



## Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

**1. Present:** Christine Itani (Chair), John Munro, Ed Maxwell, Michael Gallagher, Bill McNaughton, Anne Campbell, Alan Grant & Shuna Colville

**2. Apologies:**, Anne Campbell, Alan Grant and Sgt Taylor

**In Attendance:** Chief Inspector Macpherson, Sergeant David Adamson, Elsa Leslie, Mrs Minto.

**3. Presentations:**

Mrs Itani welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Chief Inspector Macpherson to give his report. He has looked at the crime figures over the last year and compared them to previous year. 2006 June to September, 63 crimes, 41 detected (65% detection rate, 2007 34 crimes with 35% detection rate so far however that is expected to improve with passage of time. Calls to the police June, July & August 2006 38, 2007 for same months 50 calls. Increase in calls possibly due to encouraging people to phone police.

Alcohol ban should help policing powers, another advantage would be increasing the areas covered by neighbourhood watch schemes. Currently there are 4, 2 in Causewayend/ Trades Lane area, 1 Hill Gardens, & 1 in Abbey Gardens

Scottish Executive figures for crime P&K over last 10 years

1<sup>st</sup> highest fear of people is housebreaking, 75% drop over period

2<sup>nd</sup> highest fear, Car theft 87% drop

3<sup>rd</sup> highest fear, theft from car 57% drop partly due to advances in car manufacture

Vandalism, reckless damage and malicious mischief was 12 % increase over the 10years but was the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest increase in Scotland. In the last 4 years this has been reduced further but still a long way to go.

There was discussion about various issues regarding antisocial behaviour with in Coupar Angus and the police are aware of these issues. Any issues that were raised that they were unaware of and could act upon they will follow up.

Mrs Itani thanked Chief Inspector Macpherson & Sergeant David Adamson for attending.

Elsa Leslie was then invited to speak on living in Coupar Angus as a disabled person. She commented that wheelchair accessibility had been improved in last few years however some pavements were narrow and the road was the easier option (it also avoided dog fouling which was not pleasant when using a manual chair!). She found no problems with drop kerbs, accessing buildings or parking. Ms Leslie felt that Coupar Angus is a good place for wheelchair users as it is flat.

Mrs Itani thanked Ms Leslie for her interesting insight.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August were approved by Michael Gallagher and seconded by Bill McNaughton.

**4. Matters Arising:**

- a) Community notice board: Custom made would be approximately £1000 whereas an aluminium framed 1350mm x 1000mm costs £699 ex Vat. Michael Gallagher will contact the planning department, Atholl Bakery and Town Heritage to let them know of the plan to erect the notice board. He will also apply for grants to fund this.
- b) Co-option onto the committee. Requirements are that the community council should publicise the fact that they want to co-opt people onto the committee. If one receives more

notes of interest than places then the committee have to vote on who to co-opt. Given that it is only 6 months until next election period it was felt that unless there was a particular need for an additional skill it would be more advantageous to wait until the next AGM in April 2008.

- c) Important number post-its: Cost £22 for 675 post-its with SEPA, Pollution hotline, Antisocial behaviour Team and Community Council member numbers printed. It was decided to go ahead and trial this.
- d) Gardens Competition Prize Giving/Citizen of the Year award: Hall booked for 16<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm. Cups are away being engraved. Shuna will speak with Bank of Scotland and confirm date and time. Invitations to be sent out to winners of gardens competition and Citizen of the Year Award. Catering to be organised by Ann & Shuna.
- e) Halls survey: Halls for all- currently a lot of halls that do not comply with current legislation- ongoing survey.
- f) Hill gardens lofts: Fire brigade have passed this onto P&K Council, 75% of their housing is like this. Some house insurance companies are insisting on dividers between the lofts and in this case the Council will put them in.
- g) Fireworks display: This has been arranged for 2<sup>nd</sup> November by Blast designs

5. Association of Scottish Community Councils membership survey: we are not members so unable to complete survey. Shuna to enquire as to cost of becoming member.

## 6. Reports

**6a. Chairman-** SEPA contacted 30/08/07 regarding tyres in the burn, Environmental Health contacted regarding removal of dumped rubbish near burn behind Royal Hotel. The proposed bottle bank/recycling site at the co-op has raised concerns over increased rubbish. It was suggested that the person concerned write to the planning authority regarding this matter. It was also pointed out that the site in Balbeggie has not had excess rubbish around it.

**6b. Planning-** Ed Maxwell had a satisfactory meeting with manager at Grampian Foods in relation to their application for extension planning permission.

**6c. Treasurer** – 1<sup>st</sup> August £1501.64 in bank, interest £1.47.

### 6d. Councillor

#### • Dog Fouling

A Bye-law would not be enforceable, however if there are 2 witnesses who will testify then a penalty notice can be issued to the dog owner. If there is a regular pattern to the dog fouling then if the wardens are contacted and informed they will try and do something about it.

• **Parking for residents, old co-op.** This is considered adequate

• **Disabled parking bays:** Parking supervisor on annual leave so unsure as to whether police or traffic warden would deal with this.

• **Townscape Heritage Initiative:** the grant aid was signed off last week and Perthshire Housing is hoping to start work within next few weeks.

• **George Place:** Not an adopted road and Perth and Kinross Council are not responsible for the adjacent properties. If the owners want it fixed then they have to bear the cost.

• **Kemphill Bridge:** Awaiting reply from Sir James Stirling.

• **Old Town Crier's bell:** Ed Maxwell now has this in his possession. It was presented to Mr Hamilton (town crier) and his family now wish it to be presented to the community council. Councillor Grant stressed the importance of the safe keeping of the bell as part of the heritage of Coupar Angus.

