



Coupur Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Tuesday 11th December 2007, Coupur Angus Town Hall 7pm

1. **Present:** Michael Gallagher (Chair), Christine Itani, John Munro, Ed Maxwell, PC Andy McLennan, PC Graeme Layland, Sarah Carruthers (THI), Tom Sharpe & Shuna Colville (minutes)

Members of the public present: Tony Duffy

Sarah Carruthers gave an overview of Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) project to offer grants to restore historic buildings. This project is led by Heritage lottery fund (£4.6m), monies are from various sources. The area covered centred around the old conservation area particularly The Cross, High St and George Square. The first part of the project includes the old co-op building, Royal Hotel and Cumberland Barracks. It is hoped that by having more people living in centre this should help deter the antisocial behaviour within the centre of town. Secondary project includes restoration of architectural buildings project. A grant is available to reinstate architectural detail on the outside of buildings. The third part of the project is public realm works, ie replacing chain link fence with stone wall to enhance areas where building work has been done. Final project involves an education scheme including evening talks on heritage of area, accessing training in traditional craft skills. The grants need to be committed by November 2009.

There was discussion around putting a community notice board integral with the bus shelter similar to the one in Birnam. THI have plans to change the bus shelter and therefore the current plans for the community notice board have been put on hold until Sarah can get back to us with the THI plans for and integral notice board with the bus shelter. The time scale for upgrading the bus shelter is 6 months.

Sarah was asked about the parking in High Street and assured those present that the idea was to enhance the area and that at present there were not plans to remove parking.

Sarah was thanked for her informative presentation.

Tony Duffy talked about the drugs problem within Coupur Angus.

Christine Itani informed the committee that she was standing down as Chairman and handed in her resignation to the Community Council due to the fact that she is not going to be in the country very much next year. The committee thanked Christine for all her help over her many years as Chairman and serving on the Community Council.

- 2 **Apologies:** Ann Campbell, Dennis Melloy.

Tom Sharpe was welcomed to the committee- mentioned the lack of notice board to let people of Ardler know what going on – Tom to sound out what people think and where board should go

2. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) Gardens competition judges- no information
 - b) Disabled parking bays- no information

- c) Letter to planning sent
- d) Extra dog bins- no word
- e) Gable end Mort House- Richard Smith will send someone out to look at it, this will be done annually from now on.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November were approved Ed Maxwell by and seconded by John Munro.

Following Christine Itani's resignation Ed Maxwell proposed Michael Gallagher as Chairman and John Munro seconded the motion.

4. Reports:

- a) **Police:** Since the 13th Nov there have been 13 different crimes, minor breach 1, fraud 2, thefts 2, vandalisms, attempted break-in to Strarthmore bowling club- nothing stolen, suspects are being followed up. Operation homesafe is highlighted during the period between 7th December – January, house break-ins may increase due to time of year police warning people to be vigilant. Speeding, drink driving, morning after drink driving is all being highlighted.

It was pointed out to the police that there is problem with speeding along Bogside Road at approx 8am and 5pm. Also the 30mph flashing sign camera is facing the ground. The police will look into both points raised.

PC McLelland informed the committee that the Street football has been abandoned as no one was turning up any more. There is also a problem with the under age obtaining alcohol and there are plans to address this. PC McLelland was asked when the alcohol free zones were due to come into force but did not know. It was decided that Shuna should write to the P&K licensing department to enquire as to the time scale for implementation (copy to Inspector Buckley-Jones).

- b) **Chairman:** None
- c) **Planning:** nothing to report.
- d) **Treasurer:** The November figures are £2104.38.
- e) **Subcommittee/Meetings:**

The Development Trust- Survey letters for care support for the elderly are due out in January. Survey facilitators will be trained, interviews due to start mid February.

The Charity Shop is due to be taken back by owner and converted into residential accommodation and John put forward the idea that the Community Council via the Development Trust could purchase a property for community use. Michael has prepared a draft letter to give to owners of all retail units in Coupar Angus.

CAN Meeting- Christine had announced that she puts in 60hours per issue. Print run = 600. Anne and Shuna will take forward the next issue due in March/April 2008.

Largahn Park Meeting- Very positive, upgrading due for completion by Autumn 2008.

Coupar Conversations meeting- 12 – 15 people present, very vocal. It was felt that the meetings would benefit from having speakers to promote the discussion. East Perthshire Neighbourhood Watch Association has been re established to provide an opportunity for neighbourhood watch co-ordinators to discuss progress.

f) **Councillor:** Nothing to report

5. Correspondence

- P&K Council Financial Assistance for notice board
- P&K Council Public Holidays 2008
- P&K Council Festive Period waste collection arrangements
- Postwatch Scotland newsletter issue 17
- P&K Council Mobile library service review
- SUS it OUT
- Shaw's forms records & registers for local councils brochure
- Rekk Youth Shelter flyer
- P&K Council Community Halls Booking form
- P&K Council Core Path Network Planning Consultation
- Tayside Fire and Rescue Board Consultation Document
- Postcode News Issue 1

6. Coupar Conversations- Date of next meeting 19th March 2008.

7. AOCB:

- Bogside Road- Children throwing rubbish into the field and the shepherd complained that 2 sheep died due to eating the rubbish. The shepherd asked the community council to approach the headteacher to ask children not to throw litter into field. Ed Maxwell will contact Miss Cameron.
- There are 2 places on community council for Coupar Angus, however only one can be filled due to the 25% rule. Candidates for co-option are currently being considered.
- Festive evening – 6pm on Saturday, 15th December, 45-minute program and then food. There will be a basket at door for donations, the rest of the cost will be met by the Community Council. Shuna will do a reading, Anne is organising the food. Need helpers from 2pm to 4pm..
- The triangular warning sign warning cars to slow down but facing the wrong way- needs turned round. (location – opposite Bank of Scotland)
- The Craft Fair on Saturday 15th December, 10-12md to raise money for the Christmas lights
- Pride of Place have asked for a copy of Community Council minutes and vice a versa.
- Coupar Conversations suggested that Community Council should write a letter to government re allocation of housing to local people- Michael will undertake to do this.

8. Date of next meeting- Monday 14th January 2008, 7pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall

Please note meetings are back to 2nd Monday of the month from January 2008.

Amendments:

Approved: John Munro

Seconded: Tom Sharpe

Signed off: Michael Gallagher (Chair)