



**Chair: M. Wardlaw, Vice Chair: A. Butters, Treasurer: A. Butters:  
Contact Secretary: J. Taylor.**

**Committee: S. Wilkinson, L. Lauder, M. Butters, P. Mills, G. McClure.**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in Pittenweem New  
Town Hall**

**Opening of Meeting:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7pm, welcomed all present and asked that all mobiles and electronic devices be turned off. **LL** has sent her thanks to everyone for the plants.

**Present:**

**Community Council:** Margaret Wardlaw, Jim Taylor, Peter Mills, Anne Butters, Gary McClure, Susan Wilkinson and Jackie Johnson (Minutes).

**Fife Councillors:** Cllr Linda Holt, Cllr John Docherty and Cllr Bill Porteous.

**Apologies:** Linda Lauder, Martin Butters.

**Members of the public:** 2

**MW** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Proposed: S. Wilkinson    Seconded: G. McClure

A discussion took place regarding process of checking and agreeing final version of future minutes. It was **agreed** that **MW** and **JT** would do this for the July minutes but **JT** reminded us that after this he would be standing down as Secretary. **PM** said that the role of Secretary is very important and that the **PCC** needs someone to take this on who is able and willing to action decisions, write letters on the **CC's** behalf, etc.

**Councillors Reports**

**Cllr BP reported that:**

1. St Monan's CC has produced an Action Plan and Crail CC is preparing theirs, copies of brochures were handed round. This is something Pittenweem CC needs to do, as it is an important consultation with local communities regarding their

long-term priorities. **Cllr LH** said that the Plans give communities more power and influence and carry a lot of weight when applying for grants, or when planning applications are made to **FC**. **Cllr JD** agreed adding that we must ensure that all sections of the community are consulted. **Cllr LH** said it is not a job for the **PCC** as such but we have an important role in deciding how the consultation should be carried out. **Cllr BP** suggested that we look at other Action Plans for guidance. **SW** said she thought this was important but how much would consultants cost? **Cllr BP** said St Monans was about £5,000. **AB** said that in Crail questionnaires were sent out to the community.

**2. Cllr BP** said he wished to keep Cycle Path discussions off today's agenda out of respect to the family of a local man involved in a recent fatal cycling accident. **MW** said there were certain points that had to be discussed tonight, but **PCC** offered their condolences to the family.

#### **Cllr JD reported that:**

- 1.** He had attended an information session on how **FC** is doing regarding recycling, particularly plastics. **FC** signed up to Scotland's Recycling Charter in 2016 and is now in the top quarter of Scottish Councils in terms of recycling waste. In 2002 **FC's** recycling rate was 21% by 2017 it had risen to 55%. Help and advice for householders is available on 03451550022.
- 2.** A **Charging Point for electric vehicles** is to be installed at the **West Braes**.
- 3.** A third **Defibrillator** is to be sited at the **Fish Market**.

#### **Cllr LH reported that:**

She had no new subjects to raise but she would comment on points under matters arising as they came up.

#### **Matters Arising**

**St Andrews OOH's:** **PM** reported that there was a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> June at which it was confirmed that there will be a part-time OOH service at the St Andrews Community Hospital. This will be implemented towards the end of 2019, and will operate from 7-10pm on weekdays, and for 6 hours on Saturday and Sunday. (No weekend times have been agreed as yet.) Outside of those hours a doctor in a car, centred somewhere in Fife, might be able to get to patients at home or meet them at a community hospital. In addition, for those with no transport available, taxis can be arranged to take people to hospital in Kirkcaldy or St Andrews. There are serious concerns that medical and nursing staff will not wish to take up 3-hour shifts.

**SW** said staff had told her that this is a very unpopular shift pattern.

**Cllr LH** said that there is still scope to go public with concerns in a few months time if the OOHS is not working, and added, that although this particular participation request has now closed, a Community Council could put a new request in providing it is raising a new issue.

**Abbey Wall Road: GM** said that the weeds remain and no work has been carried out.

**ACTION: Cllr LH to chase this.**

**20 MPH Speed Limit Pittenweem: SW** fed back on a poll she undertook on the **10/06/19** on the Pittenweem Facebook page. The question asked was "What do you think about Pittenweem having a 20mph speed limit throughout?"

**246** people voted and the results were as follows:

**176** - No, the main road should remain at 30mph with restrictions at the school.

**62** - Yes Pittenweem should be 20mph throughout

**5** - I trust **FC** to carry out a full impact and safety assessments and act on those accordingly.

**3** Build a bypass (added by someone else the next day)

There were 62 comments and 3 shares. The post is still available on the Pittenweem page.

**PM** said that the Scottish Parliament has made the decision not to impose a 20 mph speed limit on Scottish towns.

**SW** continued saying the outstanding complaints were about the existing 30 mph limit not being enforced and the confusion between the lights and the lollipop person at the Primary School. **AB** said that when she was working there as School Crossing Patrol there were no lights and she felt that this was less confusing for all concerned and that now there is too much happening at once. **JT** said this is made worse by traffic flow affecting when the lights change, it would be better if the lights could be switched off at patrol time. **SW** asked if it was worth speaking to the current School Crossing Patrol. **MW** added that the cardboard cut out police that sometimes appear are effective in slowing traffic down.

