



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 11 June 2007, Strathmore Bowling Club, 6.45 – 7.30pm, followed by Coupar Conversations (public meeting)

Present: Christine Itani (Chair), Ann Campbell, Ed Maxwell, Bill McNaughton, Michael Gallagher (minutes), John Munro (Treasurer), Shuna Colville

Minutes – amendment / clarification – report on drainage concerns at Myreriggs originated with a member of the community. Otherwise minutes deemed accurate.

Matters arising from previous minutes

Kiosk in Larghan Park – The loose metal trim on the steps has been screwed back down. Christine reported that Mike Richmond of PKC would push for removal of the kiosk so that someone else can take over (also, see information from Cllr Grant, below).

Health & Safety for farm workers: Shuna has had a letter from Health & Safety regarding information in foreign languages. Pocket cards are available from HSE books. John Distributed HSE guidance notes.

However safety of workers is the responsibility of employers, who are regularly inspected. Therefore, for the time being, the consensus was that further action by the Community Council would not be appropriate.

Request for more police on the beat: Ed and Michael will arrange to meet Chief Constable John Vine. **ACTION – Ed and Michael**

Community Notice Board: Shuna will write to the Co-op to ask to use one of their windows as a temporary notice board. **ACTION - Shuna**

Website for Community Council: Nick Cole of Enterprising Eastern Perthshire has advised that he does not foresee any technical problems in running a website. It was agreed that Michael will go ahead with the new website. **ACTION - Michael**

Business cards: John and Michael will organise this, using the free service from Vistaprint.co.uk. **ACTION – John and Michael**

Treasurer's report – We have £1116.61 in our account, including £0.96 in interest. We will soon get our annual grant of £406.

Correspondence:

- Convention of Perth & Kinross Community Councils – Minutes of 54th meeting, Sunday 25 March, Tulloch Community Centre.
- Post Watch Scotland – News from independent watchdog for postal services. There will be 2,500 compensated post office closures across the UK over the next 18 months. There will be a public meeting on 3 September at the Salutation Hotel, 2.30pm, where you can speak to members of the Post Watch committee.
- Halls for All – A new campaign calling for investment in Scotland's community buildings. A petition will be launched on 1 June – see petitions page of Scottish Executive website.

Coupar Angus Newsletter – Shuna has contacted people for articles. Ann will write two. Christine has received three.

Gardens Competition (Bill)

- Judging will take place on 4 August.
- Shuna asked how to enter. Bill said there are application forms in Itani's and |CW West shops. He will give Shuna a poster for the competition. **ACTION - Bill**
- Ann said that local children want to have a sunflower competition on the same day. Ann and Bill will organise this. **ACTION – Ann and Bill.**
- Presentation of prizes: The prize giving for the Gardens Competition will be held at the same time as the presentation for the Citizen of the Year, in September or October – *see discussion of Citizen of the Year competition, under 'Any other competent business', below.*

Councillor's report

- Cllr Grant has got an article in the paper about progress on a no-drinking zone in Coupar Angus. A bye-law will be applied for imminently.
- Cllr Grant will put in a request for the sign at junction between Queen Street and Burnside Road be changed to read 'Coupar Angus town centre'.
- The seat at the Dundee Road end of Thorn Alley has been reinstated.
- The owners of the kiosk at Larghan Park are exempt from paying rates because it has been closed for more than 6 months.
- Townscape Heritage Initiative – A project manager has been hired. She will approach owners of buildings re. work needing done.
- Street sweeping – the current person is ill. The streets need sweeping – Alan will enquire.
- George Street – heavy traffic not illegal
- 30mph zone to be extended along Forfar Road due to new houses.

Any other competent business

Resignation of Randa Itani: Randa has stepped down as Member of the Community Council due to work commitments. It was unanimously agreed that Shuna would take over as Secretary. Mrs J. Kettles has offered to take over as Minutes Secretary without payment – unanimously accepted.

Vote of thanks to Randa: Shuna proposed a vote of thanks from the Community Council for Randa's hard work over the years – unanimously agreed.

Proposal - Michael suggested that all Community Councillors produce reports of their actions prior to monthly meetings. Unanimously agreed. Please email your monthly reports to Shuna (email address to follow shortly). **ACTION – All**

Report from Christine Itani (summary):

- **Friends of Larghan Park – AGM:** Tuesday 12 June
- **Loose slates on Royal Hotel** – reported to Mr Vic Thomson of Ancaster Properties.
- **Vandalised electricity meter boxes,** Athole Street and George Street reported to Scottish Hydro

- **Overgrown hedge** – Hedge over growing access path between Strathmore Avenue and Kings Road reported. Willie Kean (Blairgowrie) will take action.
- **Tyres in burn** – Spoke to Peter Semple of SEPA Perth regarding tyres in burn. He is to speak to Lamb & Gardner.
- **Loose windows in old Scotmid** – Now sorted by Perthshire Housing Association
- **Broken window in old Scotmid, Athole Street** – Boarded up promptly
- **Police invited to today's meeting**
- **Mattress and bed frame in burn** – behind Royal. Reported to Environment Services on 28 May.

Living with disability: John will invite a member of the community to discuss living with a disability in the community. **ACTION – John**

Citizen of the Year:

- Nominations for Citizen of the Year are to be in by 31 July. Christine will dig out the form for Shuna. **ACTION - Christine**
- N.B. Community Councillors can nominate people for Citizen of the Year.
- The competition is to be placed as a story in the Courier and Blairgowrie Advertiser – **ACTION – Shuna**

Next meeting Monday 9 July, Coupar Angus Town Hall, 7pm.

9/07/07 Minutes approved with amendments: John Munro

Seconded:

Ann Campbell