

**The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District
Community Council**



Pittenweem Community Survey 2012

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Section 1: Introduction

The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem is located on the coast of the East Neuk of Fife, and consists of approximately 830 households. The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council is part of the East Neuk Joint Community Council Forum, where representatives of the 11 local communities meet each quarter to discuss issues that communally affect the East Neuk.

In March 2012, Pittenweem Community Council conducted a survey of residents to find out their view on a range of issues. This survey (see Appendix 4) aimed to discover issues of importance to householders, gather feedback on community events and the use of shopping facilities, and seek views on possible future developments. Volunteers from the Community Council and local interest groups hand delivered one questionnaire to each household (where practicable), and collection boxes with spare questionnaires were set up in the Pittenweem Pharmacy and Cocoa Tree.

It is important to bear in mind the limitations of surveys when interpreting and making use of the results. In this case, 147 surveys were returned, which is a 17.7% response rate. The survey sought the views of Pittenweem householders, but did not include those who lived outside the burgh but worked within it, for instance some business owners, fishermen etc. Since there was only one questionnaire per household, only one person's view was captured.

Communities of place are made up of individuals who will naturally have diverse and sometimes opposing opinions. This survey is not intended to determine a course of action solely on the basis of a majority viewpoint; the views of one person are as important as the views of 50. What we do hope is that the survey will highlight areas for further investigation, perhaps through the setting up of small working groups. In other instances, we recognise that there are divergent view points on a particular issue. Please respect the rights of others to have differing opinions, even if you do not agree with them yourself.

The results of the survey are presented in Section 2, and some suggestions for further action are given in Section 3. The Appendices list detailed responses to specific issues of litter and dog mess bins, and common good land.

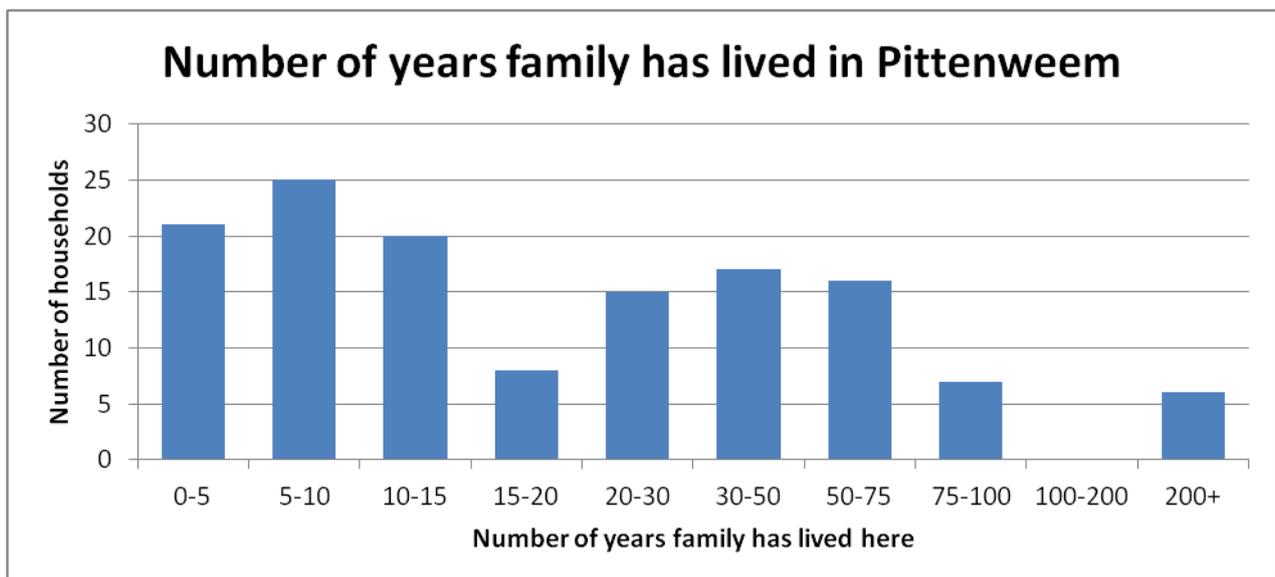
If you would like to get involved with any of the suggestions raised in this survey, or indeed, have any further ideas, then please get in touch with the Community Council via the contact details displayed on the notice board in High Street.

Section 2: Results

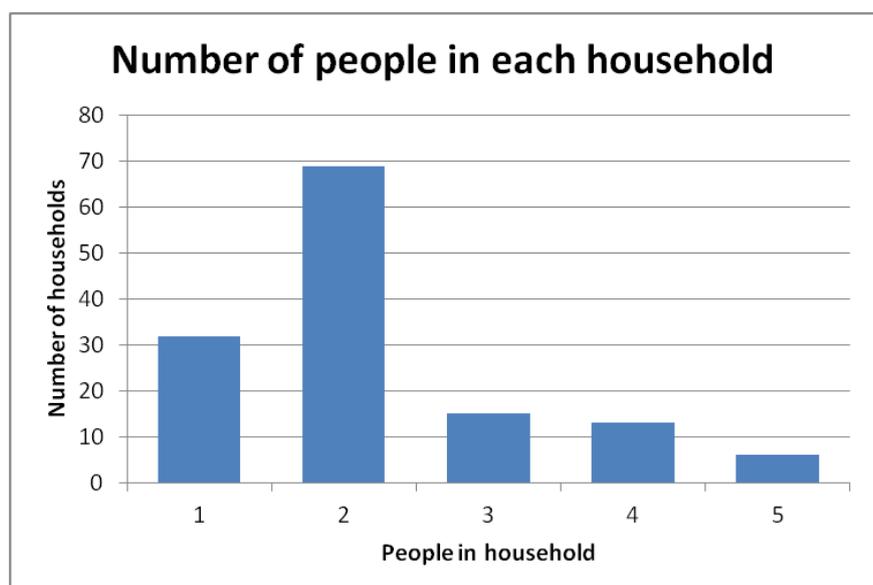
We received 147 surveys from a community of approximately 830 households. Not all households answered every question. These results are a snapshot of the opinions of those particular households, and do not claim to be representative of the community as a whole. In order to highlight this, we have shown the responses as number of households, rather than percentages, except in two more complex tables where we believe that percentages make the results easier to understand.

About the households

We asked how long your family had lived in Pittenweem. The answers ranged from “6 months”, through “longer than you” to “hundreds of years”. The distribution of replies is shown in the graph below (where ‘hundreds of years’ is assumed to mean over 200 years).



We also asked how many people lived in each household. About half the households are made up of two people.



How important are each of the following issues to your household?

We asked you to rank how important the following issues were to your household. The table below shows the replies as percentages in order of importance.

	Very Important	Important	Minor Importance	Not at all
Existing open spaces to remain undeveloped as far as possible	69%	22%	6%	3%
Improved facilities for younger people	44%	41%	10%	5%
Provision of additional litter bins, and dog fouling bins	38%	32%	26%	5%
Restoration of the sea swimming pool	36%	32%	23%	9%
Improved community bus schemes	36%	41%	19%	5%
Provision of more low cost or shared equity housing	34%	35%	13%	18%
Help to reduce my home energy consumption	27%	34%	30%	9%
Measures to reduce the carbon footprint of Pittenweem	22%	44%	28%	6%
Improved community notice boards	19%	38%	39%	5%
Provision of communal gardening space to grow food	13%	30%	42%	15%

We also asked you to write in more detail about any specific issues of importance to you, and the replies included over 100 comments. These are summarised below, listed in the same order of importance identified above:

Open space:

Two people made comments about our open spaces. Firstly, that open spaces damaged by Arts Festival Parking remain in a state of disrepair. Secondly, better land management is needed to tackle coastal erosion and the area around pool and on headland (not flowers). Too much development on open spaces is destroying the character and spatial framework of the town

Facilities for younger people

One comment noted that although *“improved facilities for young people is not directly relevant to me, if young people are well provided for, the whole community benefits - usually less vandalism etc”*. Three, more specific, comments suggested better equipment at the play park, lighting to enable use of skate park after dark, and pointed out that arts festival parking has a detrimental effect on the space available for play in the park.

Bins for litter and dog fouling

Litter and dog fouling are clearly areas of concern. Although ranked in third in order of general importance, 52 people made comments on this topic. There were many calls for more bins (Specific locations suggested are listed in Appendix 1).

Glass recycling provision for each housing scheme was suggested. Litter bins near the shore should be seagull proof. However, two people suggested that people should be encouraged to take litter home, and another that although more bins would be convenient, people would not want the outside their house. There were three calls for wardens to enforce dog fouling penalties, and three more comments about encouraging owners to take more responsibility, and be more aware of whether their dog has fouled an area.

Swimming pool

Seven people commented positively on the restoration of the swimming pool – that it would be a good investment for the future, that moderate work to improve it would be beneficial although full restoration and management would be too expensive, and that it would be a good facility for the younger people.

Bus schemes

There was one comment that the community bus service was a lifeline, but too infrequent.

Housing

Five comments were made about low cost housing. One asked how much council housing there was in Pittenweem, and whether we needed any more; another was disappointed that council housing has been sold off as second homes. It was suggested that any new low cost housing should be built inland. It is difficult for young local people to stay here when the current points system may give housing priority to those from away. People wishing to move into Pittenweem and become part of the community also find it difficult, because of empty second homes.

Home energy / Carbon footprint

One person commented that home energy reduction would be easier if planning controls allowed the use of UPVC windows in conservation areas.

Notice boards

Two people commented that notice boards should be more up to date, and it should be easier to get notices put up.

Community garden space

Five comments were made about community garden provision: One questioning where it might be located, three in support of having community growing spaces for those who have no garden, and one suggesting a means of linking those who wish to grow with those who are unable to look after their gardens, perhaps in exchange for a share of the produce.

Other

Other comments made this section were that parking in the high street should not be reduced, that crime in the harbour / abbey wall road area could be reduced by CCTV, a request for Christmas tree and lights, and a suggestion for a tramway between the East Neuk villages.

Community events

We asked you what events you had been to in Pittenweem in the last year, and what you thought of them. The table below shows the percentage of total respondents (147) that ticked each box (some people did not answer the question)

	Been to and enjoyed	Been to and didn't enjoy	Not Interested	Would like more information	Would be interested in helping
Pittenweem Arts Festival	76%	5%	14%	0%	0%
Pittenweem Gala	60%	5%	11%	6%	0%
Pittenweem in Bloom	50%	3%	11%	12%	4%
Coffee mornings	46%	3%	22%	7%	1%
Beach Clean	31%	4%	18%	14%	9%
Rowing Club events	19%	0%	34%	16%	3%
Tennis Club	17%	2%	41%	9%	1%
Football Club	15%	0%	49%	5%	1%

47 people made further comments about events in Pittenweem, which we have grouped by topic below. Where more than one person made the same comment, the number of people is shown in brackets.

Arts Festival

76 % of households had been to and enjoyed the Pittenweem Arts festival. This event was also the most commented on, with 18 people adding further comments. (Note that this survey relates to the August 2011 festival). These included a desire to have the fireworks re-instated (4), or failing that, a family ceilidh. The festival should include more events for children, and concern was raised by the positioning of the car park close to the children's playground, cutting down on area available for play and causing safety concerns from the cars. The parking arrangements need to be improved (2). There is concern that the Arts Festival has become too big (3), that it is seen as a money spinner that benefits only artists and a minority of local people (2), and causes empty houses for the rest of the year. It was pointed out that the festival is a worldwide event, and brings £1.5 million to the local economy. The lack of information about the finances of the event is of concern, and it is felt that the festival should give more back to the community (2). The festival used to be more inclusive for all the community, and locals used to have more of a say on the committee, but now the festival is disrespectful of the disruption caused to locals (2). One person recognised that this will always be a love/hate relationship, and less than ideal, but it is only for a week.

Gala

The Pittenweem Gala needs more volunteers to carry on, and if it is to become as successful as it used to be.

Pittenweem in Bloom

Three people commented on the good work done by Pittenweem in Bloom in making the place look more attractive; one person was not aware of what Pittenweem in Bloom was.

Beach clean

Five comments were made about the beach clean. Two felt they should be done more often, and that more 'manpower' could be found by perhaps involving the school or community payback scheme. It was also noted that the problem is not only litter, but the West Shore sewage overflow needs to be sorted, and some litter should be tackled at source, such as regulations for dumping at sea.

Tennis club

The Tennis club is doing well at attracting younger members.

Other events

The list of community events given in the questionnaire was not intended to be a complete list of what happens in Pittenweem, however it was clear from the comments that we had missed out a number of key clubs and events, for which we apologise. These include the Bowling club and carpet bowls, Scouts, pub events, dances, activities at the Old Man's club, and Church-based events and activities.

Suggestions

Several suggestions for new community activities were put forward. These included:

- Film nights / community cinema (7 people)
- A gardening club (2)
- Monthly walking for elderly / kids
- Community run / walk around village
- Evening classes (crafts)
- Evening lecture series (like the Anstruther Improvements Association)
- Crazy Golf tournament
- Seafood festival
- Music events
- Fishing Trips
- Food and Wine tasting
- Sports clubs for all genders

Two people commented that there needed to be better information about events, notices needed to put up in good time, and in a central location. Getting enough volunteers is crucial to all events. More effort needs to be made to encourage young people, especially secondary school children to join clubs and help with events, and consider ways for those that are housebound to participate in the community.

Shopping

We asked a few questions about your shopping habits to see if there were ways in which the community could improve our support for vital local businesses.

	All the time	At least weekly	At least monthly	Sometimes	Never
Do you shop in Pittenweem?	29%	34%	10%	24%	1%
To buy food	18%	30%	9%	31%	10%
To buy household items / post office / chemist / clothes	39%	31%	12%	16%	0%
To buy presents /art	7%	2%	12%	59%	14%
To drink / eat food	4%	14%	16%	48%	12%
Did you use the petrol station? (when it was open)	47%	13%	14%	11%	8%
Would you use it if it re-opened?	50%	12%	16%	12%	5%

We also asked for comments about what people would like to be able to buy in Pittenweem but can't, and what would encourage them to use the shops more. 90 people made comments, all of whom would like to be able to do more shopping locally, with the exception of one person who felt they already had access to everything they needed in Pittenweem. Although we were specifically seeking suggestions for improvements, the Post office/Pharmacy was praised by 3 people, along with the butcher and baker.

Pittenweem residents would like to be have the following <u>non-food items</u> and <u>services</u> available locally: (numbers of requests in brackets)		
Cash machine / Bank (12) Road tax at the Post Office (1)	Petrol / Diesel station (14) Garage services (1)	Real Ale in pubs (1)
Hardware / DIY (6) Light bulbs (3) Logs (1)	Clothes (1) Drapers (1) Shoes (2) Haberdashery (2)	Art Materials (2) Books (1) Gifts (1) Music and health CDs (1)
Flowers (5) Plants (1)	Computer supplies (paper, CDs etc) (2) Digital photo processing (1)	

Residents would like to have better availability of the following <u>food items</u> :	But do not buy them here because of:
Groceries (40) Fresh fruit / vegetables (20) Fish / Shellfish (especially locally caught) (5) Wine (wider choice) (2) Delicatessen (2) Wholefoods (1)	Shop ambience/quality (5) Choice / selection of goods (18) Freshness (1) Opening hours (3) Price (21) Service (3)

Three people would like to see a weekly or monthly local market, and there was one suggestion for a community cafe.

Local control of community assets

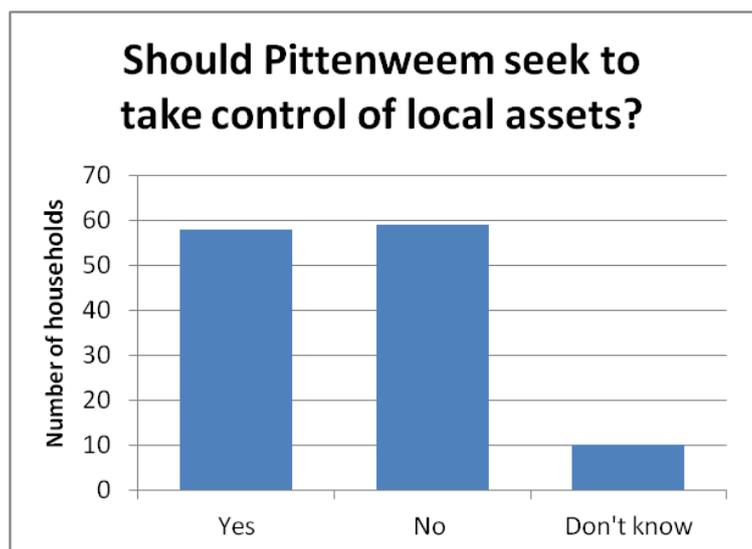
We asked “Should Pittenweem seek to take control of and funding for running local assets from Fife Council?”

Those that replied ‘Don’t know’ stated that they would need to know more about it before forming an opinion, that it depended on funding being available, but noted that some assets are better locally controlled.

The 59 ‘No’ responses included comments that these assets were the responsibility of Fife Council, and should be covered by council tax payments (4), concern about funding (3), liability for the assets, that we should only take over if Fife council stopped maintaining (3).

One felt that it would do no harm for the community to contribute towards council maintenance.

Of the 58 ‘Yes’ responses, these were qualified by the need to ensure adequate funding and organisational support, and not to be doing something which should be Fife Council’s job. Specific assets which were suggested for local control included the toilets (13), Parks / Green spaces (8), Harbour (4), Swimming Pool (2), Skate Park / Crazy golf (2).

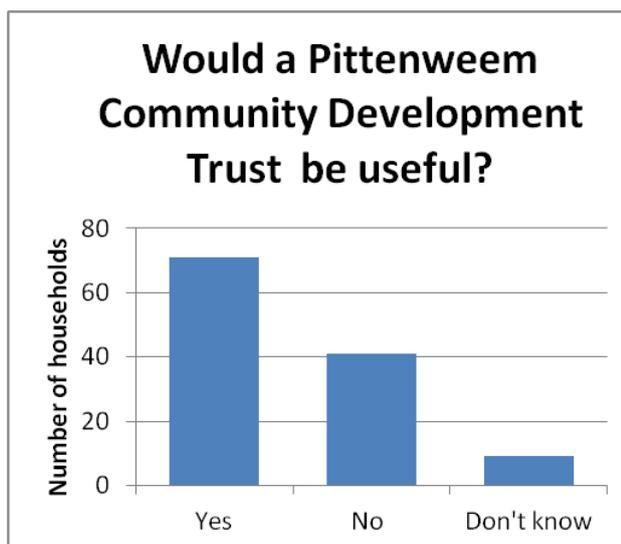


Pittenweem Community Development Trust

We asked whether you thought a Community Development Trust would be useful for Pittenweem.

Those who replied 'Don't know' made 9 comments, saying they would need to know more about it before deciding, and expressing concerns about how such a trust would be accountable to the community. Three of them were concerned about whether the funding stream would need to come from wind and other renewable energy.

Those who replied 'No' made five comments – exhibiting concern that money raised may not be put to good use, that the committee might not be representative, and that other building use was not for the best of the community.



