



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 11th March 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, I Wilson

Fife Council: Cllr D Macgregor, Cllr J Docherty

Guests: Deirdrie Munro, Andrew Jones

Members of the public: One

Apologies: Cllr Riches, Cllr J Docherty

Approval of Minutes

Proposed: K Brereton **Seconded:** D Stutchfield

Guest Speakers

The Vice Chair welcomed Deirdre Munro, Ranger for the Coastal Countryside Trust with responsibilities for the Coastal Path from Dysart through to Kingsbarns. Deirdre advised the following:

- Condition of Coastal path in a bad way due to water logging. There has been no drying out from inclement weather and the ground is holding water.
- Coastal Path is actually a victim of its own success with heavy usage by walkers and its open 'all year round'.
- Deirdre to send KH copy of proposals to repair Path due to erosion on the shore line in front of Pathhead Nurseries.
- The upper path going west from Pittenweem does not form part of the Coastal path and is the responsibility of the landowners for its upkeep.
- Concerns have been raised about Path erosion at the east end of the town leading to 'Billowness'. Deirdre to keep us advised as meetings progress.
- The path remains protected for its natural landscape.
- Consideration to be given to 'selective planting' of 'appropriate trees/shrubs'. DS to get suggestions and expand thoughts

Andrew Jones, the Enforcement Officer for dog fouling attended as a follow up to his earlier session at Pittenweem Library and was welcomed by the Vice Chair. Andrew reiterated his concerns about fouling at different areas, normally out of sight of houses. Various bins have been installed to aid prevention.

The number to report Dog Fouling remains 08451 550022

The Vice Chair thanked both Deirdre and Andrew for their attendance and advising on the foregoing.

Matters Arising

- KH to email Councillors giving them the opportunity to sit on a 'blue plaque committee'.
- Blocked gulleys in wynds still not cleared. KH to chase Cllr JD who took this action and request a full review of all gulleys be requested.
- Cllr DM advised that as pigeons are 'protected' there is little that can be done to remove them from their nesting sites within the harbour wall.
- Decision taken to turn down opportunity of taking over the 'running' of the FMA Notice Board Window.
- A Grit Bin for Waggon Road remains unresolved. Cllr JD to chase again.
- Faulty light remains at bottom of Cove Wynd. c/f to next meeting for update.
- Report awaited from Marine Architects on 'pier damage'.
- Town Map is in KB's garage, drying out and meantime has been replaced by a temporary A2 MAP.
- KH to liaise with Cllr DM on Common Good Fund feedback of errors in report.
- Pittenweem website domain is making progress. This will be - www.aboutpittenweem.org.uk
- Permanent repair work following the removal of the 'pay phone' in Market place has not been undertaken within indicated timescales. KH to chase again.
- Feedback on damage to 'Middle Road' awaited.
- Looking to refurbish rather than replace the town notice boards. Still looking for funding support for this and electricity point in Market Place.
- Fund Raising Committee to investigate having their own notice boards

Pittenweem Arts Festival Liaison Group

- Due to concerns raised about Marquee at the harbour being up too long, as this effects daily working at the harbour area, this will be reduced this year.
- Concerns raised about displacement parking requirements for householders where temporary no parking arrangements will be in place where they normally park their vehicles. Is there a specific area for displaced vehicles etc.
- Concerns about overnight parking of campervans at West Braes blaze car park
- Plans are still avoid using field at West Braes for any sort of parking during the festival
- KH to write to Arts Festival asking for feedback on concerns for overnight parking at West Braes and displacement parking arrangements.

Councillors' report

Nothing separate to advise but Cllr DM contributed throughout the meeting with relevant input.

Planning Issues

No adverse comments made on plans submitted for:

- 1) Erection of Domestic garage at 15 Milton Road
- 2) Single Storey Extension at Kirkclatch Cottage
- 3) Provision of vehicle access, turning area and access at 2 Kirkclatch Court

Treasurer's report

- Current funds: £951.70
- Annual Accounts for 2012 will be published on website
- Separate Bank Account to be opened up for Fund Raising Activities.

Secretary's report

- Agenda agreed for Coastal Church Meeting planned for 16/04/2013 with key stake holders. Attendees for Community Council to be any two from KH, KB and JT.
- Advised on issues with concerns over local Primary School closure. Cllr DM fully aware. KH and Cllr DM to keep Community Council advised as and when required.
- West Shore Waste Pipe repairs are scheduled to commence w/c 18/03/2013 and jetting w/c 01/04/2013

Pittenweem Community Fund Raising Committee

- Reported sell out and healthy public support for Film Night the previous Saturday night.
buy tickets early for next film night on 11th May, Marigold with trailer High Road
- The 'car boot sale' on 23/02/2013 also reported all stalls taken up and health community support
- Bookings being taken for exhibitors for full calendar of events up to the end of the year.

Everybody commended the efforts of the Fund raising Committee

AOCB

- Concerns raised about 'fly tipping' at North Waggon Road.
- KH asked to speak with chairman to clarify his intentions about continuing in the position as chairman of the Community Council going forward.
- Various discussions ensued about the 'Town Maps' and the meeting adjourned to the outside store to view the one that's being kept in storage.

Close of meeting

The meeting was closed at 9.30pm. The date of the next meeting was set for 8th April 2013.

K Horsburgh
Secretary