



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Tuesday 13th November 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:** Ann Campbell
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) Remembrance Day Parade had been well attended, Grace Saunders had said a few words at the memorial at Coupar Angus School. Following the success planning should start in September 2008 for next year's parade.
 - b) Co-option onto the committee. Tom Sharpe, 8 Franklin Street, Ardler has volunteered to sit as Ardler representative until April 2008. Shuna will send out last minutes and inform him of meeting dates.

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

4. **Reports:**

- a) **Police:** no report sent
- b) **Chairman:** Important number stickers are now in circulation and available in Corner Shop and Co-op. When Christine Itani returns they will also be available in Itani's. Comment was made that it was the Dundee police number, however this was on the instruction of Chief Inspector Vine as Dundee is the main switchboard for all police stations.
- c) **Planning:** nothing to report.
- d) **Treasurer:** Due to postal strike there was no balance available for September, however to 28th September interest was £1.19 total in bank £1501.64. The October figures are interest £1.48 and bank balance £1605.31. CAN monies all collected.
- e) **Subcommittee/Meetings:**

The Development Trust- Care needs survey is due to be carried out in the New Year. Lindsay Watt is advising on any legal aspects of setting up the group.

Gardens Competition- Bill will approach people to judge the competition and the 2nd August 2008 was agreed as the date.
- f) **Councillor:** Dennis Melloy reported back on the rumours about supermarkets building in the town. There are no official plans or approach being made at present to Perth & Kinross Council. Councillor Melloy had also met with Robin Barron of East of Scotland Farmers regarding the concern of more building of houses within the proximity of the business. There has been no official approach to the Planning Department for such housing.

The disabled parking bays are being checked out as it is thought that they are advisory only as they are white lines rather than yellow.

The query of ownership of the ground at the old station yard- this belongs to Alan Bannerman.

5. Correspondence

- Eastern Perthshire Area Initiative Steering Group meeting 10/09/07
- Community Planning Contacts P&K
- P&K Grants Direct
- Alan Grant re P&K Flood Mitigation and Kemphill Farm Road
- P&K e-funding news

6. **Date for CAN meeting-** It was agreed that we try for 4th December at 7pm in Town Hall. If Hall is not available John Munro offered his house – Shuna will check and let everyone know.

7. **Coupar Conversations** – next meeting 21st November. Content- follow up of what was discussed last time re neighbourhood watch, community security and dog fouling. Discussion on Community buy out scheme to enable a community shop

8. AOCB:

- Concern that all retail units in town are disappearing and to allow regeneration there have to be retail units. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Peter Marshall of the Planning Department to voice the concerns (Shuna to send). Michael is to check out what the THI plans are to attract businesses in to the town.
- Dog Bins- a request has been made for more Dog Bins especially in Hill Gardens, George Street, at the Enverdale Hotel and at the corner of Lamb and Gardiner. Councillor Melloy will approach warden about this.
- The issue of underage drinking was mentioned in the vicinity of Larchan Park. Again it was reiterated that those that complain should phone the police and report the problem. All calls are logged, and if there is a rise in calls and a problem identified, action has to be taken. Michael will write an article for the Blairgowrie Advertiser around the problem of under age drinking in Coupar Angus.
- Bill McNaughton reported that the builders working on old co-op building have their office in the old furniture shop (opposite) and are very approachable if there are any queries or problems regarding the works.
- Walkers have complained about the hedge planted at Hirsal on Dundee Road as they fear it will grow and impinge on pavement. Unless it is on Council ground there is little that we can do about it at this stage. If it does impinge on pavement in the future the owners can be requested to cut it back to allow pedestrians to pass.
- The Gable end of the Old Mort House is reportedly in need of attention. P&K Council inspected this earlier this year but Michael will check up on it again.
- John Munro asked for the Community Council agreement to run a Community Christmas event, this was agreed.
- Bill was asked to quote for provision of 1m² square flower boxes for the town. The Coupar Angus school headmistress is willing to get children to design sides of boxes. The template is available from John Munro. Perhaps businesses in the town would sponsor the boxes?
- P&K Council have awarded £528 towards the Community Notice Board. The shortfall will be made up from the bank and we will ask businesses if they would like to place business cards around the edge for £5/year to help towards funding. Michael to forward details of Board to Shuna to order once Cheque is in from Council.
- Fireworks display was well attended.

- Councillor Melloy was asked for clarification regarding the allocation of housing. He explained that Local Councillors have no authority over the allocation of houses, this lies with the Scottish Government. Councillor Melloy will send criteria to John Munro.

9. Date of next meeting

Please note change of day for next meeting until end December 2007.

Date of next meetings: Tuesday 11th December, 7pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall

Amendments:

Approved: Ed Maxwell

Seconded: John Munro

Signed off: Michael Gallacher