



Coupur Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 14th January, 2008, Coupur Angus Town Hall 7pm

1. **Present:** Michael Gallagher (Chair), John Munro, Tom Sharpe, Ann Campbell, Shuna Colville (minutes), Denis Melloy & PC Ian Scougall,

Members of the public present: Jo Kettles, Findlay Kettles, Ina Robertson & Gwenda Minto

Jo Kettles asked to address the Committee regarding the proposed planning application for residential development comprising of 19 semi detached and terraced units at Pleasance Road, Coupur Angus.

Mrs Kettles informed the Committee that a previous planning application (mid 1990's) was turned down reportedly due to concerns over access. As a resident of Precinct Street Mrs Kettles objects to an increase in traffic on Precinct Street due to safety aspects for the residents.

As Mrs Kettles had to leave the meeting the Committee agreed to let Mrs Kettles know what the consensus was when the application was discussed later in the meeting under Planning Reports.

2. **Apologies:** Bill McNaughton & Ed Maxwell

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December were approved by John Munro and seconded by Tom Sharpe.

4. **Matters Arising:**

- a. Gardens competition judges- no information
- b. Disabled parking bays- not official only advisory- due to be repainted
- c. Extra dog bins- Dennis wrote to Dennis Hearsum- No word back.
- d. Bogside Road- children throwing rubbish into sheep field- no word from Ed.
- e. Community Council places- it was decided to leave this until the next elections in April- Notices need to be placed regarding this- to be discussed in February when election and AGM dates will be set.
- f. Triangular sign- children crossing needs to be turned around.
- g. Pride of place secretary e-mail address – to be sent to Shuna
- h. Housing allocation letter-Michael wrote to John Swinney
- i. Notice Board- no word back from THI. Alyth has an old one in basement of town hall for free. Tom still looking into Ardler situation- the Tavern may possibly display public notices.

5. **Reports:**

- a) **Police:** 115 calls to Coupur Angus since last report of various types from minor issues to serious assaults. Crimes of notable issues: theft, shop lifting, 4 vandalisms, 2 Petty assaults, more serious assaults. ASBO tickets have proved effective for 16-19 age group.

Drink bye law- meeting on 24th Jan to discuss boundaries, P&K then apply to Scottish Government for permission to enforce byelaw. In Alyth this bye law has worked well with the issuing of £40 tickets having stopped drinking in the centre by 15-18 yr olds.

The majority of crimes in Coupar Angus were alcohol related.

PC Scougall was asked for his opinion of CCTV cameras. Reply: monitored cameras are expensive to manage as monitored 24hrs a day. Angus council has CCTV cameras in most towns. P&K deemed this not cost effective. If there was a method of obtaining funding to extend the cameras of the Royal Hotel or Corner Shop this would assist in corroboration of incidents. This would cover most of The Cross area, which is where the youths congregate.

The number of calls to the police has been unusually high- there is an action plan to combat this which should be in place by weekend of 26th January. Most of the serious crimes have been detected.

PC Scougall called for more help from the community for the DVLA campaign looking for untaxed vehicles- If anyone sees an untaxed vehicle they are asked to call local police (01250-872222) who will alert traffic police and remove the car whether in a car park or on the road. There was no objection to the display of a poster with this information within the town.

The Police need people to come forward as witnesses to enable prosecutions. They would like to know about crimes however small. There has been an increase in the number of youths from Blairgowrie coming into Coupar Angus possibly due to the Blairgowrie alcohol byelaw. For the police to prosecute they need 2 credible witnesses so it requires 2 officers, or 2 members of the public. Therefore the police need people to phone up and preferably give their names rather than being anonymous.

There is a meeting in Town hall (15th January) that Inspector Buckley Jones will be attending regarding neighbourhood watch.

Ina Roberston asked how you report something when you live on own. PC Scougall still encouraged people to phone in with problematic activities and they will do what they can about it. CCTV is very good for corroboration purposes and possibly the only way of corroborating evidence when on your own. If it is a private camera care has to be taken that camera is pointing only at your own property. If it is a properly maintained system such as the Royal Hotel one has to have CCTV signs.

b) **Chairman:** nothing to report

c) **Planning:** Proposed development at Pleasance Road, Coupar Angus (19 semi detached and terraced units). The Committee felt that while new housing is good for Coupar Angus there are concerns over narrowness of streets and access. Perhaps another access route could be utilised. Shuna will write regarding Committee's comments.

d) **Treasurer:** The December figures are £2000.78 (£530 ring fenced for the notice Board).

e) **Subcommittee/Meetings:**

The Development Trust-Contacting local groups (Guild, Heritage society and TOC H) to let them know about the survey and request their support. Ann suggested a meeting with New Age Kurling- Mondays at 2pm.

Christmas Concert- donations from door £48. Shuna was asked to write a letter on behalf of Community Council to thank pianist, Ian Maclaggan and Miss Cameron. Feedback has been positive.

f) **Councillor:** Letter from constituents regarding cardboard and plastic bottle bins at recycling area is being dealt with. Youth partnership in Alyth success- one started in Scone as well- would like to see one in Coupar Angus- discuss at next meeting.

Ann asked Dennis Melloy about the traffic lights at Dundee Road car park which for the last 2 years have gone out whenever Culross Printers close for the festive period and only start working again when they come back to work in January - Dennis to investigate.

6. Correspondence

- P&K Council reply re retail units in Coupar Angus
- P&K Access Group re: Southern Electricity poles
- P&K Council confirmation of letting for council meeting room for year
- Brigadier Jameson re: Holyroodhouse Garden Party- nominations suggested- Shuna to write.
- P&K Council Minutes of meetings 14/11/2007 to 12/12/2007
- P&K Council invoice for 15/12/2007 Christmas Concert

7. AOCB:

- Residents in Moorfield area are complaining that Meikleour Estate has not been cleaning out the outflow from Stormont Loch and therefore the water table has been allowed to rise causing drainage problems. This was done annually until approximately 3-5 years ago when Raymond Howe left Lochside.
- Christine Itani present/letter- It was suggested that John Easson might make a certificate- Ann & Michael to organise. It was agreed to organise a presentation.
- Community Council has been asked to send a letter to the Health Centre to ask if they could have a supply of batteries for hearing aids as those that need them are not so able to get the bus to Blairgowrie and then a taxi to the Cottage Hospital.
- Michael was enquiring about the commercial development of Coupar Angus and has been informed that the THI has nothing to do with improving the commercial aspect of Coupar Angus instead it was suggested he look at the Area Based Initiative- Michael to follow up.
- Community shop- Michael has approached the Bannerman's who would not discount a community buy out under development trust initiative.

Date of next meeting- Monday 11th February 2008, 7pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall

Shuna put in her apologies for the February meeting.

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

Amendments:

Approved:

Seconded:

Signed off: