

Coupar Angus, Ardler and Bendochy Community Council

Monday 12th September 2005. Commenced 7:30 pm.

Present: Chairman Christine Itani, Anne Campbell, Betty Buist, Caroline Young, Michael Gallagher, Ron Leslie.

Apologies: R Itani and police.

In Attendance: Councillor A. Grant and R McKinnon, C.A.R.T. representative. One member of the public.

Minutes taken by C. Young

Minutes of August meeting deemed accurate, Proposed R Leslie, Seconded M Gallagher.

Matters arising from previous meeting : MG asked, regarding noise nuisance at the Cross late at night, if the verbal police response given at the last meeting was adequate to satisfy the lady who had brought her concerns to him in the first instance or whether she should receive a written response. MG to speak to her Discussion re: police cover of the area in general followed, this raised a few points including the fact the police have to take people to Perth to be charged therefore this is more time consuming.

C.A.R.T. / Y.W.C.A. have had community meetings and have decided to compile a questionnaire to find out the views of the community. They invited the Community Council to be the umbrella organisation, as they move this project forward and they will then be in a position to request additional funding. The CC unanimously agreed to be part of the project but requested to see the documents before they were sent out. Councillor Grant stated that C.A.R.T. is separate to the proposed building regeneration programme which is still in the process of seeking funding.

R McKinnon, CART Project Manager, had written a letter to the CC stating that from the meetings she had been involved with one of the recurring issues was a breakdown or lack of communication within the community. And therefore she asked that the CC consider changing the format of the Coupar Angus Newsletter, CAN. She felt that CAN should be published more frequently and would therefore inform the community of forthcoming events rather than being retrospective as it is at the moment. They would like to see a monthly format, more compact, so this would be easier to publish and easier to finance, suggested that one or two businesses could sponsor each issue, although the Regeneration Trust would support the newsletter in any form.

Advised that the members of the CC are all volunteers and have full time jobs and that the CC members who edit/produce the CAN magazine do not have the time to produce it more than bi-annually. CC members were concerned regarding the proposed funding of a monthly bulletin, which could impact on the advertising that currently funds the CAN. CC suggested that C.A.R.T./ Y.W.C.A. could fundraise, a coffee morning was mentioned rather than seeking sponsorship from local businesses, who are already supporting the community very generously through their adverts in CAN.

The Regeneration Trust are to produce a monthly bulletin in A4 form, the CC support the idea in principle but individual CC members do not have time to take an active

part in it's production/distribution. Rona put forward the suggestion that it could be distributed via a mail drop as in Aberfeldy at a cost of £140 per drop, the CC felt that this was excessive expenditure and made it clear that they would not fund the bulletin or expect any local business to be able to afford such expense. CC suggested that it could be distributed via the shops as CAN is.

It was decided that the CAN newsletter would remain unchanged, and published twice a year, next issue due out late November, any articles will be gratefully received.

MG enquired about the possibility of a new CC notice board, bigger than the current one. It was decided that the current one met our needs and that the cost/upkeep of a new one would be prohibitive.

MG was disappointed the suggestion box he placed at the Post Office was not better used and hopes to obtain permission to place one in the library.

Planning:

Banners advertising Scotia Homes development at the Pony Park.

Tree felling ongoing, replacements will be appropriate size re location.

Skatepark: At a meeting with the planners, P & K and parents & members it was decided to go ahead with an amended plan. The design has been changed many times causing delays in starting the work, and increasing the costs involved. The skateboarders are disappointed with the design but realistically it has to be accepted as additional funding is not available. Construction to begin as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report: Balance at 31st August £1277.96 Int £ 0.98

Councillors Report: Burnside Rd, overgrown bushes etc referred to relevant department to be cut back.

High St flower beds referred to Richard Smith, Outdoor Services.

Dundee Rd, litter etc sweeper asked to do more often.

Blairgowrie Rd, hedges cut back, a job well done it now looks very neat.

Chicken factory, spoke to management regarding feathers, boxes, pallets car park etc re Health & Safety issues.

Rumours regarding the future of the factory are unfounded, it will remain in Coupar Angus and the redevelopment will go ahead, timescale unknown at this time.

Royal Hotel, on the market, building control informed re the condition of the name plate. Perthshire Housing had looked at the possibility of utilising the building, but cost of refurbishment was prohibitive.

A Grant will be having a meeting with the new owners of the Co-op building to discuss future use.

Coupar burn: SEPA contacted and will be offering assistance/advice re flood prevention measures. P&K will undertake to clean the burn in the future, which will also help to lessen the flood risk.

Old flag pole at Town Hall unsafe and has been removed, there will be two new flag poles put up adjacent to the balconies. It was suggested that one of the flags could have the Town Crest on it.

Dog Bins, will be put up in the near future in Trades Lane/ Union Place.

Dog excrement problem in Ellerslie Gardens area reported to P & K. Dog walkers- please remember that FREE bags are available in Itani's and Morning, Noon and Night.

For Attention of Councillor :

Rubber matting below the sand under the swings in Sidlaw Place has again been pulled out and is potential hazard for children.

Parking on the double yellow lines at the Chicken factory after 5pm is an issue for the council unless they are causing an obstruction which then becomes a police matter.

Path between Strathmore Avenue and Scotmid, unless land required can be purchased the path would have to be wiggly rather than straight. May eventually require a compulsory purchase order.

Station road Ardler requires attention however decided to leave until new development is completed.

Congratulation were given to Councillor Grant on his retirement from his job at the University in Dundee.

Gardens Presentation 5th October at 7.30pm in the Council Chambers.

Correspondence:

P & K Friends of the Archive

P & K Housing the Countryside Policy review

P & K Eastern Area Consultative Draft Local Plan

P & K Tree Felling & Replacements

P & K Confirmation of Hall Booking – Gardens Presentation

|P & K Longleys Boundary Boundary Change - no objections received

P & K Late hours application – Kowloon Takeaway Fri, Sat 11.00—1.00am

P & K Launch of P & K Antisocial Behaviour Strategy- Blair 20 / 9 / 05 5 –7pm

Kinross CC – Buildings in the care of P & K Council

Royal Navy invite 20 / 9 / 05 Huntington 6.30pm

Scottish Office –the Local Channel

Uni of Dundee Questionaire

Convention of CC Annual membership due £15.00

CART re newsletter

Perth concert Hall

Campaign for Sustainable Communities Bill

Stewarts Turf

Community Plan 2004 / 5

Antisocial Behaviour Strategy

Community Safety Strategy

Spectra.

Convention of P&K CC membership fee now due and will be paid.

C Itani to write to Kinross CC stating that we have no problems with council – owned buildings.

Citizen of the year 2006: application forms for nominations available from C W West and Itani.

A.O.C.B: Coupar –in – Clover, Jo Kettles poly tunnels are available for use and Jo offers her help during the day. Please have a think about it and if you feel you could take this on -- do it! Contact Jo on 01828 627188.

Next Meeting 10th October at 7.30pm. Council Chambers , Town Hall