

Draft of Minutes to be Approved at June Meeting

**Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council Meeting
Monday 8th May 2006. Commenced 7.30pm**

Present: C Itani, B Buist, Ann Campbell, R Itani, M Gallagher

In Attendance: Police-PC Mark Stewart, Member of the public. Cllr A Grant.

Minuted by: R Itani.

Apologies: C Young, R Leslie.

Welcome: CI welcomed everyone

Minutes

AC raised that the election of members was omitted from previous minutes.

Amendment to April minutes M Gallagher and C Itani returned unopposed to community council.

Minutes deemed reasonably accurate {with amendment}.

Proposed A Campbell. Seconded B Buist

Matters Arising

MG - Requested Minutes of the AGM meeting to be issued now rather than, as in previous years, just before next AGM.

Co-option of member for Vacant Seat

Ian Clark co-opted on to the Community council – Welcomed by Chairman & unanimously accepted by all CC.

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Police Report

Vandalism – investigated

Car Crime – slight increase in all Blairgowrie area - the police are successfully meeting targets to act against and in prevention of these crimes

Reminder to Public – summer weather means more garden furniture left outside – please ensure that valuable items are locked away. If out in back garden ensure front door and windows are secure.

Shed Alarms – Police are willing to give public assessments of garden security for their sheds etc. Police have Shed Alarms at £6.00 each available to the public. Contact Blairgowrie Office or Community police officer for details.

Damage to Celtic Cross, at Cross, reported some time ago –progress report sought
Assaults and nuisance generated by drunken youths in broad daylight raised. Quality of life for residents being spoilt by this type of behaviour. Police stated that persons were apprehended in connection with these incidents.

Patrols are regular – but IC requests that those on the beat park a few streets back and approach on foot and take varying routes towards town centre. Improved communication required between community and police.

Raised to police upcoming school holidays and info requested on summer initiatives
IC offered information on the Zero Tolerance approach at the school where any individuals are loitering outside school hours are reported to the Officers of the Law.

Feedback of reported crimes is logged and information fed back to affected individuals, property owners etc but not always the person who reports crime.

Police 01250 87 22 22 or 01738 621141.

MG advised that as a follow up he has patrolled dynamic at Skatepark has observed a mixture of all ages using the facilities.

Obscene graffiti reported at skate park being covered up by local skateboarders [boys self-policing] who do not like THEIR skate park being defaced.

Planning/ Trees

Erection replacement garage 20 Kings Rd

Erection of Outside Smoking Area at Red House Hotel.

Change of use - café into dwelling house at Megs Café, High St.

Skate Park:

Grand Opening still being looked into

Lighting to be erected gradually over the next few months

Treasurers Report: not available

Town Trail

CC discussed the funding for printing the proposed New Town Trail brochure.

Dux Prize

Unanimous agreement award to be donated [as in previous years] by CC to primary school dux.

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Councillors Report

Defective Lamp and drain on George St reported -

Smoking Shelter at Red House looks fairly low key

Tav in Ardler – Liquor Licence up for renewal

CAN magazine article received

Heritage Lottery money --info in due course

IC discussed the issue of memorial tree; bug garden, nature trail for school etc

Offensive Graffiti at the Skatepark dealt with by local skateboarders- sprayed over to cover it up.

Kiosk at Larghan discussed – yet again no one appears to be interested. Anyone who *IS INTERESTED* please contact Cllr A Grant on 01250 873295 .

Correspondence

Scottish Natural Heritage framework for action

Convention of PKC AGM 19th March membership due £15 – ok

John Swinney MSP – info leaflet

Licensing Board – nothing for C/A Tav Ardler

SEPA, SERVITE and SPECTRA news booklets

Anti Social Behaviour Awards scheme info

Invitation for Chairman to attend opening of Heritage Society Office

Parks Open Space road show 15th-19th May in the library

Tayside Police Update Meeting CC invited to attend.

CART letter to support community invitations to attend meetings

(cc unanimously agree to invite community groups to attend)

Murray Royal Information Day

Calor Scottish Community of the Year – RM to nominate Coupar Angus for the involvement in the Horsefair

Ardler – thank you letter for donation towards Christmas lights

Next Horsefair info – AC, & MG “volunteered” to form a subcommittee to organise next year’s horsefair.

AOCB

Possibility of having a Young citizen of the year discussed- possibly involving school? No decision made at this time.

CC Elections Review – Drive at the start of the New Year to promote CC vacancies to try to raise public interest.

Posters -- Election posters to be revamped to be more noticeable and eye-catching – MG to provide samples for future use.

CART Questionnaire Survey results – Mon 22nd May public meeting – to feedback responses and the way forward with community issues in the town.

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Possibility of formation of “company ltd by guarantee” to utilise Land Reform Act for registering interest in land/ buildings for development discussed.

MG requests anyone interested in forming a subcommittee to contact him in this regard. 01828 627124

Dates of retiral of CC members provided by CI

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Member of public asked why two Saltires were being flown on flagpoles at town hall?
RM [CART] requested, "Flags" to be flown prior to the Horsehair.

CI could not get a Union Flag at that time so bought two Saltires as only Lion Rampant & Saltires were available

The flag "Lion Rampant" cannot be flown unless the Queen is in residence so, as there are two flagpoles, two saltires were flown.

A Union Flag will be purchased at a future date.

Bulletin for CART – Local businesses have approached CART offering to help fund Coupar Angus Bulletin. RM sought clarification on accepting this sponsorship
CC cannot see any problem and wished the bulletin success.

RI to write to all organisations in town to invite two representatives from each to attend future CC meetings.

Advance apologies from C Itani for June meeting.

Next Meeting 7.30pm 12th June 2006, Town Hall, Coupar Angus

ALL WELCOME & BRING A FRIEND.