



## The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council

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### **Minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Pittenweem Town Hall**

#### **Opening of Meeting**

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

#### **Present**

**Community Council:** K. Brereton, B. Whittome, H. MacGregor, J. Taylor, J.K. Querido, M. Wardlaw

**Fife Council:** Cllr D. MacGregor

**Members of the public:** Nine

**Apologies:** K. Horsburgh, D. Stutchfield, J. Docherty

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Proposed:** J. Taylor    **Seconded:** J.K. Querido

#### **Guests**

Dog Warden Andrew Jones sent his apologies.

Murray Scott, Fife Council, Transportation and Environmental Services

#### **Nomination of New Member**

William (Billy) Hughes was proposed by KB and seconded by HMac.

JKQ and BW said they should have been notified regarding this nomination, also JT said he had never been notified. As JKQ and BW did not know this person or anything about him, it was proposed to move the discussion to AOCB on the agenda. The chairperson proposed to give JKQ the option of asking Billy Hughes a few questions so that BH could give an account of who he was and what his interests were within the burgh and what he would like to see happening as a priority. BH reply: concern with the amount of houses being sold of for holiday homes, road conditions, general conditions throughout Pittenweem. As Head of P.E. at Waid Academy, he is interested in sports and events held and sat on various committees in Pittenweem. The nomination was voted on and BH was subsequently invited to join the committee by a majority vote of 4 plus a proxy vote from KH with JKQ and BW abstaining.

## **Murray Scott**

MS came along to show slides and talk about what was happening with the Pittenweem Harbour Breakwater. Copies of the summary and pictures were handed out to both the committee and the public so they could follow it through with MS

He explained about the construction approx. 20 years ago and how over the years the bad weather in particular in the last two years had seriously damaged the main pier causing the large concrete blocks to move resulting in the cracks appearing.

Specialist consultants have been examining the site and are almost finished with their report. The next step is to put the repairs out to tender. The total costs could reach the two million pounds mark, this would include further tests on other parts of the pier to check out for any flaws so they could be repaired at the same time.

Questions were asked about the costs but we were re-assured that funding was there for this project. He was unable to give an exact time for starting this project at present and said it was doubtful that it would be started this year however some repairs would need to be done as soon as possible to make it secure and safe. Before any work was started a meeting would be called for all users of the harbour to discuss operating plans. Re-opening of the old pier would be necessary and it would need some money spent on it to safe-guard users of the pier and the general public, this would be discussed at his next meeting and he would report back to the C.C. A full report from MS on this evenings meeting would be sent through to the C.C.

### **Matters Arising:**

\*Light at bottom of Cove Wynd repaired.

\*Ground repaired at old telephone box in Market Square.

\*Funding for lights in Square KB now has estimates from FM £3000 approx, money could be made available from Locality Fund, Clir DM has a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June, money could also be made available from C.G.F. and P.F.R

### **Councillor's report**

\*Cllr DM advised that Cllr ER and himself had spoken to the farmers and the council about the rural collection of bins and they have come to a reasonable agreement.

\*Closure of Toilets has been put on hold for further discussions, no closure imminent.

### **Pittenweem Arts Festival Liason Group**

At the latest traffic meeting everyone was happy with outcome. Parking in Charles Street would have no restrictions on the Ceilidh nights.

## **Planning issues**

Nothing to report.

## **Treasurer's report**

\*Current funds £831

## **Secretary's Report**

Secretary's updates were circulated earlier due to holidays.

## **Pittenweem Community Fund Raising Committee**

MW reported that Christine McCallam and herself had visited The Headmistress at Primary school to discuss what could be done if some money was donated to them from the funds. No amounts were discussed with her but £250 plus book tokens for prizes were discussed at C.C. meeting, also a meeting had taken place with Mr Bryson and Mr Tarvit from Pittenweem Junior football Teams, again no amount was discussed but they would welcome a donation and possibly a shield for best player. A lively discussion followed during which JKQ sought assurances from MW that the PCCFR would not start leading a 'Life of its Own' and would always seek approval for their proposed expenditure from the C.C. as previously agreed. The need for matching funding in some cases was also discussed. Senior Rovers have applied for sponsorship to the tune of £35 for one of their games next year, this has been agreed. All three items went to a show of hands and all three were approved unanimously. A presentation agenda will be created with an invitation to the press. At present our fund sits at £1405-11p. We still do not have a bank account and this is one way of reducing cash in hand.

JKQ would like to see some of the money going to replace items for the play park at West Braes, ClirDM is going to speak to someone at the council and see what funding was available for this.

## **Pittenweem in Bloom**

HC handed in a statement of accounts but did not stay.

## **AOCB**

\*BW commented on nothing being printed by E.F.Mail on minutes and MW reported the same problems with updates of events.

\*KB Lighting will be changed throughout Pittenweem some time before the end of the year.

\*KB 3 benches down the shore are in poor repair and 1 has been damaged by a lorry, these need to be repaired before judging for Beautiful Fife starts.

\*BW received an e-mail regarding a bench being donated by someone in memory of his parents no other information given. There is a new bench down the shore but no one knows where it came from.

\*BW/JKQ All relevant community council e-mails must be circulated to all members at all times.

\*MW mentioned that when Christine McCallum asked Jean Duncan from the Coach House Gallery for a raffle prize for the next film show she was asked what the funds would be used for. Christine explained that a donation would be going to the school and the junior football team. JD refused to give anything saying they gave the school £1000 and football club £500 per year out of festival funds. When we met up with Head Teacher and Football Committee to discuss our donation we asked them about monies from the arts festival and they both said they had never received any monies from arts festival. JKQ explained that the arts festival donation was made to Fife council and it was up to the school and football club to ask for this money if Fife council did not give them the benefit of this extra income. This started a debate with various members stating that the " donations mentioned " were in fact commercial transactions for the use of the properties, especially the school which is hired complete with janitor for two weeks, and let out to exhibitors by the festival committee. It was agreed that enquires should be made to clarify what has happened to these donations. It should be noted we were asking for a raffle prize from J.D. not the arts festival. We have had raffle prizes donated from most of the local businesses now for our events.

\*C.C.C.Church member on the public gallery asked why we were putting obstacles and delays in opening of this building, he was praising the whole set-up and thought we were being very unfair in not allowing them what they wanted. KB tried to explain about the common good fund and how that would affect the value of the land and advised the person to speak to AW. MW asked why they were being allowed to use this building when building was still in progress, CCCM said they were starting to decorate ready for use. An exchange of opinions took place discussing whether the timing for this was appropriate as the building had not received the final certificate for public use.

\*BW mentioned the defibrillator was used for first time a week past Sunday. MW stated that people were still apprehensive to use the machine and that its location and use was still not clear. More information is required for this and JKQ is going to look for info on the internet for signage and try and get more sessions for the public organised.

\*BH complained about the amount of motor homes that have been parking down the shore, this has already been discussed and we were told nothing could be done about it.

\*KB reported the turning point sign down West shore had been knocked down and asked Clir DM if he could see about getting it replaced.

\*JKQ announced open gardens on 30<sup>th</sup> June, he had acquired the licence to use West Braes as a car park for one day. 60% of proceeds go to Scotland's Garden Scheme (who have earmarked 4 charities) and 40% to local fundraisers. Pittenweem in Bloom and Trellis will each get 20% of the total Collected.

### **Close of Meeting**

The meeting was closed at 9pm. The date of the next meeting was set for 8<sup>th</sup> July.