



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Monday 8th August 2005. Commenced 7.30pm

Present: Chairman C Itani, B Buist, C Young, R Leslie, M Gallagher, R Itani.

Apologies: A Campbell

In Attendance : Michael Messenger - PKC Environmental Services
Cllr A Grant.

Members of Public : Mr D Morrison, Mr G Croll, Mrs J Duncan, Mrs J Dunlop, Mrs S Lamond, Mrs L MacIntosh, Ms R McKinnon, Mr K Picken, Mr R Greig, Mrs S Greig.
PC G Jack , PC Smith (Tayside Police – Blairgowrie).

Minutes: Taken by R Itani.

July minutes: deemed accurate proposed C Young seconded M Gallagher

Police Report

Many reports this month related to Youth Issues – a variety of events, including theft, vandalism, loitering, cars, bikes

Member of public – reported under age drinking, obscene language and behaviour within the childrens play area of Larghan Park at approx 6pm one evening. Reported to the police by mobile phone, at time. Member of public raised the complaint that personal details were not taken from them when they reported the issue. The reportees waited approx 1 hour at the site and failed to see a response from the Police - at which time they left the park as they were not prepared to stay longer with their two young daughters as the youths behaviour was becoming more unacceptable. On their way home they witnessed more youths, with additional alcohol in carrier bags, en - route towards the park.

Police response – this will be investigated to find what action was taken to this report
No stationed PC's in Coupar Angus

The number of available police came under discussion with a request for better response times for policing in Coupar Angus

The police are in the position where they can confiscate alcohol and write letters to the under age youths' parents/guardians.

PC Jack emphasised that the local pubs and off-licences have a good relationship with the police as to the sale of alcohol to young people, however the youths in question are obtaining alcohol by any means possible. Older persons are buying it for them – which is an offence.

PC Jack asked the members of the public what they are doing to prevent these situations. Many people see things happening but ignore them then complain that the police are not dealing with the problem! How can the police deal with incidents if they do not get told, at the time, that something is going on?

PC Jack emphasised the role of the police initiative “Thrillseekers” which has improved the situation. This gives young people something to do on a Friday evening.

Member of public raised issues related to youths causing disturbance in Larghan Park.

Motor bikes –in the car park near the cricket field between 1-8pm. Six to seven youths going around on the asphalt at the park, then onto the grass, round the rugby pitch/ cricket pitch.

Raised issue that members of the public do not feel the support from the police and are scared to phone up and report disturbances in case the police don't get involved and then they [public] are subject to retaliation. PC Jack stated that anonymous complaints are still investigated.

PC Jack advised that volumes of calls of complaints are assessed at task meetings and action plans drawn up in response.

Most complaints from public relate to:

Lawless youths, youths sitting drinking on the rooftops, throwing chips into the paths of oncoming cars to try and get seagulls to swoop and get hit by these cars. General loitering and misbehaviour. Noise and drunkenness. Underage drinking [girls as well as boys] litter and cans all over town.

Youths sitting at the doorway to the Royal. Waiting for traffic then pressing the light to the pedestrian crossing, then sitting down again.

If an adult says anything to these kids –all they get is a torrent of bad language.

Police left 8.15

The chairman then invited Mr Messenger to address the meeting.

Michael Messenger - Park Resources can be improved if a committee is formed to oversee opportunities for development. This "steering committee" in collaboration with P & K can apply for extra funding to obtain better resources for the park.

Friends of Larghan Park could be formed by representatives of all groups who use facilities currently available and decide on and, if feasible, improve them.

Quality of equipment in the playpark discussed: See Saw is stiff and chute is not slidey

Sand pit is not sandy it is just a leftover base for the Climbing frame which was removed for health and safety reasons.

Committee requires to be formed to enable the money from P & K to be used to apply for additional grants/resources [which are available for use by groups – but not available directly by P & K]

Financing of quality playpark equipment discussed

Supervision and accountability for the performance and maintenance of the park will continue to be the responsibility of P & K

Paddling pool needs constant maintenance

Capital budget available £20,000 with some capacity to increase in ongoing years

School/Existing groups involvement

Open Public Meeting for Friends of Larghan to be held on the 8th Sept in Coupar Angus Town Hall – there was enthusiasm from members of the public shown towards this event.

