



## Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

1. **Present:** Michael Gallagher (Chair), John Munro, Ed Maxwell, Bill McNaughton, Councillor Dennis Melloy & Shuna Colville (minutes)

2. **Apologies:** Anne Campbell, Christine Itani

**In Attendance:** Ian Ewins attended briefly to see if the Community Council could assist with the organisation of a march behind the Coupar Angus Pipe Band on Remembrance Sunday from The Cross to the School after the Abbey service. Ian will complete the form for Police regarding public marches and contact the guides to invite them to participate. Shuna will contact Cubs, Scouts & Brownies, while Michael will contact the Cadets.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- a) Association of Scottish Community Councils membership of £15 was approved.
- b) Co-option of members to community council. Michael proposed that Tom Callan be approached in relation to raising profile of organisation as he was up for election in April. However as discussed in detail at the last meeting the correct procedure is to advertise and then vote on those that put their name forward. It was also felt that it is not long until the next election however it was decided that we should co-opt now. Shuna will arrange for a piece in Blairgowrie Advertiser asking for people to stand for Ardler and Coupar Angus (1 place available for each area) and Michael will organise posters for the town.
- c) The Town Criers bell has been loaned to the Community Council, to be kept in the Council Chambers, by Mr Hamilton's (last town crier) daughter, Mrs J Ramsay, on the condition that if the Community Council no longer exists the bell be returned to Mrs Ramsay, Middlehills, Coupar Angus. The copy of the picture of Mr Hamilton should be available by the November meeting.
- d) The addition of the Dog Wardens number to the important number post its was agreed.

Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October were approved by Bill McNaughton. and seconded by John Munro.

4. **Reports:**

- a) **Police:** no report sent
- b) **Chairman:** nothing to report
- c) **Planning:** Ed had nothing to report but asked if rumours regarding Lidel coming to the town were correct. Councillor Melloy will investigate and report back. Shuna informed the committee of Perth & Kinross plans passed and refused from the P&K minutes from meetings 14/06/07 to 12/09/07. The naming of roads in the Scotia Homes Development was discussed and no objections raised to Larchan View and Denhead Brae.
- d) **Treasurer:** Due to postal strike there was no balance available. There are still 3 outstanding cheques for adverts in Can- John will follow these up.
- e) **Subcommittee/Meetings:**

**The Development Trust-** Care needs survey is continuing in preparatory stage which is due for completion by mid December with the survey being carried out in the New Year. The trust needs pledges of support from as many community groups as possible for assistance in completion of survey. Funding has been from Scottish Community Action Research Fund

(SCARF). Councillor Melloy informed Michael that he could apply for further funds from Financial Assistance Fund and he will get application forms for Michael.

**Coupar Conversations-** 20 people attended. The major issues discussed were neighbourhood watch and dog fouling problems. Proactive meeting with more people stating an interest in neighbourhood watch schemes. Those present also pledged to bring others along to next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November and to assist with distribution of flyers regarding the next meeting.

To promote Coupar Conversations it was decided that the community council name should be below Coupar Conversation on the minutes. A donation of £20 was made to the Bowling Club for the use of the room for both nights. The minutes were approved by John Munro with amendments.

- f) **Councillor:** Dennis Melloy noted that the responsibility of enforcing disabled parking bays had not been resolved and would follow this up. He also confirmed that the issues raised by the residents of Coupar Angus were the same as other local communities in the area. The issues of dog fouling were discussed. The Dog Wardens are unable to do anything without names of the offenders, if there are 2 witnesses to dog fouling then a penalty notice and fine can be issued. It was decided to raise the profile of this problem by a press release and leafleting the town. Councillor Melloy will ask the Dog Wardens if they would be available to be in attendance on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am in The Cross, Coupar Angus. Shuna will contact Dave Phillips to enquire if he is available for photo opportunity.

Councillor Melloy called for the Community Council support in a campaign he intends to launch in the near future regarding the lack of lights on bicycles at night. This was agreed.

Councillor Melloy will be present to lay the Perth & Kinross Council wreath at Remembrance Sunday. It had been the understanding of the Community Council that this was a Community Council wreath however with this information it was decided to lay a wreath in our name and Shuna will organise this. Bill McNaughton has agreed to lay wreath.

Councillor Grant sent an e-mail to report on issues raised at the last meeting:-

-Public March paperwork delivered to Ian Ewins

-Constable Steve Brown contacted and asked to contact Trades Lane Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator.

-Plans for upgrading of Lodging House forwarded to Michael Gallagher.

-Response from Keithick Estate regarding concern over Kemphill farm road/bridge awaited.

## 5. Correspondence

- P&K Minutes of meetings 14/06/07 to 12/09/07
- Rural Tayside Leader programme 2007-2013
- P&K Access Group (sandwich boards)
- Convention of P&K Community Councils (meeting date change) (Michael to attend)
- Tayside Safety camera partnership – updated leaflets- (shuna to order 50)
- P&K Glass Recycling Campaign (leaflets to distribute)
- P&K Scotia Homes Development- street naming
- Association of Scottish Community Councils AGM and conference 3/11/07 (Michael to attend)

- Ronald Todd- enquiring about copy of photograph on CAN front cover (Shuna to obtain from Culross Printers).
- 6. Citizen of Year Award/ Gardens Competition Presentations**—Anne and Shuna are organising catering. Mary Gres has 14 guests. Bank of Scotland are aware of date and time. To inform Shuna by end of week of representative to present cup. Pride of Place representative to present Sunflower competition prize. Bill McNaughton has cups back from engravers.
- 7. AOCB:**
- CAN – it was agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss next issue and update lists, dates to be circulated
  - Robin Barron (East of Scotland Farmers manager) expressed a concern of the members regarding the future of the business if the rumour of planning permission for new houses in the proximity of the grain driers were granted. Councillor Melloy was not aware of such an application and would investigate.
  - John asked if the Street youth workers had started. Michael informed the committee that they had.
  - Ed and Michael, when researching the old town council came across the chain of office and distributed photographs of this to the committee.
  - Councillor Melloy clarified the role of the 4 councillors for the Strathmore ward. All councillors are available to all constituents. Between the 4 they have split the workload of Community Council representation and feed back to each other any relevant facts. Any Councillor can attend the meetings as well as the Councillor who regularly attends.
- 8. Date of next meeting**

Please note change of day for next meeting and for the following 2 months until end December 2007.

**Date of next meetings:**        **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall**

**Amendments:**

**Approved:**

**Seconded:**

**Signed off:**