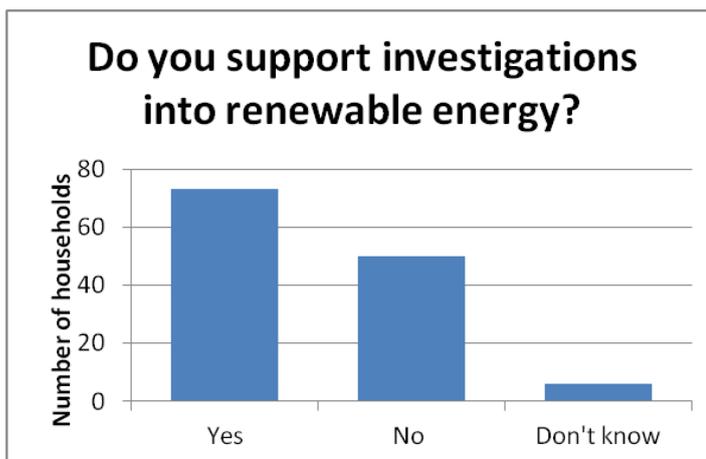
The replies in favour of a CDT made the suggestions presented in the table below:

Some suggestions for how a Community Development Trust could benefit Pittenweem	
<p>Housing Affordable housing (4) Tackle Empty buildings Maintain heritage</p> <p>Facilities Better use of existing public halls (3) Cash machine / Bank Community Garden / Orchard (2) Old Picture House Parking Toilets (3) Faster Broadband Young people General town benefit (3) Hydrological study of town Reduce carbon footprint Repair footpaths / Wynds Restore the Jail Venues at Harbour</p>	<p>Recreation and environment Beach clean (2) Coast path Encourage tourism (3) Pittenweem in Bloom Pool (3)</p> <p>Small Businesses Community Pub Community shop Petrol Station (2) Small business startup help (4) Weekly market</p> <p>Funding streams Renewable Energy (7) Not wind turbines (2) Not renewable energy (1)</p>

20 people expressed an interest in helping to set up a development trust.

A subsequent question asked “Would you support further investigations into renewable energy for Pittenweem to lower our carbon emissions and generate an income stream?”

Although there were more responses in support of renewable energy than against it, over a third of those who replied to this question did not support this action.



The best things about Pittenweem

We asked “What two things does your household like about Pittenweem, and why?” The answers are shown in the ‘wordle’ map below, where the most common words show up the largest. This encompasses the spirit of the responses better than a simple cataloguing of replies could do.



Least liked things about Pittenweem

We asked “*What two things does your household like least about Pittenweem and why*”.

Seven householders said there was **nothing that they disliked** about Pittenweem. The remaining comments are grouped by type, with the number of times each was suggested shown in brackets afterwards.

Highways

- Traffic speed (16) – on the main road, cars, heavy lorries, racers en route to Crail
- Parking (10) – inconsiderate, lack of traffic warden etc
- Double yellow lines (2) – unsightly in conservation areas
- Roads (1) – poor condition
- Pavements (1) – damaged
- Street lights (1) – left on 24 hours

Council facilities

- Dog mess (22)
- Litter (5) – on shore, beaches, wynds
- Sewage at West Shore (4) – flooding, pollution
- Planning (1) – applications approved for houses in unsuitable places
- Police (1) – little police presence
- Local Councillor (1) – has no interest in village (before 2012 local council election)

Outdoor spaces

- Lack of trees (1)
- Parks run down (1)

Eating out

- Lack of cafe / pub/restaurant (5) – esp Monday nights

Leisure facilities & Events

- Teenagers – noisy, late at night (3)
- Not enough communal events / facilities (2)
- Xmas decorations – none (1)
- Lack of youth facilities (1)
- Lack of Adult Education courses (1)
- Lack of meeting place for all ages (1)

Tourism facilities

- Lack of accommodation for walkers (1) – in harbour area

Shopping facilities

- Inadequate shopping facilities (18)
- Lack of bank (1)

Transport / communications

- Train stations - distance from / poor public transport links to (4)
- Bus links could be better (7) – expensive, infrequent
- Access is slow, even by car (1)
- Poor broadband connection (3)
- Poor mobile phone reception (2)
- Tetramast insomnia (1)

Housing / Employment

- Holiday homes – too many (14)
- Affordable housing – lack of (4)
- School roll declining as a result (2)
- Concern over re-housing addicts here (2)
- Council houses need repointing (1)

Other dislikes

- The Weather (3) – cold, Haar, windy!
- Too many Art shops (2)
- Arts festival (15) – too big, disruptive, parking problems, inconsideration
- People who complain about the Arts festival (1)
- Resistance to change (2)
- Change (2)
- Incomers in general (5)
- Arty incomers (2)
- Lack of acceptance of incomers (2)
- Grouchy old moaners (1)
- Lack of community cohesion (2) – friction with art groups, lack of co-ordination between community groups
- Community council (1) – non-representative

Facilities you wish we had in Pittenweem

We asked “*What other facilities do you wish we had in Pittenweem?*” 109 people gave their comments, many of which echo issues raised elsewhere in the questionnaire.

Firstly, there were five contented responses that **nothing needed improving**, that things are just fine how they are, and one more cryptic comment “*you wouldn’t like what I have to say*” The remaining suggestions are grouped by type, with the number of times each was suggested shown in brackets afterwards.

Highways

- Improved parking, incl for disabled (4)
- 20 mph limit on main road (2)
- Road crossing main road / Milton place (2)
- Better road signs – esp to high street (2)
- Better pavements (1)

Council facilities

- Public toilets (3)
- Dog bins / warden (2)
- Library – extended hours (2)
- Fife council local office (1)
- Sewage plant improvement (1)

Outdoor spaces

- Improve kid’s playpark / skatepark / football field (6)
- Allotments / community garden (4)
- Cycle paths (2)
- Enclosed dog park (1)
- Picnic tables at West Braes (1)
- Putting Green (1)
- Seating on beach front near pool (1)

Eating out

- Restaurant / Bistro (6) – more choice, at harbour, open on Monday nights
- Cafes (3) – at harbour, choice of, community one
- Pub (5) - with real ale / good food

Leisure facilities & Events

- Swimming Pool (14)
- Cinema (8) – community / restore old one / comfy seats!
- Community centre / hall (7) – improved, larger, as a meeting place for all ages
- Events location (3) – summer marquee space, venue for concerts, films, year round arts / cultural event space
- Events - more evening social events (2)

- Youth Cafe / facilities (2)
- Older persons club (1)
- Information about leisure and educational facilities (1)

Tourism facilities

- Local History museum (2) - ? in tollbooth
- B&B / Hotels (2)
- Caravan park (1)
- Notice board for coast path (1) – with history / wildlife info
- Tourist information point / centre (1)

Shopping facilities

- Petrol station (10)
- Bank (8)
- Cash machine (19) – no charge, available out of hours
- Street Market (3)
- Better shops (24)
- Earlier postal deliveries (1)
- Dentist (1)

Transport / communications

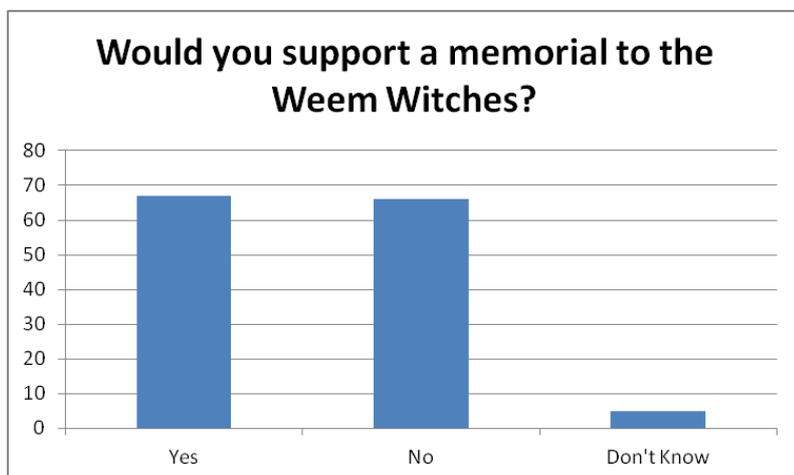
- Bus – more frequent (1)
- Transport for older people (1)
- Train (1)
- Superfast broadband (1)

Housing / Employment

- Affordable housing (1)
- More permanently occupied homes (1)
- Incomers to provide employment (1)

Weem Witch memorial

We asked “There is a proposal to erect a memorial to the Weem Witches. Would you support this?”

