

Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council Meeting of Monday 10th October 2005 Commenced 7.30pm

Present : Chairman C Itani, BBuist, R Leslie, M Gallagher, A Cambell, R Itani
Five members of the public.

Apologies: C Young.

In Attendance : Sgt R Prudom , PC R Wood [Blair police] .
Cllr Grant arrived 8.15pm

Minuted by R Itani.

Minutes of September meeting deemed accurate . Proposed by A Cambell, Seconded by B Buist.

The gardens competition presentation evening was held on Wednesday 5th October. Mr Len Jamieson , from Dundee, who judged the competition, presented the trophies. An enjoyable social gathering followed.

The catering this year was done by Ann Cambell who provided a magnificent spread.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Ann for all her hard work.

The Gardens competition 2006 will be held on Sat 5th August 2006.

Mr H Lamond has agreed to be the judge.

All you keen gardeners out there are getting plenty warning of the date so no excuses for not entering and sharing your pleasure with others, as I know many people go round to admire your efforts..

Police Report: Sgt Prudom said that it had been a reasonably quiet month.

There were 18 crimes reported , of which 12 had been detected and 6 were under enquiry.- these were 5 cases of vandalism and one of theft. There were also calls concerning youths causing annoyance.

A.C. asked “ If police see kids hanging about or doing something what action is taken?”

Police stated that in the first instance they would speak to kids, hopefully averting anything escalating. If underage consumption of alcohol involved, they would remove it, take kids home and speak to their parents.

Part of the problem is there is very little for youngsters to do in the evenings – no place for them to meet , so they just hang about . Not all these young folk are “up to no good” the majority are just bored. Thrillseekers will be starting up again for another session from Friday 16th October until Friday 16th December 8.00pm –10.00pm.

It is hoped to include Coupar Angus in the “No Drinking of Alcohol in Public Places” initiative in the near future.

If anyone sees or hears anything untoward please phone police at the time on 01738 621141 to enable appropriate action to be taken promptly.

Xmas Lights: weather permitting the Illuminators hope to erect the lights on Sunday 27th November.

Trees / Planning : R Leslie asked about the trees removed from the area of the Skatepark at Larghan. M G stated that they have been replanted within Larghan Park.

The Canadian Maple trees in Campbell St and Davidson Crescent have now been felled. These will be replaced in the spring by smaller , slower growing trees.

Plans have been lodged for :

Change of use at 4 – 6 Commercial Street to form two flats.
Alteration and extension at Easter Denhead Farm Cottages

Skatepark: Under construction.

No date, as yet, for completion --weather dependant !

Councillors Report

Regeneration Trust –Townscape Heritage Initiative Project – spring 2006 for submission of Stage 2 funding bid application.

Consultation process actively ongoing run by Project Manager.

There has been some interest shown in the purchase of the Royal Hotel as the licensing board have been approached. Refurbishment costs however look to be substantial

Old CO-OP building – ongoing. New owner has possible tenant for ground floor . Hopes to get partnership deal to renovate upstairs flats.

Questions for Councillor

q. Are there enforcement orders available to compel owners to properly maintain buildings in conservation areas?

a. Unfortunately there is no legal process to force private owners to upkeep their area unless there is danger to public safety.

q. Can buildings that already have water/sewage at present be converted as no new build allowed at present?

a. Waste Water Treatment Plant is operating at full capacity so no new build allowed, however any existing property considered individually eg if a property has two toilets, the layout can be changed ,but no additional toilets can be added.

Coupar Burn Fly –Tipping. It is confirmed that this mess is to be cleared out shortly.

Flagpoles - Town hall repairs to balconies to enable erection of new flagpoles to be completed soon.

Vandalised Safety Rubber matting under the sand below the swings at Sidlaw Place playpark reported at last meeting has been put back in position, however, once this has been seriously damaged it cannot be repaired. Options for substituting the sheet for rubber tiles under review. Flower beds at the Cross under review, and referred to appropriate department as requested for attention.

The location of the birth, marriages and death registrar is still under review with hopes for it to remain within the town - perhaps in library.

New “Dog excrement bins” are to be installed shortly

Thorn Alley / End of Candlehouse Lane hole in bridge over burn was reviewed and a compound board was placed to reduce the risk to public safety. The maintenance of this bridge is not the responsibility of P & K council.

Planning application for the replacement of the vandalised Cricket Pavilion in Larghan Park has been lodged.

A member of the public asked Cllr Grant to assess an oak tree situated on ground between Sidlaw Place and Caddam Road.

C.A.N. : Advertisements collected – as always local businesses very supportive.

C Y and CI currently collating and preparing articles.

Correspondence:

NHS – Compact for Health

P & K – Community Wheels

P & K - Web page for community groups , course

P & K – Perth air quality report

P & K – Grants direct

P & K – Eastern area consultative draft plan meeting

P & K – Council Website update

Perthshire Housing Ass. – Perthshire Care & Repair

P & K – Quality of Life

Postwatch

Uni of Dundee – Questionnaire

Eastern Area Local Plan

R Brough re Trees to be felled

Mr Jamieson – letter of thanks.

AOB

R Leslie queried the amount of funds requested by CART for the survey

Remembrance Sunday Service – Sunday 13th November

Wreaths arranged.

Next Meeting Nov 14th at 7.30pm Town Hall – See you there!