



## The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council

Chair: K. Horsburgh, Vice Chair: W. Hughes, Secretary: J. Taylor,

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### **Minutes of meeting held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 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. Horsburgh, W. Hughes, J. Taylor, M. Wardlaw, B. Ortmann, C. McCallum, H. Coggle,

Fife Council: Cllr D. Macgregor

Guests: Philip Mould (Pittenweem Arts Festival)

Members of the public: None

Apologies: Cllr Ritches, A. Innes, J. Bowman, Cllr J. Docherty

#### **Approval of previous minutes:**

**Proposed:** B. Ortmann      **Seconded:** C. McCallum

**KH** opened the meeting by giving an explanation for apologies, he then invited Philip Mould from the Arts Festival to give an update on the Festival arrangements.

This is the 33<sup>rd</sup> year of the Arts Festival and Philip's 4<sup>th</sup> year of involvement. He is employed by the Arts Festival to look after the infrastructure e.g. traffic/parking/litter etc. The estimated number of visitors is about 25,000 and new problems arise every year that have to be dealt with. Traffic is the biggest problem, the **C.C.** have put forward their concerns as has the police and other bodies given that there are major repairs going on at the harbour and these will be on-going throughout the festival period. Restrictions will be in force as usual and householders are advised to collect their parking tickets from the festival office. There will be some police presence and also traffic wardens will be in force. There will be traffic management teams employed by the festival for manning certain areas so hopefully there will be no problems this year. The residents in Pittenweem will be made very welcome to our September meeting to discuss any problems they may encounter this year and we will welcome all comments put forward, hopefully Philip will be able to attend this meeting to hear first hand both helpful and constructive comments for the future. Bin problems from last year were at the car park and west shore. Contingency plans are still quite vague so hopefully the weather will be at least dry. Talks about using parking in Anstruther and using the shuttle bus and also Mr Whiteford has agreed to provide a tractor if necessary. A meeting will be held at the Arts Festival office on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10am to discuss in more detail the arrangements. Philip has been invited to attend our next meeting in July.

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### MATTERS ARISING:

**Scottish Water:** KH has discussed with councillors to bring in if necessary Willie Rennie and Rod Campbell to see if they can help to get a positive solution agreed to sort out the problems that have arisen over the past years for residents and the public especially down in the area of East, Mid and West Shore with raw sewage. WH vice chair who also resides in this area attended a meeting along with some residents from West Shore on 28<sup>th</sup> May related to this matter. WH handed out a copy of notes from this recent meeting held with SW and residents from West Shore. SW has said that it will take to March 2018 to finish repairs. Vast majority of sewage is lying at the side of the harbour wall. House no. 6-14 West Shore gets backing up in houses. The problem is that the bulk of water/sewage in Pittenweem ends up going down West Wynd then pumped to Pathhead, the only stuff that doesn't end up there is from the wynds to the East shore. Pictures handed round showed sewage in bulk lying round the harbour walls and sewage coming up through the drains. WH handed out maps outlining the proposal, majority of water goes down WW hoping SW would do something about it –majority of water down WW redivert system put pump in Blacks fish shed but SW said it was not possible SW rather than change the system, come down WW take diversion through Stillpark further away, comes out mid shore, they will construct storage tank and pumping station there then it will be pumped all the way along and up to Pathhead, taking problem from West Shore and putting it to Mid Shore along back of house on rock and put it out in a pipe on West Shore, only shifting the problem. In bad weather the problem is still going to be there. Load pipes from West Shore to Mid Shore as shown on map. Pumping stations holding tanks cannot hold the quantity of sewage that is there, therefore if they can't cope it means the tanks overflow, which results on discharge going untreated. Lack of investment by SW over the years to cope with the extra housing that has taken place. This problem is hitting a tourist area and that should be taken away, St Monans also affected. Sewage and surface water all go into the same drains and overload them. Need a proper solution to the problem not just shifting the problem from one area to another other. KH asked if there was anything the CC could do, whatever solution they come up with they should look at dividing up the outlets. SW having another public meeting for everyone since it does affect all current and future properties, some of the pipes in use are over 100 years old. Scottish Water needs to publicise the next meeting so that everyone is made aware of the issues Pittenweem is facing.

