



The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council

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

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Minutes of meeting held on 14th July in Pittenweem New Town Hall

Opening of Meeting :

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

Present:

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

Fife Council: Cllr D Macgregor

Members of the public: None

Apologies: W Hughes, Cllr E Riches, Cllr J Docherty and B Whittome

Approval of previous Minutes:

Proposed: M Wardlaw

Seconded: J Taylor

Police Scotland

Sgt Jim Anderson joined our meeting and updated us as follows:

- Assured us that adequate policing would be in place during the Arts Festival and would be staffed by 'local officers'.
- Street maps with parking restrictions will be placed on notice board by BW, web site by DS and made available to local police for briefing by Sgt JA. Philip Mould of the Arts Festival will liaise with BW.
- Sgt JA consulted us on the possibility of piloting 'stop and search' as a preventative policing method and took varied feedback which swayed towards the negative. In this regard, Sgt JA is to advise on whether any names would be held thereafter on any database and keep us advised during this consultation.
- There have been 11 crimes reported, 7 of which have been detected, 2 of which were drugs related and another 2 for minor assaults.
- Following some spot speed checks (with mobile speed guns) there has been an increase in fixed penalties issued for speeding through Pittenweem.
- KB brought up a request that the Police should look to attend the Arts Festival liaison meetings as recently they have been giving their apologies for non-attendance.
- MW advised all present, including Sgt JA, that her garage was subject to an attempted break-in.

Before leaving to attend Anstruther's Community Council Meeting and in response to MW's attempted break-in, Sgt JA advised that if anybody wished to report any crime, especially one that might be in progress, they should

dial 999 immediately for Police Assistance

Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions:

- KH advised that he has clarified the ownership of the piece of land at the corner of Milton Road and Milton Place remains owned by the developer, J G Builders (Auchertermuchty) Ltd. As such, it's their responsibility for the upkeep of the ground but it's being maintained by Fife Council at present.
- Repair work at the Slipway, Westshore remains outstanding.
- Maintenance to clear blocked gulleys remains outstanding. KH to chase Fife Council.
- KB confirmed that Pittenweem Community Council own the intellectual property rights of the Burgh Crest and as such agree to allow the Youth Football Team usage of it. KH to write to confirm this. For clarification, it was advised that others who have the rights to use the Burgh Crest are The Rowing Club and Pittenweem Rovers FC.
- Pittenweem Community Church do not have authority to use their Biomass Heating System with the flu in its current location. KH to write to Fife Council to request its disconnection until it's relocated to ensure any unauthorised usage and protect neighbouring property owner's health.
- Complaints have been received about excessive noise from late night events at the PCC. Sgt Jim Anderson requested that any future instances of this be reported immediately to the Police.
- We discussed issues about providing fencing at the play park adjacent to the Primary School. KH asked if anybody knew who initiated the petition and provided the forms as he wished to communicate with them to keep them advised but nobody knew. KH to request £10k from Fiona Mitchel (Locality Budget)
- Fly Tipping at Bowling Club remains unresolved. We are taking no action on this.
- The request to replace various signs remains outstanding. Cllr DM reassured us its only budgetary timing that's holding up their replacement.
- Funding from the new play park equipment has been deferred as they are asking for further information. Disappointingly, some of the information they request has already been submitted. KH to liaise with DS and resubmit request.

Councillors' report:

Cllr D M advised:

- He is attending a meeting on Broadband usage next week in Cupar and will report back to us.
- July is a non-meeting month for Fife Council.
- The next planning Meeting is 13/8.

Planning Issues:

JT advised:

- Nothing of any concerns or consequence from the Weekly Crystal Server Report
- The Wind Turbine request at the Recycling Depot was discussed. It seems that the power generated is only sufficient to supply the needs of the Recycling Depot. The size of the structure will be smaller than the one at Spalefield and have a max height of 55 Meters. DS will keep us advised.
- KH to chase on the preferred models of sockets for power sockets for the High Street with Kirsten Morsley of Fife Council.

Treasurer's report:

DS advised:

- Main account - £5,782.87
- DS advised that only the main Bank Account has been transferred to RBS. The Fund Raising Account remains to be transferred. DS to arrange this outstanding transfer.

East Neuk and Landward Community Council Liaison Group:

DS had nothing to advise apart from being voted to take up the position as Deputy Chairman.

Secretary's report:

KH advised:

- Cleaning of the War Memorial remains outstanding. KH to chase J Y Thomson's on cleaning the sandstone and Robin Bremner on repairing the plinth pillars round the base of the memorial.
- Maintenance of the fences, benches etc has been part undertaken by the Community Payback people. KH to get an update for the next meeting.
- KH reported vandalism to the fences (wire and wood) at West Braes and Coastal Path leading over the Pan Braes. He has already reported to Fife Council to get repaired.
- KH advised those present of some email activity by BW that's giving concern and includes failure to adhere to agreed policy, acknowledging to everybody every single email that's being circulated and inaccuracies in who emails are being sent to. JKQ said he would speak with BW.
- KH to invite Robin Bremner as Chairman of Pittenweem Community Trust (PICT) to our August Meeting.
- KH to invite Fiona Sword of Include Me (support for vulnerable adults) to our October Meeting.

Common Good Fund:

KH advised

- Pittenweem in Bloom have requested funding of £1712.33 for External Floral Displays as advised to me by Fife Council. Other than that, there has been no communication from Pittenweem in Bloom. The outcome is unknown. All three Local Councillors supported and cc'd KH in on their emails.
- The Annual Accounts are awaited.

Pittenweem Community Fund Raising

MW updated as follows:

- Current funds stand at £2785.44
- July car boot sale was cancelled due to lack of support and disappointment has been expressed.
- August Farmer market is proving to be popular and a good turn out on Saturday 16th is hoped for.

AOCB:

- The date of the next meeting was discussed as it is the norm to take a month's break for holidays around this time. In line with the previous year it was agreed that September will be a non-meeting month.
- JT advised that following road repairs at Marygate that there is unevenness causing lying water. Cllr DM to report to Fife Council.
- KH to ask the East Fife Mail to run an 'Open Letter' under the district news, advising that we are looking to fill three vacancies for Community Councillors.
- KB advised that following medical advice, he is scaling back his activities and consequently he tendered his resignation at the end of the meeting. In doing so, he summarised his term of office and gave examples of some of the challenges he faced that have been contributory factors to his decision.

All those present extended their best wishes and thanks to Ken for all his efforts and leadership during his term of office as Chairman and previously as a serving Community Councillor.

Close of meeting:

In the absence of any other competent business, the meeting was closed at 9.15 PM.

The date of the next meeting was set for 11th August 2014.

K Horsburgh
Secretary