Skatepark – Builders still pressed for completion

Regeneration Trust

Rona McKinnon – project manager of CART {Coupar Angus Regeneration Trust} announced a public meeting will be held in the YWCA Hall on Tuesday 16th August at 10.00am. The meeting will cover opportunities available to the community for regeneration. Interested? Pop in, find out what it is all about, have your say.

Planning

- Norway Maple Trees to be removed from beside :-
 - 10 Sidlaw Crescent, 34 Davidson Crescent, 17 Campbell Streetas it is considered that the trees are too large for the locations. P & K Council propose to replace them with smaller ornamental trees.
- Tannary Cottage – extensions to dwelling house Pleasance Road
- Sunroom at Blair Cottage, Ardler
- Renewal of existing consent for erection of six twostorey houses and access road at Culross -Printers

Treasurers Report

Treasurers Account £649.48p

Interest 88p

Councillors Report

- New Post Box has been lowered - both post boxes to remain serviced long term
- Double Yellow lines “wearing” at the Grampian Food plant
- Smell from the Food plant is being addressed with a trial arietor/spray system in use

Points Raised For Attention of Cllr Grant

- Concerns regarding feathers floating in the air and litter in and from the car park at Grampian Foods causing nuisance. Particular concern raised over black rubbish bags from the food shop (unknown content) that have to wait one week before collection raised to Cllr Attention.
- Flowerbeds in the High Street a mess. AG to contact relevant agency.
Weeds under the broken bench
Quality of long term maintenance discussed
- Brambles and branches sticking out over the pavement walkways on the bypass roads and the way up the Dundee road to Abbey road – with particular focus on the Westside.
- Land at the rear of the White House is overgrown and desperately needs attention – The White House is on the market and the legal process towards maintaining this land wholly lies on the new owner.
- Piece of ground beside Culross’s also requires tidying.
- George St the burn/ Junction onto the bypass was reported as another eyesore and requiring some attention.
- General Development of Coupar Angus reviewed
- The integrity of the Royal Hotel brought under discussion
- Dog Waste discussed – now its summer time it appears to be on the increase

Gardens Competition 2005

The gardens competition was judged on Sat 6th August 2005 by Mr Len Jamieson, Dundee, who was impressed by the high standard of all the entrants. Unfortunately not everyone can win, but thank you for entering – maybe next year a trophy will come your way!

RESULTS

Trophy	Category	Winner
Roy McLean	Novice Flower Garden	YWCA
Morning Noon & Night	Mixed Flower Garden	H Lamond
Roses Quaich	Rose Garden	J T Anton
DJ Bannerman	Sweet Peas	Mrs Paul
Town Council	Vegetable Garden	H Lamond
Burgh Cup	Senior Citizen Flower Border	A Smith
Community Council	Hanging Baskets & Containers	H Lamond
Frank Cobb	Most Unusual Garden	A Legge
William Dunn	Pot Plant [child under 16yr]	no entry

Presentation of Trophies: To be confirmed, provisionally October 5th at 7.30pm

Correspondence

PKC Minutes

Murdo Fraser – out and about

Planning Aid Scotland

Letter offering Play Equipment

Bendochy Phonebox information

NHS Clinical Proposals

Forestry Commission Forest Strategy

Health group Information

Network Orange

Renewal of Licence board (The Vic)

Countryside Trust Path network

A-Z Guide on recycling

Drovers Tryst Walk information

Policing Scotland – media available for documentation

Trees Removal

Proposed Boundary Adjustment correspondence accepted

Correspondence regarding traffic control lights on the Queen St Junction positioning – this has been achieved

Portakabin at Grampian country foods – approved

AOB

Citizen of the Year to be held as usual. Nomination forms available soon

CAN magazine - Articles requested for winter issue

Next Meeting 12th September 2005 7.30pm Town Hall. All Welcome.