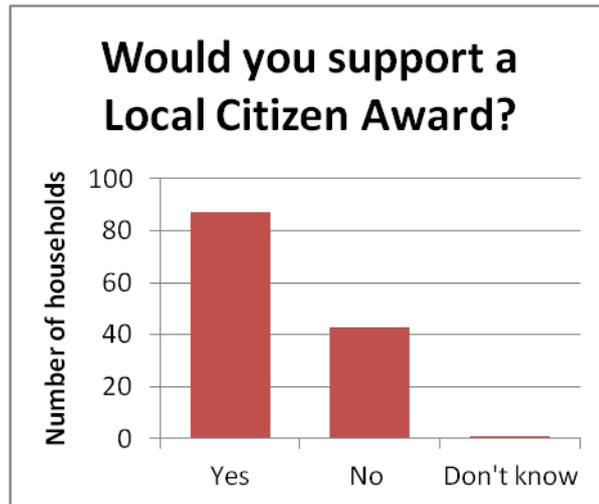


Those that said yes expressed concern that the memorial should be historically accurate, and not be purely related to publicity for a private business.

Further comments about a memorial for the ‘Weem’ witches, divided up by support	
Location suggested by those in favour	Comments from those not in favour
The Priory garden Cove Wynd (2) Clock tower wall facing the High Street Old tollbooth at Church (1) Bell/Church tower (2) Tower / Jail / Tollbooth (3) Churchyard (1) Near church end of High Street (2) High Street (4) Market Place (2) Harbour / Pier (5) Mid Shore (1) Old Harbour / Pier / by Rock Villa (10) West Shore (3) West Shore near the boat with flowers Seafront / Beach / Coast path (3) West Braes (12) Don't know (5) Where ever historically appropriate (2) Memorial to be historically correct, not sensational / promotional (3)	A Plaque / Information board, not a memorial (3) Money could be better used (4) Is only for book publicity (3) Is only to draw tourists (2) Not good for tourism (1) No cause for celebration / leave them in peace (3) ‘Pittenweem’ not ‘Weem’ (2)

Citizen award

We asked “Would you support an annual Pittenweem Citizen Award to recognise contribution to the community?”



Commuting and car sharing

51 households had members who commuted to work. Of those, 16 were willing to consider sharing lifts, and one already did so. The most common destinations for all commuters were St Andrews (17), Dundee (7), Kirkcaldy (7), Cupar (3), Dunfermline (3), Aberdeen (4), Edinburgh (4), Glenrothes (3), Glasgow (2)

Armistice day wreath laying

This question arose because although Pittenweem Community Council and Fife council lay their wreaths at the war memorial at 11am, other community groups and the church lay their wreaths at 12.30.

There was a preference to continue laying the Community and Fife and Council wreaths at 11am



Common Good

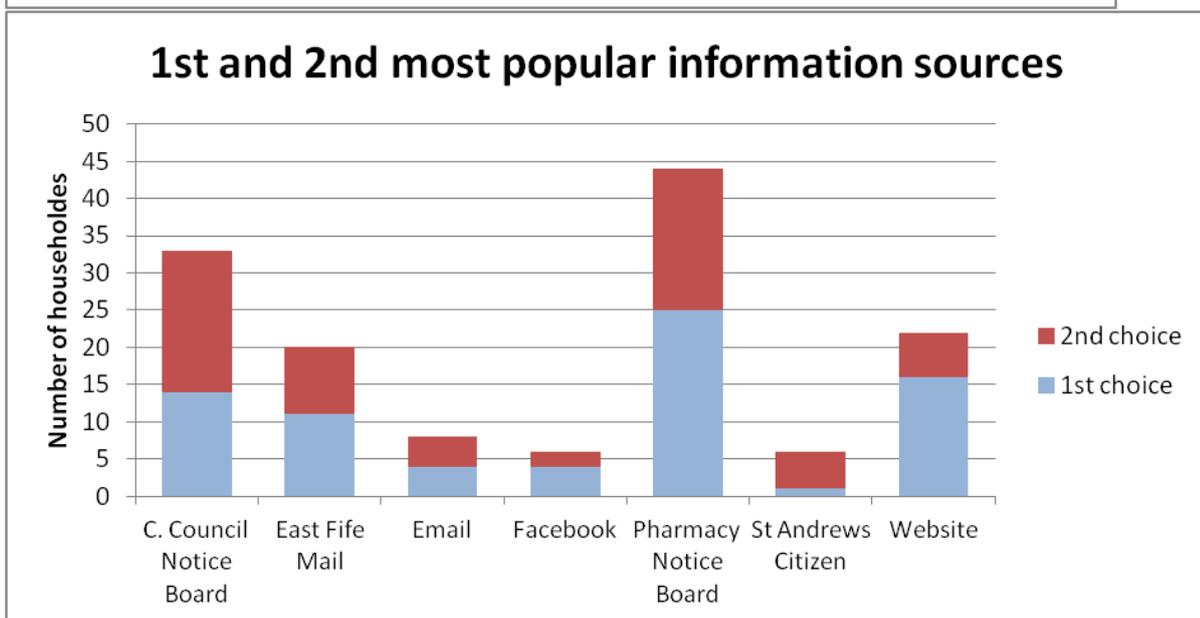
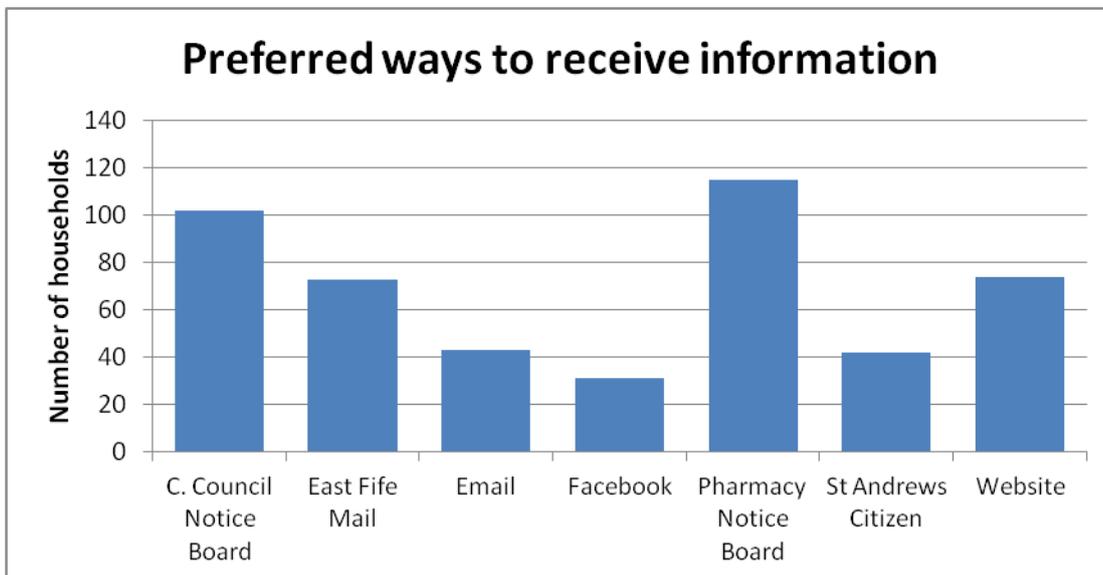
36 people contributed to the section asking about common good land and rights of way under threat. Several areas considered common good land have been sold by Fife Council for housing development, and questions were raised as to whether the proceeds were retained in the common good fund.

