness when a phone call would be appreciated could be minuted
  
- State of Map of Pittenweem to be placed on next meeting's Agenda
- Deirdre Munro the warden for the Coastal path to attend next month's meeting
- BW reiterated that an enforcement officer from Environmental Services would be in the Library from 2PM – 4PM to speak to concerned residents about irresponsible dog owners and action that could be taken.

### **Close of meeting**

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm. The date of the next meeting was set for 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

K Horsburgh  
Secretary