**ACTION: Cllr JD to find out if the lights can be switched off by the School Crossing Patrol worker and also contact the Parent Council to ask if the meeting with parents which AB used to attend when she worked at the school crossing still goes ahead.**

**Clock Tower: Cllr LH** said that a meeting has been arranged for the 23<sup>rd</sup> July with the East Neuk Preservation Society to discuss setting up a trust. However, **Cllr LH** is now likely to be on holiday so the meeting may need to be rearranged. **SW** offered to attend in her place in order to move things along. **Cllr LH** explained that by law **FC** cannot use Capital Budget for Common Good Property repairs. They can spend Revenue to maintain buildings but this has not been happening since, due to budget cuts, there is no spare revenue.

**SW** asked if **PCC** should be taking legal advice regarding Common Good Property so that the situation is clarified once and for all. **Cllr LH** replied that **PCC** could ask legal officers at **FC**.

**ACTION: Cllr LH to let MW know by 12<sup>th</sup> July if the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July is still going ahead. MW to then share the e-mail.**

**Cycle Training:** **PM** said he had agreed to take part in a course being offered.

**Play Parks:** **Cllr BP** said that **FC** has told him they have had nothing from the **PCC** about Grange Park play area. **JT** said it was not up to the **PCC** to respond, it had been left with Alan Bissett who attended this meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> February.

**ACTION: Cllr BP to remind Alan Bissett.**

**PAF:** **FC** has sent out the notice of traffic restrictions for the ten-day period. **MW** has been given an out of hour's telephone number in case of emergencies for Simon Learoyd who is the Infrastructure Manager. The number is **07889751624**.

**Gritting Routes:** **PCC** members were all against the new gritting cut backs and said this had to be stopped for safety reasons. Many large HGV vehicles relating to the fishing industry use Abbey Wall Road, and University Ave is used as a turning/waiting point for the school buses. **Cllr BP** reported that other Community Councils have expressed their concerns at changes that have been made.

**ACTION: JT to send PCC's response.**

**Police Report:** We have received no report from them so far.

**ACTION: Cllr LH to ask police to send a report to the PCC if they think they are not going to attend a meeting.**

**Short Term Lets:** **MW** confirmed that there is a meeting at 2pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> July with Regina Serpa, a lady doing a survey on behalf of the Scottish Government. Scot. Gov. is seeking views on the regulation of short-term lets in Scotland.

**SW** said that it was important to seek the views of the community, as this is not a straightforward issue given that many local businesses depend upon short-term lets.

**ACTION: SW to put the link to the consultation on the Pittenweem Facebook page asking for people to give their views.**

**CC Review Scheme:** **JT** confirmed that we have responded supporting Crail CC.

**James Street Pop Up Shop:** **Cllr LH** confirmed that she had written to the Enforcement Officer and they have suggested to the shop owner that she applies for planning permission for change of use of premises; this will give people the opportunity to raise any objections they may have. **JT** added that only an Advisory Order had been issued, leaving it open for the owner to apply for retrospective planning to legalise any work already carried out without planning consent.

**Old Town Hall and Library:** **PM** confirmed that £30,000 has been allocated from the Common Good Fund to support the repair/replacement of window frames and the stonework surrounding them.

**Cllr BP** said that **Cllr LH** had put forward a strong case that the building had not been properly looked after by **FC**.

**PM** said that a surveyor from **FC** had suggested in 2014 that £392,000 was required to restore the Old Town Hall.

**SW** said that all Common Good Property should be included in a Trust if one was to be set up. **MW** agreed and suggested that the **PCC** have a separate meeting to discuss exactly what Common Good Property there is.

**Dog Warden:** **Cllr JD** confirmed that dog mess is no longer the responsibility of the Dog Warden; it is now the problem of **FC's** Safer Communities Team.

**Cemetery Gates:** **Cllr JD** reported that an inspection is to be carried out in the near future.

**Planning Report:** **JT** reported there have been 10 updates in the last month - 3 permitted, 4 new, 2 amendments and 1 work started.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

**AB** circulated the balance sheet for the year ending 31/03/19 and reported that all necessary paperwork has been completed ready for forwarding to **FC**, adding that the accountant verifies the accounts and signs the template that **FC** sends. To date **PCC** has paid him a fee of £30 so she wondered if it could be raised. **SW** suggested that this was exceptionally low given all the work that has to be done. After a discussion it was **AGREED** unanimously to pay a fee of £50.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

**JT** circulated a list of all e-mails he has received over the last month and had forwarded on to all **PCC** members, and mentioned one on the **Common Good Fund** saying:

We as **PCC** have been invited to take part in the checking of the moveable and fixed assets of the **CGF** and should try to find out what is considered missing from the list so that they can be tracked down. **MW** suggested it would be nice to have an open day with all items on display.

