



The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council

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

Website: www.aboutpittenweem.org.uk

Minutes of meeting held on 13th May 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, K Horsburgh, D Stutchfield, H MacGregor,
M Wardlaw, J Taylor, JK Querido

Fife Council: Cllr D Macgregor

Members of the public: Three

Apologies: Cllr Riches, Cllr J Docherty

Approval of Minutes

Proposed: J Taylor **Seconded:** D Stutchfield

Guests

KB welcomed Helen Coggle, Heather Cunningham and Neil Murray from Pittenweem in Bloom and invited them to share their plans and thoughts with us for 2013 which are summarised as follows:

- Beautiful Fife Judging Report showed Pittenweem received 131 points out of a possible 200 last year. DS to post the report on the new website.
- Concerns re issues out with their control, e.g. vacant premises and derelict properties. Ian Barbour from Fife Council to go over the points that dragged them down.
- £2900.00 was spent last year, £838.00 of which was on hanging baskets
- KB asked how they were off for funds and we understand the bank balance is circa £500.00
- Grant monies have still to be applied for.
- No budgets have been done yet for 2013
- JKQ advised that Pittenweem in Bloom will benefit for 50% of 'takings' from Pittenweem Open Garden initiative this year, possibly in the region of £250.00
- BW suggested approaching Fife Council for 'bedding plants' at no cost
- It was suggested that if Pittenweem in Bloom wanted to advertise for support etc, they could use the notice boards in Market Place

In conclusion, KB thanked Pittenweem in Bloom for their attendance and advices.

Matters Arising

- Cllr JD advised through KH that Blocked Gulleys in Cove Wynd are scheduled to be cleared.
- Light at bottom of Cove Wynd still on 24/7 and damaged light at Calmans Wynd still not repaired. KH to email the appropriate person in Fife Council.
- Grit Bin for Waggon Road still outstanding. KH to email Fife Council.
- Cllr DM to get a copy of Marine Architects report of damaged to breakwater from Moir Gibson.
- Cllr DM still awaiting feedback from Andrew Ferguson on Common Good Fund issues.
- KH to chase up outstanding repair work following removal of telephone box in Market Place.
- KB received quote of £280.00 from M Adamson to refurbish the notice boards. This was approved by all following the proposal by JKQ and a claim will be submitted to Fife Council's Locality Budget.
- Fund raising Committee still pursuing having their own Notice Boards.
- KH followed up the closure of the top path at West Braes. Fife Council advised that as they had received a formal complaint about the dangerous state of the path they had to close it. They have no budget to repair it as its going on improvements to the bottom path. They confirmed that there is no migration of a right of way, in this instance, into the field to the north of the path.
- Cllr JD advised through KH that he had reported the pot holes at the entrance into University Ter/Ave, but the Council advised they aren't bad enough to warrant intervention.
- KB actioned the printing of the map for the notice board.
- Waste bin for 'half mile' remains outstanding and is c/f to the next meeting.
- KB to chase up the repairs to the 'first Coronation Bench'.
- DS updated everybody on the East Neuk Forum. Discussion points were around disaster planning and recovery and the need to get a better broadband service for the East Neuk. As such DS again reiterated the need for businesses to complete the survey for which there have been circa 200 respondents so far.

Pittenweem Arts Festival Liaison Group

- KB and BW attended the last Pittenweem Arts Festival Meeting on 9th May.
- Resident's parking arrangements were reviewed for 'the Festival' where its been advised that those cars being displaced in Charles Street will be allocated space in the Primary School playground.
- There will be a Family Ceilidh on the night of Sat 3rd Aug in the Fish Market, 18.30hrs – 21.30hrs.
- There will be a normal Ceilidh on the night of Sat 10th Aug in the Fish Market, 19.00hrs – 23.30hrs.
- It was advised that the Larachmhor Tavern would be providing the 'bar services' and that no alcohol will be allowed to be consumed outside or served at tables outside the fish market.
- There is to be an additional 'traffic meeting' to finalise plans for this year's Festival.

Councillors' report

- Cllr DM advised that the 'Schools Estate's' has recommended to close three Primary Schools. These are New Gilston, Dunino and Rathillet. Pittenweem is to remain open and the message relayed that is there will be no more Primary School closures during the term or the current 'Administration'.
- Cllr DM advised that letters from 'Environmental Health' have been issued regarding rural bin collections. Circa 500 Appeals have been lodged and Cllr DM is tabling a number of questions on the subject at a meeting this Thursday, such as if there are so many Appeals, why change?
- Cllr DM advised that they hadn't been consulted on the proposed closure of Public Toilets. There is now agreement to go to consultation and then go before the Area Committee.

Planning Issues

- JT advised acknowledgement was received from 'Planning' that the application heading for 2 South Loan should have been 'retrospective' and that it was actually mentioned in the report.
- JT also advised there were no new planning applications posted since last month's meeting.

Treasurer's report

- Current funds: £831.79
- Following experience of poor service, David Stutchfield, Treasurer, proposed moving the Community Council's Bank Accounts to the Co-op Bank where day to day banking could be undertaken locally at Pittenweem Post Office. This proposal was unanimously approved.

Secretary's report

Apart from various updates made on 'matters arising', nothing more to report.

Pittenweem Community Fund Raising Committee

- HM and MW advised that bookings by exhibitors/vendors for the program of events running up to the end of the year and into 2014 are looking very healthy.
- Net profit for Community Funds from the Food and Wine Tasting on Wed 8th May was £204.80.
- Net profit for Community Funds from the Film Night on Sat 11th May was £26.31.
- KH to check out any licencing requirements for hosting a 'bingo event'.
- Process clarified that any potential contribution or sponsorship from monies raised should be recommended by The Fund Raising Committee but must be ratified by the full Community Council.
- KH had circulated minutes from the Fund Raising Committee's last meeting which was 9th April.
- The next fund raising event is the **Indoor Car Boot Sale on Sat 25th May 09.00hrs – 13.00hrs**
- The next Fund Raising Committee Meeting is 25th June 2013.

AOCB

- KB to report deep holes in road at Lady Wynd and entrance to Seaview Row (exposed toby)
- JKQ suggested a welcome letter be sent to the newly opened Coast café in the High Street.
- It was decided that due to lack of support that there will be no 'beach clean initiative' this year. DS will consult with StAndrews University Students to see if this is something they might consider supporting next year.
- It was mentioned by HM that Pittenweem Nursery were looking for funding support to start up again. Nothing was agreed in that regard.
- Following on from the discussion on funding for Pittenweem Nursery and indeed recapping on Pittenweem in Bloom the whole issue of funding support and monetary contribution was discussed. It was broadly agreed that any group wishing funding should come along and present their case to the Community Council. JKQ received broad agreement that any such requests should be on a matched basis.
- BW confirmed she has asked the Dog Warden, Andrew Jones to attend the next meeting.

Close of meeting

The meeting was closed at 9.18pm. The date of the next meeting was set for 10th June 2013.

K Horsburgh, Secretary