**POLICE:** nothing to report.

**ROAD REPAIRS:** nothing has come back from complaints made about the standard of the repairs. CM asked about road repairs being allocated for Charles Street, nothing on agenda for Charles St. The order for repair, KH had actually spoken to roads dept, he was told 200 metres of small repairs were allocated, after West Braes they were going to do Queen Elizabeth then Sandycraig Road.

**HIGH STREET ELECTRICS:** Mr and Mrs Govan have refused to allow the bollard to be changed to allow the electric installation. This is a result of wrong information given to them so MW is going to speak to them.

**BREAKWATER:** Bits and pieces done, work has started and hopefully it will be completed without too much inconvenience to users of the harbour. It is supposed to take 6 months to complete.

**LDP-PITTOOL MAW DUBBS/NINIAN FIELDS:** housing situation, it was asked for this site to be added to LDP list back in November when the area was discussed and PCC and the Local Elected Members wished for the site to be recommended for housing. it had not been done so Cllr Macgregor has asked again for it to be added and it has been noted and is now under discussion, will keep everyone updated on outcome.

**LOOSE SIGN SESSION STREET:** has been repaired, needed a special key to tighten it up.

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**TOILET BLOCK/PAY BACK:** Paintwork completed so far, down pipes done and most of the fencing done. **Cllr McGregor** has been chasing Robbie Blyth regarding repairs to the toilet block. **KH** thanked **BO** for all the work he has put in ordering and distributing the paint for the pay back boys. Paint costs to date are £1300.

**BENCHES:** Moir Gibson has promised to have the benches restored and returned as soon as possible. **JT** to keep an eye on this and chase up again if necessary. Donation of bench, agreed to site it on the old site where there used to be a bench and it has been cleared by Fife Council.

**WHITE LINES DOWN SHORE; Cllr McGregor** reported that the refreshment of white lines for the parking bays and adjacent double yellow lines will be done and it was noted that other lines that need to be done will be sorted. **WH** said that the parking space sizes need to be made larger but it was pointed out that the size had been checked and the normal size of a bay is 2.3 – 2.4m. which is standard width for parking bays. Letter had been sent to Mr Allan regarding his complaint and the outcome.

**EAST NEUK AND LANDWARD:** notes from recent meeting: welfare support seems to be working well, funding for upgrading broadband and job positions for project managers would be coming up. Update on First Responders, still very active and looking for new support. Tracy Elder discussed problems regarding dog fouling to coping with the influx of holiday visitors and parking. Forming an East Neuk National Park Concept was also raised at this meeting.

**DEFIBRILLATORS; DS** e-mailed a copy of 2 designs of the sign to be placed beside the fitted defibs and we have been asked to check with the owners of the property that have defibs. fitted as to which they would prefer to see on their building. **MW** has agreed to speak to the owners of the Chemist and Lounge About and report back to Gillian Duncan.

**PLANNING:** Planning Notifications since 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**14/03603/FULL**, 14/03609/LBC Mr Alan Waugh, 4 Mid Shore, application withdrawn.

**12/03969/FULL**, Dr Julian Davis, 3 James Street,

Installation of French doors and replacement windows: work completed 22/5/2015.

**14/03752/FULL**, Miss Rebecca Stewart, 22 Milton Place;

Formation of vehicular access/Work commenced 22/5/2015

Being considered in May:

Update on:

**15/00664/PPP** Wed 25/2/2015/ Mr Lee Johnstone, 15 Milton Road: Planning permission is in principle for: Erection of dwelling house with associated access, garage and parking, Delegated Decision Conditions applied:

Contaminated Land Team – history shows site might have problems.

Scottish Water: The development is of a size that will not normally require restriction of storm water forward flow or a Sustainable Drainage System.

Update on:

**15/00555/FULL** Ground Floor, 41 High Street: Change of use from shop (Class 1) to Café (Class 3) incorporating outdoor seating area: amended plans re-toilet and store submitted.

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New in the month:

**15/01378/FULL** 26/5/2015 Mr Ken Fraser, 38 High Street: Porch extension to front of dwelling house and installation of window: Delegated Decision: Fiona Kirk.

**15/01926/FULL** 05/06/2015: Mr & Mrs S. Harvey: Upper Floor, 63 Abbeywall Road: Installation of replacement windows: Delegated Decision: Fiona Kirk.