#### **Pittenweem Community Fund Raising Report**

Update regarding tree lights – **MW** reported that some lights had been put in place for the festival but the work could not be completed because the High St trees, especially the ones opposite the Hub, need pruning. **MW** reported this to **FC** but they said the trees don't belong to them and therefore they are not responsible for any work needing done and it is therefore up to the **PCC** to find someone to prune them.

**SW** said, "We should not *just* accept that they are not the responsibility of **FC**. Can we challenge this?"

**Cllr JD** said the Scottish National Heritage site should have the historical records which will show who the trees were planted by. **Cllr LH** added that there must be an Health and Safety issue with regards to public safety and this must surely rest with **FC**.

**ACTION: Cllr JD to look at SNH site and report back.**

### Any Other Business

**Larachmohr Beer Garden:** There have been complaints of noise caused by customers drinking in the garden to the rear of the pub. It was said the premises may not be licensed for this purpose. **ACTION: Councillors are to follow up.**

**Scottish Resilient Community:** A Seminar is being held this year at Cambuslang on the 11<sup>th</sup> September. **MW** has the details and will circulate them. She added she is happy to go and will give a lift to anyone interested in attending.

**ACTION: MW to circulate details nearer date.**

**Bus Route Changes:** **MW** reported that the X60 and X58 would be affected. **PM** said he did not think it would make much difference to bus services running through Pittenweem.

### **Stewart McAllister Easton Trophy**

**William Morris** of St Monans has asked PCC if they would like to contribute towards the cost of buying a trophy in memory of **Stewart Easton** reported to be the first St Monans man to die in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War.

Stewart's father was the famed photographer **William Easton**, born at 8 South Pittenweem, who later settled and set up business in St Monans.

A Stewart McAllister Easton Trophy charity football match will be played annually alternating between the two villages, the first being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> August at St Monans.

It was agreed unanimously to donate towards a cup, but it was difficult without knowing what was planned, £50 was discussed.

**ACTION: MW to ask if that would be sufficient.**

**Edinburgh Airport:** **We** have been sent a survey for **PCC** members to complete.

**Summer Activities:** **We** have been sent posters advertising free summer activities for families.

**Help for Disabled and Aged:** **We** have been sent some useful information that should be circulated.

**AB** said **Grass Cutting** was not being done at the back of **Waggon Road** and the area is in an awful state. Weeds are not being dealt with elsewhere and the village is looking a mess.

**Cllr JD** said he thought weed killing may have been halted because of danger to children and dogs and that this is a national issue

**MW** reported that **damage** caused to the small road leading to the **West Braes** by council lorries has still not been repaired.

**SW** reported **giant hogweed** on the road leading up from the Recycling Centre has not been dealt with. **ACTION: Cllr JD to take this up with FC again.**

Meeting finished at 9-30pm

**NB no meeting on 08<sup>th</sup> August because of PAF.**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 6.45pm for a 7pm start.

**Abbreviations:**

**AB**-Anne Butters, **GM**-Gary McClure, **JT**- Jim Taylor, **MB**-Martin Butters, **LL**- Linda Lauder, **MW**- Margaret Wardlaw, **PM** - Peter Mills, **SW**-Susan Wilkinson, **JJ** – Jackie Johnson, **Cllr JD**-Cllr John Docherty, **Cllr LH**- Cllr Linda Holt, **Cllr BP**-Cllr Bill Porteous, **JL** - Janice Laird, **FC**- Fife Council, **PCC**- Community Council, **PCCFRC**- Community Council Fund Raising Committee, **IS**- Ian Smith, **NT**-Nicola Thomson, **WBP**- West Braes project, **OOHS** – Out of hours service; **IJB** - Integrated Joint Board; **PCES** - Primary Care Emergency Service. **CGS**- Common Good Fund

**Police Report for the month of June 2019 (North East Fife).**

Police received 1138 calls with 17 relating to the Pittenweem area. 2 calls resulted in 2 crimes being recorded. (One assault one vandalism). Other calls were in relation to noise complaint, neighbour dispute, attempted extortion, concern for person, road traffic incidents and the remainder miscellaneous.

**Police Report for the month of July 2019 (North East Fife).**

Police received 1466 calls with 22 relating to the Pittenweem area. The calls did not result in any crimes being recorded. Calls were in relation to: Assist members of the public, disturbances in the street and residential properties, concern for persons, public nuisance, road traffic incidents and the remainder miscellaneous.

**SPEEDING ISSUES**

In the period between 1st June 2019 to 27th July 2019 PC's Steck and Wallace carried out 31 Speed Sites across the East Neuk, **4** being in Pittenweem.

Those 4 resulted in **8 Warnings and 1 Fixed Penalty Notice. Highest Speed 53mph in a 40mph Zone**

Officers are aware of speeding issues relating to Viewforth Place.

Speed sites will be up and running again in the coming weeks.

PC Steck would like to know if members of the community are interested in becoming a part of Community Speedwatch, 3x members of the public required minimum