



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 9th July 2007, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

Present: Christine Itani (Chair), Ann Campbell, Ed Maxwell, Michael Gallagher, John Munro (Treasurer), Shuna Colville, Alan Grant

Apologies: Bill McNaughton, Police representative

In Attendance: Alan Grant, J Gregory, Mrs King, Fiona McPhail, J Kettles

It was suggested that it might be easier if the secretary also took the minutes. Shuna was willing to do this and Mrs Kettles intimated that she was willing to help out if Shuna was not there. Mrs Kettles was thanked in advance for her assistance.

Minutes of the meeting on 11/06/07 were approved with amendments.

Fiona McPhail introduced herself to the committee as the new Enterprise Manager for Enterprising Eastern Perthshire (A Sirolli project). She is offering free confidential business advice to small-scale businesses that are changing direction, starting up or looking to change direction. As she is not allowed to advertise she has asked the community council to pass the information on to those who may be interested. Fiona can be contacted on 07912-786864.

Police Report: In past month there have been 7 crimes, 5 detected, 2 ongoing.

Community Notice Board: Shuna reported that Scotmid have a policy that no notices are place in the shop windows but we are welcome to use the customer notice board inside the shop. Mr Smith has kindly allowed us to use the shop window of New 2 U for Community Council notices. Michael is investigating the costs of a notice board, the design would have to be in keeping with the proposed plans for the cross area.

Website: Michael was congratulated on its development. Mr Gregory mentioned that the domain name couparcouncil.oneuk.com was not as instantly accessible as it could be and suggested Coupar Angus.org.uk for £5.95 for 2 years. P&K Council had suggested CouparCC. It was agreed that we should use CouparCC by the majority of those present.

Business Cards: Michael reported that Vistaprint, £3.62 for 250 cards, Scotts printers £110 for 200 ex vat, Culross £220 for 200, ex vat. It was decided that if members wanted cards that they arrange it themselves.

Sign at High Street barrier: Councillor Grant confirmed that the signs were completed and await erecting.

Broken seat at High Street: C Itani will contact council again.

Loose slates on Royal Hotel: Vic Thomson from Ancaster properties has looked at the building and could not see any loose slates that would endanger anyone.

Disability discussion: John Munro is still looking into this.

Path near Couttie Bridge: Councillor Grant informed the committee that a pavement was not practical. Path network scheme still ongoing, not likely to be finalised this year.

Dog Fouling Signs Hay Street Park: These have been requested.

Coupar Conversations: General feedback from the 17 who attended was positive, there were requests for regular meetings. The committee agreed that the meetings should be held every 3 months a week prior to community council meeting to allow for feedback. Michael to arrange.

CART Report: Christine distributed the chair's annual report.

Development Trust: Michael, John and Ed have met with Scottish Community Action Research Fund who have awarded a non specific amount to assist in the survey of need for sheltered housing in the town. They have a meeting on 25th July to discuss the survey design and legal aspects.

Proposal by John that members take turns at chairing meetings: John Gregory (founder member of Community Council) pointed out that this was contrary to the constitution. The chair is invited to the Coupar Angus Regeneration Trust (CART) meetings and for continuity and confidentiality this should be the same person. The proposal was not carried.

Provost's Robes and Chain of Office: Ed had proposed these be kept in Coupar Angus- this is not possible due to insurance. Ed also enquired about the town crier's bell- this is also in Perth Museum.

Proposal to invite councillors to meetings: As this is a public meeting any councillor can be invited along. Councillors do not have a duty to attend such meetings.

Contribution to Strathmore Bowling Club: It was decided to contribute £10 to the Bowling club for use of the room for meeting on 11/06/07.

Venue of meetings: Michael has written to Disability Rights Commission for advice, as our meetings are held upstairs with no disabled access. They advise that we should change policy, practice or procedure to allow disabled access to the meeting. The large hall is used by other groups/meetings, there is a small room at the back of the hall that would be available should anyone with mobility problems wish to attend a meeting. It was decided that meetings would remain in council chambers, as it was larger and lighter, but would move downstairs should the need arise to allow those with a disability/mobility problem access to the monthly meetings.

Proposal by John that committee member is present at local events: There have been committee members at events that have taken place providing one knows of them. Sources of information – Invites and Blairgowrie Advertiser.