**15/01549/LBC** 05/06/2015: Mr Craig Johnstone: 8 Kirkgate: Listed building consent for single storey extension to rear of dwelling house: Delegated Decision: Fiona Kirk.

**BUILDING CONTROL; JT** said that **Cllr Docherty** had been in touch with him and a Kevin McArthur would be coming to speak to the committee

**NEW TOWN HALL COMM.;** **MW** has now been elected chairperson. The New Town Hall Trust Fund, the committee are still trying to get the release of approx. £5000 which has been left in bequests to go to providing assistance or help within Pittenweem.

**COMMON GOOD FUND; KH** would like to thank **Cllr Docherty** for setting up the meeting with M. McArdle who was very helpful with his technical input. 2 updates, the repair to the 'church bell' and the sea wall at the 'little roadie'. **KH** and **BO** attended this meeting with M. McArdle. The damage to the 'little roadie' has been caused by removal of a ditch and the blocked pipes and wall that was badly built. It was agreed that M. McArdle would speak to the engineers and see about getting the ditch reinstated, sort the pipes, repair the damages coping stones, point the cracks between the large stones and get the area given a general tidy up. The 'church bell', it is thought this has been damaged by the people using the building. He is going to see about getting the pulley repaired. The bell was made in Sweden and is over 450 hundred years old.

It was suggested that **JT** contacted Andrew Ferguson regarding the usage By Leanard Low of the tower, he has the lease of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the tower but this also gives him access to take people to the top of the tower. It was also noted that the 'You Tube film should be attached to the e-mail. Fife Council are supposed to be doing a check on all towers in Fife regarding safety regulations.

**NOTICE BOARDS;** these are still waiting to be installed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT;** No statement to hand - £6799-28 at the end of last month, £5,000 of that is in hand for playpark revamp and £21-71 in p/c. There is still some paint to buy etc. **CC** and **CCFRC** bank accounts both fully set up and now in use.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT;** **JT** checked that it was alright to screen out e-mails and only forward relevant ones to committee members. **MW** nothing to report.

**PITTENWEEM IN BLOOM;** A recent coffee morning raised £500+. They have received several donations of money from members of the community which is much appreciated. Baskets are ready to go up and just waiting on the people to do that for us. Things are looking quite healthy. The judging will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> July, hoping for Gold this year.

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO TOLBOOTH/STEEPLE;** an email has been sent to the web-site regarding public use of this building. The person was very concerned with safety issues both on the state of the

building, electrical issues, public insurance and how these tours are conducted. The **CC** have taken on board these comments and are in discussion with **FC**.

**BINS**; it has been noted that the bins being left out near Larachmohr has now been shifted further up. Bins have also been noted left out in Calman's Wynd and Bruce's Wynd, They could have been

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from holiday homes, **Cllr McGregor** will ask **FC** if letters could be sent to householders in these areas.

**PARKING IN MARKET SQUARE**; this is still under discussion, 2 different departments from Fife Council are involved and seem to have different views as to what is required for disabled parking and where the parking space should be placed.

**GARDEN SCHEME**; nothing to update.

**PICT**; they are holding a Craft Fair on 11<sup>th</sup> July in New Town Hall.

**CREST AND ROAD SIGNS**; no one from **FC** has got back to us on this matter, it appears that if we want new signs on the entries into Pittenweem we will have to provide them ourselves.

**PITTENWEEM MEMORIAL**: still in the very early stages of setting up but will update monthly.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE**; we are looking at setting up our own web site but nothing organised as yet.

**PITTENWEEM ROVERS AMATEUR FOOTBALL TEAM**; they are to be congratulated on becoming the top amateur football team in Fife. They recently won the Fife premier league, Fife Cup and others just failing to get a clean sweep, but well done to all who were involved. **MW** has been asked to send a letter of congratulations to the club.

**Time finished: 9-15pm.**

**Next meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July (no meeting in August)**

#### Abbreviations:

**KH**-Ken Horsburgh, **JT**- Jim Taylor, **BO**- Brian Ortmann, **AI**- Alan Innes, **CM**-Christine McCallum, **HC**- Helen Coggle, **WH**- Billy Hughes, **JB**-John Bowman, **FC**-Fife Council, **CC**- Community Council, **CCFR**- Community Council Fund Raising Committee. **PIB**- Pittenweem in Bloom, **MW**- Margaret Wardlaw, **SW**- Scottish Water.

