



The Royal Burgh of
Pittenweem and District
Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held in the New Town Hall the
Thursday 9th December 2021 at 7pm**

Present: Margaret Wardlaw, Linda Lauder, Gary McClure, Peter Mills, Jim Wood, and Duncan Lucas,

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

Apologies:

Public Attending: 3 members of the public were in attendance.

Opening of Meeting: **MW** welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked our guests if they had any business they would like to share with the committee or only to sit in on the meeting. No business was forth coming and guests were welcomed to stay.

Councillor's Report: **Cllr. BP** reported, on the Scottish Budget money is available for infrastructure to make walking, wheeling & cycling safer, hopefully the North East Fife area will be allocated some monies from the £100,000 budget allotted to Fife. He also reported the Council Tax will now be set at any amount by the **FC** and not the Scottish Government

Cllr. JD reported, Visit East Neuk has put the new visitor's signs on hold due to misunderstandings with the community. They had gone ahead with meetings with FC to remove the Fisherlass and replace it with a Puffin with no consultation with any of the East Neuk villages. VEN are willing to have a member from each community council to join their group and attend a consultation meeting in the New Year. Also reported was the Roads Department have money to fund improving foot paths

Cllr. LH reported that a meeting is to be held in the **NTH** this Friday 17th December at 3pm with the Police, Housing and FC Representatives & members of the public will be welcomed. The topic is University Terrace, drug related business within Pittenweem.

Matters Arising:

Tolbooth Steeple: PM and JW had been invited to view the work that has already been under taken on the 12th November. It was reported the work being carried out on the actual areas that need to be replaced, more deterioration of stone is being discovered, the same was discovered when the clock faces were removed. It takes 20 weeks for the stone to be prepared, this is the reason for delays. The materials being used cannot be used whilst there is frost which means it will be at least spring of next year before we see the end of this project. More funding will be required for the interior which also needs attention especially as the stairs leading to the parapet are in disrepair. Unfortunately funding for the interior was not included into the original budget. Janice Laird who is no longer with FC had fought hard to get funding for this project. The funding to repair the interior will be a separate project that the community will need to look at.

MUP: Results from the survey was published 24th November 2021, this can be viewed at the Fife Council active travel website. The majority supported the core path route, a large number of people responded to the consultation. It was agreed the foot path between Anstruther & Pittenweem needed to be up graded.

SUP: The next meeting to discuss the Pittenweem to Earlsferry route is the 12th January 2022. All available routes can be viewed on the ENCAP website.

Community Consultation: **MW** received an email from Heather White who is now covering Sheena Watson's area, she would like to organise a meeting with the **PCC**. Date & time still to be arranged.

Common Good Fund: To be discussed in the New Year.

Gillingshill Nature Reserve: It was discussed that there are a lot of legal problems and expensive costs involved with this property and whoever purchases this will have to let the public have access and will be required to

consult with the local community on maintenance, the reservoir alone will need regular maintenance. FCCT has looked at this but do not have the budget for the upkeep.

Parks and Open Spaces: LL reported an email has been sent to litigation general at FC regarding the consultation on parks and open spaces which closed 15th Nov. An email was sent with our concerns

- How will the rules be adhered to?
- Will signs be displayed at all parks?
- How will this be funded?

A reply was received from Lindsay Thomson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services that our specific questions will be responded to at the end of the consultation process.

East Neuk Broadband: Is looking to get faster broadband into the area, FC has been approached but unfortunately they don't engage with private businesses. It is the responsibility of individuals to register - <https://bit.ly/EastNeuk-Broadband>

Recycling Centre: The recycling centre is not to close at the moment, this is only valid until the 5th May'22 when the elections take place.

Police Report: PC Stecka is now working in the Levenmouth area, there were 24 calls to the police, consisting of various types including assist members of the public, concern for person, road traffic matters, neighbour dispute, 999 calls and others. Within these 2 crimes were recorded.

Cove Wynd: PM to chase this up, the new light has still not been fitted.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Trees/Beacon: Waiting on replies, a form was sent to Donald Grant regarding permission from FC to plant trees at the north end of the play park before the PCC can apply to the Woodland Trust for the year round colour pack that was decided on. LL is to chase this up. It was suggested more trees need to be planted in the area. One of our guests from East Neuk Footprint reported they are hoping to plant 4,500 trees across the East Neuk. They also offered to contact the Woodland Trust to order our tree selection stating with planning pending. Next was the beacon which will cost

£490 + vat, the gas cylinders are extra. A discussion took place to contact the **WBP** to ask if it would be possible to work together & help on this project. Hopefully the West Braes would be a good place to light the beacon & make it into a community event.