The areas suggested as existing common good land, former or threatened common good land are listed in Appendix 2

How would you like to receive information about the questionnaire and Pittenweem?

140 households answered this question – half of whom ticked all methods that would be useful, and the other half provided a ranking of preference.

The Pharmacy notice board was the most popular choice, both in ranking and overall numbers of people finding it useful, followed by the Community Council board, East Fife Mail, and there was support for a community website. 91 people said they would use a community website if there was one, and 25 people would not. The least popular means of receiving information were the St Andrews Citizen, Facebook and Email. Other sources of information include the Bakery window (3 people), the Courier (2), Twitter (1) and Cocoa Tree notice board (1). A village newspaper delivered to every household was also suggested.



Section 3: Suggestions for further action

As mentioned in Section 1, the objective of this survey was not to drive any course of action through a simple majority viewpoint. Instead, it aims to highlight issues that are of general concern, or which need further investigation.

This section presents some suggestions for the Community Council to consider, based on the outcomes of the survey. This is not to suggest that they need to be implemented solely by the CC, but that the CC seek help from the members of the community to set up a series of working groups to look at these issues and decide upon a priority list for action.

1) Information

Improvements to the community notice boards were deemed to be of relatively low importance in comparison with other issues. However, the need for clear and timely dissemination of information underlies many of the other comments. The Community Council notice board has already been greatly improved since this survey was conducted. Some means of collating and making available information about local clubs and events and other issues would be of benefit. For example, in the Anstruther Co-op shop a month-by-month community 'what's on' listing is displayed on their notice board (see the photograph at the end of this section).

Suggestion 1a: The CC should ask for a community volunteer(s) to contact local organisations and compile a comprehensive listing of activities, which can be displayed on the CC notice board and distributed electronically. A system should be set up to ensure that this information is updated regularly.

Suggestion 1b: That the CC investigate the options for setting up and maintaining a community website or blog.

2) Shopping

The comments about shopping in Pittenweem make it clear that:

- a) - it is likely that some of the items people would like to buy are already for sale here, but some people may not be aware of it, and
- b) - that there is a large potential market of people who would like to buy more things locally if they could do so.

Suggestion 2a: The CC ask for a volunteer(s) from the community to work with local businesses, firstly to compile a directory of what can be bought in Pittenweem, and where, and secondly to identify easily accommodated requests for products that could be stocked.

Suggestion 2b: That a the CC invite interested community members to form a working group to look at the feasibility of suggestions such as an occasional street market, revisit the options for a cash machine, and community ownership options for the filling station and other potentially vulnerable essential businesses.

3) Litter, dog poo and bins

After consultation with Fife council, signs have already been installed highlighting that is acceptable to use 'normal' litter bins for the disposal of 'poo bags'. Six of the responses suggested

there should be dog poo and litter bins along the coast path. The Community Council have already discussed this with Fife Council, and the need for easy access to empty them renders this option impractical.

Suggestion 3a: That the CC liaise with Anstruther and St Monans CCs, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, and Fife Council to investigate whether signs could be installed at the bins closest to each end of these coast path stretches, to alert dog walkers as to where the next disposal point is.

Suggestion 3b: That the CC request that Fife Council install seagull-proof bins at the harbour side and other locations vulnerable to seabird pilferage.

Suggestion 3c: That the CC liaise with Gordon (the street sweeper) and other Fife Council waste teams to prioritise any locations from those suggested in Appendix 1 for the installation for new or increased litter bin capacity.

4) Common Good

A number of suggestions have been put forward for land which may be common good, and rights of way in danger of being lost (Appendix 2).

Suggestion 4: That the CC ask for members of the community interested in preserving common good to form a working group. This group should liaise with Fife Council and other sources of records to investigate this area further, with the aim of producing a map showing all these locations.

5) Community Development Trust / Community control of assets

There were more responses from people thought that a community development trust could be useful than from those who did not. The numbers of responses in favour of and against taking local control of community assets were almost equal. In both cases, there were quite reasonably, a number of reservations, and a need for further information before any decisions were taken. If a CDT or control of assets is eventually proposed, then the degree of expenditure on activities will need to be matched by an appropriate income level. Opinion over the use of renewable energy to generate this income was clearly divided.

During research for a different project, a representative of the Development Trusts Association pointed out that CDTs are often formed by communities who recognise that they have something special, and want to preserve what is already good about a place; they do not necessarily aim to 'change' a place. Given the strong appreciation of the good things about Pittenweem, and concern about loss of facilities, it would seem sensible to look into the options of forming a CDT more seriously.

Suggestion 5a: That the CC contact the 20 people who expressed an interest in helping to set up a CDT and form a small working group to seek further information from Development Trusts Association Scotland and neighbouring communities. The first objective of group should be to hold a series of events where the full community is invited to learn more about the potential and limitations of development trusts, and to participate in a decision making process to determine future action on this issue.

6) Leisure and other facilities

The survey showed support and suggestions for initiatives such as restoration of the swimming pool, improved community centre / meeting place, putting on more community cinema screenings, provision of youth facilities, and a local history museum. The improved information dissemination suggested in 1) will go some way towards helping some of these initiatives raise their profile. However, volunteer time is limited, and it is important not to dilute the resources available for existing initiatives. Some of these proposed new activities may be able to developed by existing organisations, or a CDT, if formed. For example, rather than setting up a new group to organise a community cinema, more frequent screenings could be encouraged by co-ordinating the fundraising activities of existing organisations, in a similar manner to the weekly coffee mornings. (the issue of comfy seats remains.....)

Suggestion 6a: That the information provision in 1a and b include a list of funding available for community groups to help them develop.

Suggestion 6b: That the CC provide small amounts of financial support to enable emerging community groups to hire a hall or provide refreshments for initial meetings.

Suggestion 6c: That the CC support the steering groups / committees of the various existing and proposed community organisations to set up some form of forum for the exchange of ideas and to facilitate cooperation on joint or co-ordinated events.

7) Other

These suggestions are not an exhaustive list of all the possibilities raised by the survey, but are intended as a starting point for action. If a CDT is formed, the other suggestions and concerns raised in the survey will form a good starting point for further consultation about what actions should be taken about them. In the meantime, the CC is already taking on board some issues below:

Weem Witch memorial: Based on the results of this survey, the Community Council decided not to endorse the proposed memorial as the survey showed responses were divided equally for and against the proposal.

Arts Festival: There are two members of the CC on the Arts Festival Liaison committee. It is evident from the survey that the Arts Festival is one of those issues where there are strong and opposing opinions, which are unlikely to converge. However, there is scope for improved management of some of the practical issues raised about the impacts of the Arts Festival on local infrastructure and children's play opportunities, and the CC representatives are encouraged to raise these issues at the next liaison committee meeting.

Highways: Traffic speed was the third least liked aspect of Pittenweem (after dog mess and inadequate shopping facilities) The CC has discussed extending the 20mph to the main road with Fife Council transportation services once, and is encouraged to follow up on this topic.

Sewage on West Shore: This is an ongoing discussion with Fife Council.

Example of local community events listings

WHAT'S ON – WHAT'S “DOING” – IN ANSTRUTHER, CELLARDYKE, KILRENNY & NEARBY AREAS...

(to add activities/events, email Ansteractivities@aol.com, or call Gail Sorley, 01333-310063)

Receive updated charts via email---send your email address to Ansteractivities@aol.com

(please note: every effort is made to ensure information is correct, but we cannot be responsible or liable for errors, changed or inaccurate information)

WHEN?	DAY?	TIME	ANY COST?	ACTIVITY/EVENT	ACTIVITY LOCATION	INFO CONTACT:
SPECIAL EVENTS						
Sept. 10	Monday	7:30 pm		Community Council meeting	Anstruther Town Hall Burgh Chambers	Martin Dibley 01333-311890 or martin.dibley@gmail.com
Sept. 12	Tuesday	7:30 pm	No	Anstruther Community Development Project AGM	Burgh Chambers, Anstr. Easter Town Hall	Email: FindlayMcLaren@aol
Sept. 13	Thursday	7 pm -- LADIES WELCOME	£1.50 per person	Cellardyke & Kilrenny Men's Assoc. , guest speaker Bill Henderson, "Reflections on C.R. Macintosh"	Cellardyke Church Hall	Info: Alec Govan, 01333-313706
Sept. 13	Thursday	Doors open 6:30, show begins 7:30	£ 10- for Anstruther playgroup & afterschool club	Sean Roper, Medium (www.seanroperclairvoyant.co.uk)	Legends Bar, Anstruther	Jane, 078351-77572
Sept. 15	Sunday	11 am / Noontime	Contribution	Cellardyke Harvest Buffet Lunch following 11 am worship service	Cellardyke Church Hall	
Sept. 25	Tuesday	7:30 pm		Anstruther Community Regeneration Project AGM	Burgh Chambers Anstruther Town Hall	Info: Elizabeth Gordon 01333- 310674
Sept. 26	Wednesday	7 pm		East Neuk Centre Trust AGM meeting w/Alzheimer's Scotland Anne Little, guest speaker	Anstruther Town Hall	Info: Elizabeth Gordon 01333- 310674 or from Trust's website
Sept. 29	Saturday	10am-noon	Coffee & cake cost	Coffee Morning fundraiser	Cellardyke Church Hall	
Oct. 2	Tuesday	6:45 pm, 7:15 pm		Anstruther Philharmonic Society 6:45 registration, rehearsals 7:15 pm	Wald Academy, Anstruther	Jane MacDonald 01333-310130
Oct. 8	Monday	7:30 pm		Community Council meeting	Anstruther Town Hall Burgh Chambers	Martin Dibley 01333-311890 or martin.dibley@gmail.com

Appendix 1: Provision of Bins for Litter and Dog Mess

Suggested locations in need of bins (with number of times each location suggested in brackets)

Dog mess areas of concern / bin locations

- Beach
- Browns Close
- Bruce's Wynd
- Coast Path (6)
- East Shore (2)
- Marygate
- Mid Shore
- Milton Road (behind)
- Pier
- Playing fields (2)
- Playpark
- School playpark
- West Braes
- West Shore (2)

Litter bins (Seagull proof near the shore)

- Braehead Rd / St Abbs Crescent
- Cemetery entrance
- Coast Path (5)
- Cove Wynd (top)
- Harbour (5) / Harbour (Gyles) / Pier
- High Street (3)
- James Street
- Marygate (4)
- Mid Shore (2)
- Milton Place
- New Town Hall entrance
- Play park
- School Playground
- Shore (3)
- South Loan (2)
- Tollcross
- Uni Ave / High St Corner (at bench)
- Viewforth Place
- West Braes (4)
- West End
- West Shore (3)

Appendix 2: Common Good Land

36 people contributed to the section asking about common good land, making the following suggestions:

Land still used as Common Good Land, or which might be Common Good:

- Coast Paths – West Braes to Pathhead
- Swimming Pool
- West shore - beyond swimming pool
- West shore - west of gas works
- West Braes field
- West Braes playpark
- Headland at Sandy Craig
- Area between Queen Elizabeth Road and Viewforth Place
- Area between West Braes / University Avenue and Viewforth Place (along the "Craffs")
- Charles Street - What's left of Newt Pond
- School Playing field (Eastern part?)
- Tollbooth
- Old Town Hall
- Library
- Pier
- Harbour
- Sea box society land
- Old Man's Club
- Play parks
- Right up Milton Road to Grangemuir walk.
- Junction of Milton Road (East End) and Milton Place
- Washing Green behind Pittenweem Manse
- Area at Waggon Road known to children as "the gully hill".
- Old Waggon Road between Marygate and James Street
- Park behind Priory - Abbey wall road
- East Braes (Abbey wall road - Anster Golf club area)

Common Good Land being used in a different way

Several areas considered common good land have been sold by the council for housing development. Questions were raised as to whether the proceeds were retained in the Common Good Fund.

