

Minutes of meeting held Monday 11th December 2017 in Pittenweem New Town Hall

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Present:

Community Council: K. Horsburgh, M. Wardlaw, W. Hughes, J. Bowman, J. Taylor, B.Ortmann, C. McCallum.

Fife Council: Cllr. J. Docherty, Cllr. B. Porteous, Cllr. L. Holt.

Members of the public: none

Apologies: A. Innes, G. Tetlow.

Approval of last minutes:

Proposed: J. Taylor Seconded: M. Wardlaw

Matters Arising

Telecom. Mast. K.H. informed the Com. Council that planning application had been received in respect of the Telecom Mast which is to be sited behind the New Town Hall. A few of the council members raised concerns that this decision had not been properly raised in order for members of the public to give their thoughts on the matter and that it should have gone to a public meeting, Ken explained that if not enough objections were received by Fife Council then it would go to a delegated decision by Fiona Kirk.

L.H stated that no planning permission was required for work to the recent trench which had been excavated behind the hall, although, it would have been courteous if someone had approached the New Town Hall Committee to say that work was scheduled to take place.

J.D. suggested that C.C. could request an extension with a view to arranging a public consultation meeting and this should include the applicant.

K.H proposed and W.H. seconded.

JT to register the Community Council as a statutory consultee and request to get any decision delayed until the public have been consulted.

Traffic Survey:

This has been carried forward to next meeting.

Cycle Path:

L.H. gave a brief update and proposed that David Stutchfield be invited to a future meeting to discuss this further.

Abbeywall Road:

Concerns were again raised to the state of the cracks in the wall near the stone stairs, these appear to be worsening and with the recent adverse weather conditions it is felt that this can become dangerous if left untreated.

J.D. will feedback to F.C. our concerns.

K.H. again stated that the banking in this area is very unsightly and given the number of visitors to the Coastal Path who pass the area put forward the suggestion that F.C. could possibly arrange to have some flower beds laid.

Police Report: (provided by Gillian Tetlow)

There have been 4 crimes recorded in the period from 1st November. These include a road traffic matter, a theft of a vending machine from a local farm, and theft from the recycling centre.

There were only a handful of calls, these included the crimes mentioned above, also there were calls about traffic lights being out in Pittenweem, an unpaid bill at a local establishment, and also sadly a fatal road traffic collision.

There has been work done in regards to road safety at the school. Some of the children are now bikeability trained, and also have Junior Road Safety Officers. BOB has been up in the village, and there have been similar items purchased which will hopefully be up and running soon, these are pop up “bairns” and will be in the area soon to try to tackle poor driver behavior in our area.

Play Parks:

No recent update:

There appears to be very little left in the budget and as F.C. no longer build new play parks and only repair broken equipment and return same why have they not returned the two broken roundabouts to the appropriate parks in Pittenweem, these seemingly were taken away without proper consultation with C.C.

L.H. suggested that Alan Bissett be asked to attend our January 2018 meeting to discuss.

K.H. to action.

Church Tower:

Mike Mcardle_ to feedback to K.H. with progress on this matter.

There has been some scaffolding erected to prevent falling masonry and loose stones have been tied in to the existing stonework.

Road Resurfacing:

B.P._ spoke about the limited budget for work to resurface University Avenue which is included in what is being called a working document, It was felt that South Loan should be looked at due to the extent of the potholes and its continual repair to keep it functional as this is the main entrance to the High Street. L.H. suggested that the C.C. write to Kevin Smith with their concerns.

K.H. to action.

Treasurers Report:

Balance: £1,758.01

Planning:

Nothing

New Town Hall:

M.W. reported that the New Town Hall has had a telephone installed and that the new number is 01333 311880.

The tree lights were switched on last week and some damage has been done due to the weather, hopefully these will be repaired shortly.

There have been some problems with the heating system but this has been actioned.

Councilors Report:

B.P. gave some feedback on the success of the recent weekend event to take place at Bowhouse outside St. Monans, he felt that it had been very good for the area as it had brought a lot of visitors to the East Neuk.

J.D. has been asked to assist in the new Tourist Association St. Andrews project in conjunction with Visit Scotland to promote the East Neuk, this will include local Hotels, Bed & Breakfast establishments, etc. and will feature in East Neuk tourist information offices and be included on Facebook pages.

A.O.B.:

Discussion with regard to what contact details should be included for C.C. members, It was discussed and felt that individuals could decide if they wanted their e. mail address or telephone numbers to be included.

K.H. pointed out that as well as being on the notice board, the list is also on the Pittenweem Community website at

http://www.aboutpittenweem.org.uk/uploads/1/8/2/9/18297767/pcc_list_of_council_members_092012_2pdf.

Next meeting: Monday 8th January 2018

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm.