



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 14 May 2007, Coupar Angus Town Hall, 7pm

Present: Michael Gallagher (Vice-chair, acting as Chair in absence of Christine Itani), Bill McNaughton, Ed Maxwell, John Munro (Treasurer), Shuna Colville, Randa Itani, Ann Campbell

Apologies: Christine Itani (Chair)

In attendance: Sergeant Dave Adamson, Jo Kettles, Gwenda Minto, Councillor Alan Grant (arrives 7.10pm)

April minutes: Deemed accurate. Proposed by Shuna Colville, seconded by Ann Campbell.

Police report

Details of a new initiative called Safer Scotland will be available shortly.

Latest crime statistics for Coupar Angus:

Serious crimes down from 261 to 157	Vehicle crimes down from 16 to 13 with 77% detection rate
Serious/violent assaults, down from 4 to 2	
Domestic housebreaking, down from 5 to 2	Overall crimes down from 343 to 305. The detection rate is up from 59% to 66%.
Vandalisms, down from 80 to 60	

Matters arising from previous minutes:

- **Request for more police on the beat**, especially Friday / Saturday nights – discussion with Sgt. Adamson. Letter received from member of community expressing concern that police were not acting on anti-social behaviour and underage drinking. Ann Campbell expressed concern that on one occasion the police failed to approach young people who were drinking.
- Request for south end of High Street to be re-opened in order to attract more people into the town – Michael and Ed will write to PKC asking for a review.
- **New location / format for meetings** –
Agreed: The next meeting will be held at Strathmore Bowling Club.
Agreed: The next meeting will be in two parts. The first part will be for normal business. The second part will be a social event with free tea and biscuits for visiting members of the public, who will have the chance to meet members of the Community Council, and discuss their views, concerns and ideas.
- **Community notice board** –
Agreed: Everyone agreed with John Munro's suggestion that we inquire about using one of the Co-op's windows for a community notice board.
Action: Randa to write to the Co-op.
- **Development Trust** – Steering Committee has held its first meeting. If anyone has any suggestions for projects, please contact Ed, Michael or John.
- **Website for Community Council** – Michael showed a printout of suggested design for a website.
Action: It was agreed that Michael would carry out research into potential problems relating to operating a website and report back.

Proposal for advertising the Agenda

Agreed: Everyone agreed to John's proposal that in future is widely advertised a week in advance of our monthly meetings.

Action: Randa

Kiosk in Larchan Park

Jo Kettles alerted the Community Council to a piece of metal trim hanging loose on the steps of the kiosk.

Action: Randa will send a letter to the owners alerting them to the need for a repair. Cllr Grant will provide the address.

Mrs Kettles expressed concern that the kiosk is currently closed, and asked who is currently paying rates for it. Cllr Grant advises that no-one has come forward to operate the kiosk.

Action: Randa will write to have this investigated

Treasurer's report – John

Current balance £1145.65, interest £1.11

Correspondence – Randa

Tayside Police – Inspector Paddy Buckley-Jones regrets being unable to attend.

Coupar Angus Conservation Area Appraisal

SEA Environmental Report

PKC minutes

Coupar Angus Newsletter

Ed suggested looking for a cheaper quote for printing. 1000 copies to be printed. Shuna, Ann and Christine will work on the next issue.

Dux Prize

Agreed: The Community Council will give £25 towards the annual Dux Prize at the primary school.

Action: John

Gardens Competition – Bill McNaughton

The posters are ready. The competition will take place on 4 August.

Action: Bill will get the cups back in time for the next meeting.

Councillor's report

- George Lane – PKC has noted the request
- PKC is displaying its draft proposals for extending the conservation area in Coupar Angus in the Town Hall on Tuesday 15th June, for public consultation.
- Grampian foods have received planning consent for new enclosed areas to control smell
- Townscape Heritage Initiative – a project manager has been appointed. Ann said there was concern among the owners of buildings in the project area regarding the up-front cost of hiring architects in order to make funding applications.

Action: Cllr Grant will check to see if the project manager will be able to give advice to architects on what sort of proposals would be acceptable.

Any other competent business

- **Business cards:** John Munro suggested having business cards printed for members of the Community Council.
Action: John will look into getting free cards from vistaprint.com
- **Sign for Town Centre:** Ed said the road sign as you come into Coupar Angus from Dundee gives the impression that it is referring to the Town Centre, Blairgowrie.
Agreed: We want the sign changed
Action: Cllr Grant
- **Benches removed from Dundee Road:** Ed said that there used to be public benches on the Dundee Road, beside the entrance to Thorn Alley, but they were taken away for repair and never returned.
Action: Cllr Grant will investigate
- **Broken seat at the High Street:** Ann reported a broken seat at the High Street.
Action: Ann will show the damaged seat to Cllr Grant
- Loose slates on the Royal Hotel
Action: Randa will write to Ancaster Properties
- **Path near Couttie Brig:** Shuna reported that 3 people in Bendochy want a path down the side of the road on the approach to the Couttie Brig. Cllr Grant replied that the core path planning process is ongoing, and that the relevant contact is Jane Pritchard.
- **Health & Safety for farm workers:** Shuna suggested that in the light of last year's electrocution incident there should be health & safety information for foreign workers in their own language.
Action: John Munro will investigate (Cllr Grant suggested contacting HSE about the duties of employers)
- **Concern about septic tanks at Myreriggs:** Shuna says there are concerns in Myreriggs that new houses may face difficulties with their septic tanks due to the high water table.
- **Signs warning against dog fouling:** Bill suggested there should be signs to warn against dog fouling at Hay Street Park.
Action: Cllr Grant
Action: Bill will tell the wardens about a regular dog fouling culprit.

Next meeting – Strathmore Bowling Club, Monday 11 June, 6.45-7.30, followed by Coupar Conversations