- The "fishermans box" land above West Shore / land south of University Avenue was donated to the Council as a park.
- The land behind West Shore East end known as the Stills was not subdivided and fenced off when our kids grew up in 1968-1980s.
- Footpath from Bowling Club to Viewforth Place taken over by house.
- Footpath from Viewforth Place to Queen Elizabeth Road lost to a builder
- Charles Street - Old drying green sold by the council.

- Charles Street - Newt pond sold by the Council.
- 47 High Street sold to the Arts Festival
- Milton Road – Farmland (area between A. Bowman’s house and Gerrard’s garage)
- Land between houses in Milton Lace and St Abbs. St Abbs householders that back on to it use it for their dogs.

Rights of way in danger of being lost

The following paths were noted as being under threat:

- Path along West Braes to St Monans.
- Path above western coastal path that runs along farmer’s field to Pathhead.
- The short piece at the end of Middle Rd at West Braes and track down to the shore at Hermits Cave
- Wash path from the shore to the wash house at Charles Street opposite West End bar to the Bowling Green,
- The crayts from Braehead to Viewforth Place.
- Milton Road up the side of Gerrard shed
- Milton Road at Barley Cottage.
- Adjacent to the old Meeting House on Abbey Wall Road
- Passage by the side of the new artist house down Abbey Wall Road to get to look over the sea.
- Pittenweem to Grangemuir
- Ghostie Wynd (needs repairing)
- Coastal path to Anstruther - warning signs for golf balls

Appendix 3: Map of Pittenweem centre



Appendix 4: Survey Document



The Royal Burgh of
Pittenweem and District
Community Council

CHAIR :A.Guthrie VICE CHAIR: B.Whittome SECRETARY : vacant TREASURER : D.Stutchfield

Pittenweem Community Questionnaire

Pittenweem Community Council aims to work closely with Fife Council and community groups to ensure Pittenweem remains a wonderful place to live, work and enjoy. We would appreciate it if you could spare a few minutes to use this questionnaire to give us your feedback, so that we may better serve the community.

Please answer as few, or as many questions as you wish, and return to the **Pittenweem Pharmacy** or **Cocoa Tree** before the end of **Sunday 18th March**.

1. How important are each of the following issues to your household?

(Tick one for each question)

	Very important	Important	Minor importance	Not at all
Improved facilities for younger people				
Measures to reduce the carbon footprint of Pittenweem (travel, energy, food)				
Provision of more low cost or shared equity housing				
Provision of communal gardening space to grow food				
Existing open spaces to remain undeveloped as far as possible				
Improved community bus schemes				
Provision of additional litter bins, and dog fouling bins (State where in the box below)				
Improved community notice boards				
Help to reduce my home energy consumption				
Restoration of the sea swimming pool				

If you wish to add any comments about your answers please do so here:

2. We would like to find out your attitudes to community events. What events in Pittenweem have you been to in the last year? (Tick any / all that apply)

	Been to and enjoyed	Been to and didn't enjoy	Not Interested	Would like more information	Would be interested in helping
Pittenweem Arts Festival					
Pittenweem Gala					
Rowing Club events (fund raising / rowing)					
Football Club					
Tennis Club					
Coffee mornings					
Pittenweem in Bloom					
Beach Clean					

If you tick here, please complete & add these to the contact form.

If you have any comments on events, please add here.

For instance, what other events would you like to be able to go to in Pittenweem

3. Looking at shopping, we are interested in finding out how we can support our local businesses. (Tick one for each question)

	All the time	At least weekly	At least monthly	Sometimes	Never
Do you shop in Pittenweem?					
To buy food					
To buy household items / post office / chemist / clothes					
To buy presents /art					
To drink / eat food					
Did you use the petrol station? (when it was open)					
Would you use it if it re-opened?					

Is there anything you wish you could buy in Pittenweem, but can't? What would encourage you to use the shops more? Please say below.

What are your household views on Community Assets? Should Pittenweem seek to take control of and funding for running local assets from Fife Council (eg. toilets, parks, harbour etc)? Please state what in particular?	Yes / No ?
A Pittenweem Community Development Trust would be a not-for-profit company and registered charity which could own property and create income streams for the benefit of the community. Do you think this would be useful for Pittenweem? If so, can you suggest what issues it should tackle?	Yes / No ?
Would you be interested in helping set one up?	Yes / No
Would you support further investigations into renewable energy for Pittenweem to lower our carbon emissions and generate an income stream?	Yes / No
What two things does your household like best about Pittenweem & why?	1 2
What two things does your household like least about Pittenweem & why?	1 2
What other facilities do you wish we had in Pittenweem?	1 2
Would you support an annual Pittenweem Citizen Award to recognise contributions to the community?	Yes / No

Does anyone in the household commute? Where to?	Yes / No ?
Would they be willing to car share?	Yes / No
There is a proposal to erect a memorial to the Weem Witches. Would you support this? Where would you prefer the memorial to be sited?	Yes / No ?
On Armistice Day the Community Council and Fife Council lay a wreath at the war memorial at 11am. Pittenweem Church and community groups lay their wreaths at 12:30pm. Would you like the Councils to continue laying their wreaths at 11am, or move the time to 12:30?	11:00 or 12:30
How many years have your family lived in Pittenweem?	
How many people are in your household?	

5. Please don't worry if you don't understand this question – only answer if it makes sense! We are interested to compile a record of common good land as the Council does not have adequate records of it. It is important that Pittenweem assets are commonly known of and protected as much as possible. What common good land are you aware of in Pittenweem that is:

Still used as common good land?	
Being used in another way?	
Might be common good land but you are not sure?	
Similarly, do you know of any rights of way that may be in danger of being lost?	

6. Of the following, which are the most useful ways for your household to get information and feedback - of the survey results and other information about Pittenweem? (Tick all that apply – or number in order of preference – 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc)

East Fife Mail	
St Andrews Citizen	
Pharmacy Notice Board	
Community Council Notice Board	
A Pittenweem Community Website	
Facebook	
Email	
Would you use a Community Website?	Yes / No

Other (please specify)

This survey is anonymous, and you do not need to give any contact details, or fill in this page. However if you would like to be contacted on any issue please enter your contact details - fill in what information you are happy to give.

Detach this page if you wish, and submit it separately. Data will be stored on a password protected file and not given to any other organisation unless you state below.

Name:	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email	
I am happy to share this information with other Pittenweem Groups. Which organisations?	Yes / No ?
There are vacancies on the Community Council. Are you interested in becoming a member?.	Yes / No

Thank you for filling in this questionnaire for the Community Council. Please return the completed form to the collection box behind the counter at either of the two locations below:

Pittenweem Pharmacy, 7 Market Place

(Open 06:45 to 13:00 & 14:00 to 18:00 Monday to Saturday)

The Cocoa Tree, 9 High Street

(Open 10:00 to 18:00 Every Day)

Please return the questionnaire before 18th March 2012

Summary results will be collated, put on the Community Notice Board, and published.