Proposal for Community Housing Officer: proposed by Michael following concerns over allocation of housing in the town. Councillor Grant explained that the problem was lack of available housing, 40% of housing stock is now privately owned. Allocation is done centrally in Perth, by local authority, in line with government policy. The homeless have higher priority than those on the housing list. Councillor grant pointed out that allocation of Houses was not within The Community Council remit- the proposal was not carried.

Proposal for Community Safety Officer: Safety officer not nominated. Ed Maxwell has been meeting with PC Brown regarding neighbourhood watch schemes and will take this forward. Shuna passed on the details of Eddie Boyle regarding street warden patrols (a suggestion from Coupar conversations).

Speeding traffic: Councillor Grant has requested a survey with speed recorder from Tayside police. This will be carried out after the schools go back in August to give a more accurate reading.

Dangerous road exits: John highlighted some dangerous road junctions. Councillor Grant suggested that he make a list and send it to Douglas Kent, Roads Department. The sites will then be assessed and remedial action proposed.

No Drinking Zone: There is a meeting to discuss this 11/07/07. Ed, Michael and Christine will represent the community council.

Footpath-Larghan to Wester Denhead: This has been assessed by the roads department in terms of cost benefit and is on the list but is not deemed a high priority.

Planning report: nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: £1498.66 in account, interest for the month was £1.05. Outgoings- £25 to Dux prize, Coupar Angus School. Income- £406 grant from P&K Council.

Correspondence: Care and repair information

P&K Allocations policy

NHS Spectra

Police Annual Performance report

P&K list of councillors

P&K 30mph speed limit extension A94

P&K Byelaw on consumption of alcohol, meeting 11/07/07

SMP Playground equipment

Convention of Community Councils, nomination of area representatives- Michael volunteered for nomination.

P&K Antisocial noise leaflet

Aberfeldy Community Council regarding closure of public toilet facilities

CAN: with printers and awaiting proof reading by Ann & Shuna.

Garden's competition: All trophies collected in. Posters in CW West, C Itani, Athole bakery and Corner Shop. Entry Forms in CW West and C Itani shops. Gardens competition and Citizen of the year have been intimated in Blairgowrie advertiser and courier.

Sunflower competition: The Blairgowrie Advertiser will ask those taking part to hand their names, address and age into C Itani shop.

Councillor's report: -Street sweeping- Lois has been off ill but replacements have been sent to keep streets clean. Comment was made by committee members that they did not do as good a job as Lois.

-Coupar Angus Pipe band, Ian Ewins had enquired as to why Alyth managed to use school free of charge- they use the community wing of Alyth school. However Coupar Angus could use the local school if the practice night was changed to Tuesdays at a cost less than their current charge. Councillor Grant will give the information to Ian Evans.

-member of the public has expressed concern about the safety of the railway bridge over track to Kempmill Farm. Councillor Grant will write to the estate.

-footpaths- Councillor Grant informed the committee that the path from Balbrogie to Ardler and Larghan to Denhead were in process but they were not high priority.

AOCB:

- Proposal to invite Anti social investigation team to a meeting. It was agreed that they should be invited to the next Coupar Conversations meeting in September.
- Ann and John were both approached regarding the increased vandalism at Trades Lane Centre. There have been 47 incidents over the last year. To help make the area safer the wall has been taken down and lower branches of the trees removed to increase visibility. Close circuit surveillance is being installed to assist security.
- George Place, the pavement is in poor state of repair. Councillor Grant will find out who owns the ground.
- Ed had been approached regarding the placing a skip in Candlehouse Lane. Councillor Grant explained that it would have to be manned 24hr a day to prevent fly tipping. If those that want the skip can arrange this then there is no problem.
- Ed drew attention to the state of Malloch's yard and it was agreed that he should approach Mr Malloch to ask him to spray the weeds.
- Michael informed the committee that Strathmore Centre for Youth Dialogue (SCYD) had received a grant to put 10 LCD monitors into shop windows displaying information for the young people. The monitor is approximately 19". It was agreed that Michael would ask CW West's if they would be willing to take a monitor.
- Michael has been kindly doing the Agenda in the absence of a secretary. Shuna has agreed to take this on for future meetings.
- Youths have been drinking and creating a disturbance by the Scout Hut.

Date of next meeting 13th August 2007 7pm Council Chambers, Town Hall