Notice Board: **MW** noted that the joiner has tried various types but has been unsuccessful with the hinges to date.

Benches: have been sanded and painted. They are now back at their places in the High Street. The payment cost was split between the PCC & the NTH. Thanks was given to the NTH for their generosity.

Tree Lights: the tree lights have been switched on in the High Street, but the PCC are aware there are a few links not working. Time & effort will be spent on them next year.

Provision of Bike Racks: An email was sent to Allan Maclean regarding bike racks with our suggestions. Waiting on a reply. **LL** is to chase this up.

Twining: Still ongoing, **MW** has sent emails to different organisations for information on what is required to get this project off the ground, it has been reported that this can be expensive. France has also been having similar problems.

New Members: Forms for 2 new members are to be completed at the end of the meeting, one as a member and the other as a co-opted member.

Results of the Storm: It was reported the corner wall of the cemetery had been blown down, **FC** are aware of this. It was thought the Library roof had sustained damage but on inspection it had been the Great House roof next door, this is now being repaired. The “Fisherlass” Skiff/Boat” was saved from floating out to sea.

Planning Report: **JW** noted there were 2 applications this month.

- Installation of electric recharging points in the Market Place.
- Environment Impact Application (EIA) screening request for 33 dwelling houses at St. Margaret’s Farm before it continues on to the planning

department at FC. There were various discussions regarding this item from sewage to traffic assess.

Secretary's Report: LL reported

- Cllr BP if he had any reply to his email regarding the dangers of One Way signage at Lady Wynd. Cllr Porteous would follow this up.
- An Email was sent 26th November 2021 to Lesley Craig asking for an update and time frame regarding the 3-2-1 signs and Dragon's Teeth coming into Pittenweem also the yellow lines and reposition of the No Entry sign at South Loan.

A reply from Eva Martinez was sent to all. Dragon's Teeth and 321 signs should have been completed by 22nd October but due to a back log, waiting on an update. Yellow Lines in South Loan needs a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and this is a statutory nationwide process which can take up to 9mths.

- Berwick Bank Wind farm's email had been sent out to all they were hosting a public exhibition 8th December but if anyone is interested there is a virtual exhibition for those who were unable to attend on the website www.berwickbank.com for more information.
- An email was received from D Stutchfield via the aboutpittenweem. Website, asking whether Pittenweem would like to participate in the Europe wide competition in 2022 (<http://www.entente-florale.eu>). A reply is to be sent that the PCC are unable to take this on.

A discussion took place regarding the accident where a pedestrian was knocked down at the junction of the A917 and the A942. It was noted maybe a change of signage at the junction leading on to Colinburgh. Change from a Give Way sign to a Stop sign. Cllr LH has asked for a police report on this accident. It was noted that with more new houses being built in Pittenweem and St Monans it means more traffic so the roads need to be made safer for everyone.

Treasurer's Report: members were given a copy of the most recent bank statement. It was reported there is £572.92 in the account. The fundraising account will be £3109.28 after the benches have been paid.

Chair person's Report: MW reported Lynn who took our minutes has had to give up her Thursday's night due to work commitments. LL will put out an

advert for a minute taker. A member of the public spoke to a committee member wanting to know what the PCC were going to do regarding the power cuts. A discussion took place and found out that this is out with the PCC and FC remit, they would have to contact Scottish Power. Everything else had been discussed throughout the meeting.

A.O.B

- **LL** asked Cllr JD for a contact at FC regarding the Butterfly tree growing out of the Primary School roof. Another member noted FC maintenance van was at the school earlier today.
- **GM** reported the fence around the kid's playground at the play park had been vandalised, the gate had also been broken off its hinges a few weeks ago. This fence is to keep the children safe and to keep dogs out. It was suggested we report this to the Police as this can be a case of criminal damage.

MW closed the meeting at 8.45pm by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and thanking everyone for attending.

Abbreviations:

PCC – Pittenweem Community Council. MW - Margaret Wardlaw, LL – Linda Lauder, PM - Peter Mills, GM - Gary McClure, JW - Jim Wood and DL – Duncan Lucas

Cllr LH - Councillor Linda Holt, Cllr - JD Councillor John Docherty and Cllr BP - Councillor Bill Porteous. FC – Fife Council.

MUP - Multi Use Path, SUP – Shared Use Path, NTH - New Town Hall. WBP – West Braes Project, CGF – Common Good Fund. FCCT – Fife Coast & Country Trust.

