



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 12th May 2008, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

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

2. **In Attendance:** Ed Adam

Apologies: Bill McNaughton, Cathy McDonald (police)

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April were approved by John Middleton and seconded by Ed Maxwell.

3. **Election of Office Bearers.**

Michael stood down and was thanked for his service as Chairman.

Chairman: Bill McNaughton was nominated by Shuna Colville and seconded by Jo Kettles Vice Chair: Michael Gallagher was nominated by Ed Maxwell and seconded by Ann Campbell.

4. **Matters Arising:**

a. Proposed Scout group – Michael has been in contact with Barry Tasker whose leadership training is due to be completed in 6 months. He has the contact details of last Scout leader and current Cub leader- they have both agreed to show him facilities at Scout hut.

b. Community notice board: Bus shelter board is ongoing. Shuna has written to Scotmid to ask about notice board in car park.

c. Hearing aid batteries: health centre awaiting delivery

d. Ardler representative: Bill McCoubrey was co-opted onto community council.

e. Trees on Common- under Councillor's report

5. **Reports:**

a) **Police:** Work continuing with problem of youths at railway line bridge near sewage works. Heavy police presence including plain clothes produced good results with alcohol seizures and children returned home. 5 Arrested in the Square (16-20yrs) during fight. 7 notable crimes, 3 detected, 4 ongoing. Main priority at present is thefts of metal, diesel, trailers and power tools and members of the public are encouraged to ensure these items are secure if they have them. The public is also encouraged to report anything suspicious to the police.

- b) **Chairman:** Attended conference ASCC 10th May – main topic of discussion consultation on a draft model scheme of establishment of community councils. Need to reply to this by August- need to set up working group to look into this. MG to e-mail around draft and to be discussed at next meeting.

Charity walker has postponed his walk until 9th June 2009. MG to cancel Hall booking

- c) **Planning:** 2 Houses at Bogside Road.
- d) **Treasurer:** Bank Balance at 30th April £1822.80, interest £1.01.
- e) **Subcommittee/Meetings:**

The Development Trust- There will be a joint meeting between Community Council and CART on 20th May 7.30pm. Michael to book council chambers. Apologies from Shuna and Bill McCoubrey.

Meeting with Daryl McKeown 21st April re. road safety in Coupar Angus -

Main points of discussion: Queen Street junction and width of road problems of traffic passing at narrowest point.

Daryl mentioned that the stop line in Queen Street can be set back to allow manoeuvrability. With this in mind Michael put forward a suggestion that the stop be moved back to Culross. It was also suggested that if that was done there could be a wider pavement past Albert's house. Committee agreed to proposals. Bill McCoubrey proposed and Ann Campbell seconded. Michael will send in the suggestion.

Candlehouse lane parking on verge– council will be informed.

Councillor: Dennis Melloy asked for copy of telephone numbers and addresses of committee- Shuna will send these. Trees recently planted on Common will be replanted in Larghan Park in Autumn. John Munro asked Dennis to request that the trees existing should be at 20ft maximum as that is what was promised at the time of planting 20yrs ago. Dennis asked if any written information suggesting this- John to investigate.

Issues put to Councillor: Lights on at 5.30pm in street behind Town Hall- Dennis to look into.

Verge on Burnside Road needs cut.

Resident of town asked if one was allowed to put barbed wire on a wall to stop hooligans – answer – no. Bill McC asked Dennis about glass in cement on wall, very old- Dennis to look at issue.

30th April fire engine got stuck in traffic in Union Street.- going home rather to emergency. Discuss at next meeting. Dennis to take up with Roads Department and Police.

Old Drove Road between the Common and School Road is an un-adopted road and a resident is unable to take his wheelchair bound wife out due to the potholes. Queries as to whether the council would fill in potholes of road. Dennis to look into matter and speak to Roads department.

Street sign has been taken down- Used to say Precinct Street leading to pleasance road. Dennis to ask Roads Department.

The council removed damaged bus shelter but not the damaged tree and its guard-can it be removed? Dennis to follow up

Ed Adam lives in Hay Street and is having problems crossing road since decommissioning of traffic lights at old Co-op building. He is unable to go out between parked cars as guide dog trained not to. Ed has had two close misses with cars. He is currently looking into disability discrimination act and also the backing of the Guide dogs for the Blind. It costs £30,000 to train a dog and the current situation in Coupar Angus is deskilling the dog. If nothing done about it Ed will contact the media. Shared space is also not good as dogs trained to stop at kerbs and therefore don't differentiate when surfaces are flat.

Dennis Melloy will speak with Ed Adam and follow up his issues.

6. **Proposed changes to Agenda layout.** MG felt that concerns of the community should be after approval of last meeting minutes and matters arising.

7. **CAN update-** It was agreed that there should not be changes directly with Culross without going through the editors. All copies have been distributed. Ann and Shuna were thanked for their efforts.

8. **Correspondence**

- Secured by design information leaflet
- Association of Scottish Community Councils Constitution consultation document
- Perth & Kinross Outdoor Access Forum meeting 22nd May. Michael to go
- Calor Village of the Year entry form- passed on to POP
- P&K Licensing Board applications
- Tayside Police Camera partnership motorcycle campaign
- Consultation document on the education Act 2004(Scotland) Amendment bill 2008
- Coupar Angus YWCA invitation to performance 24th May- 4 will attend.
- Daryl McEeown re meeting on 21st April –traffic problems within town/Queen street. (e-mail)
- P&K convention of Community Councils minutes of AGM 29th March
- P&K, Adam Olejnik, re removal of oak trees in Autumn
- Miss Cameron, Coupar Angus School thanking for Dux prize (email)

9. AOCB:

- Lorry hit dog bin in Candlehouse Lane- number plate has been noted to be reported to police.
- Pavement between Wester Denhead Farm & Larghan- gap of 270 metres- P&K Brian Milne, Roads Blairgowrie, has said that there is to be complete pavement from Ardler to Coupar Angus .
- Rubbish in burn- armchair near red house petrol mowers and rubber tyres and other rubbish throughout- e-mail Dennis to ask.
- Data protection act- every community council is meant to elect a data protection officer. Involves registering with information commissioner at £35 if you hold data electronically. Not applicable at moment.
- Care & repair – security lights in place (6), 1 with new banister- Ann has 3 forms left if anyone wants one.
- Ann approached about housing-no such thing as housing list, the priorities are for the homeless.
- Concerns raised over residents for co-op building and allocation.
- Union jack upside down – mentioned to Florence.

Date of next meeting: Monday 9th June, 7pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall

Amendments: Jo Kettles was present, 3) Election of Office bearer's: In Bill's absence Michael chaired the meeting. 5) Reports: Police report was e-mailed.

Approved: Jo Kettles

Seconded: John Munro

Signed off: Bill McNaughton (Chair)