



## Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

1. **Present:** Bill McNaughton (Chair), Michael Gallagher, John Munro, Ed Maxwell, Bill McCoubrey, Ann Campbell, Councillor Dennis Melloy & Shuna Colville (minutes), PC Niel Hunter & PC Steven Brown.

2. **In Attendance:** Mrs Grieg, John Easson

**Apologies:** John Middleton

Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June were approved by Jo Kettles and seconded by Michael Gallagher.

3. **Police Report:** 11 crimes in past month, 1 vandalism, 5 thefts, 2 assaults, 1 breach of peace & 2 fire raising. 7 of the crimes detected, the other 4 are under enquiry.

The Summer Safety Campaign is due to start focusing on summer drink driving and particularly theft of lead and diesel locally. The community were asked to be alert to any suspicious behaviour and report it to the police. Dennis Melloy was asked when the alcohol prohibition order would come into force- due to become law in next 4-6 weeks.

There was a complaint of made of speeding cars in Bogside road (rush hour) and Ardler (6.30-8.30 in morning)- police will look into it.

4. **Matters Arising:**

- a. R Brough has written to all residents of the common to get their views on the oak tree planting and then decision will be made. Dennis to follow up.
- b. Old bus stop sign has been removed.
- c. Follow up to meeting with D McKeowan- Michael telephone to ask about progress. Alan Fleming (Air Quality) said the traffic fumes do not fit the criteria for testing air quality control. Jo Kettles said that Mr McKeowan said it could be monitored- Shuna to write to Alan Fleming and Daryl McKeowan asking for clarification on criteria and asking for monitoring of air quality in Queen Street.
- d. P&K not able to do anything about uneven paving stones without lifting whole area. Shuna to write to Sara Carruthers to enquire about THI proposals for the old high Street as they may be able to help solve the problem of uneven paving stones.
- e. Clearing of burn to be done by council – A letter to be sent to thank POP for the clearing of small items out of the burn.
- f. Parking in town- Dennis has looked into this and will chase this up
- g. Steepleclock- Dennis has written letter of complaint regarding steeple clock to Alastair Cummings as he knew nothing about steeple clock prior to the June meeting. Mr Cummings has apologised for the oversight and he also clarified some facts– Victor and Son had been given the opportunity to quote but did not return the tender. The strike is omitted between 11pm and 7 am. According to Alastair Cummings the clock apparently belongs to the council rather than Coupar

Angus. Anne Campbell has seen the clock since the changes and everything is there. Dennis Melloy is extremely annoyed about the lack of response and communication from P&K over this and other issues.

- h. Reminder letter to co-op re notice board- Shuna
- i. Still no word of bus stop notice board being changed to correct side- Shuna to e-mail
- j. Union Place grass hasn't been cut for years Hydro electric just renewed wires therefore it is assumed that they should be safe.

## 5. Community Issues

Potential meeting with Grampian Foods new owner- It was decided to wait until owners take over plant and then write to them to welcome them to the area and introduce the Community Council.

John Easson suggested the development of a Coupar Angus welcome pack for new residents moving into town and local area. Copies of ideas distributed around committee. It was agreed that this was a good idea. Christopher Dingwell had done some work previously on walks around the area and he is to be asked if he has a leaflet on the local places of interest and whether he would allow it to be used. Michael Gallagher offered to co-ordinate this pack. Michael to report back on progress at August meeting.

Have there ever been community allotments? Yes Princess Croft prior to building there. Bill McNaughton mentioned that in the past there had been no interest in allotments, however this opinion may have changed and it was decided to ask the question in the next CAN issue.

## 6 Reports:

- a) **Chairman:** CART looked at potential sites for future housing- the far end of Brodies Yard was the only one that was deemed suitable but there is a problem with access.  
CART meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July- Royal hotel work due to start next couple of weeks.  
Meeting regarding unsuitable tenants- process that has to be followed and is ongoing.  
Hedge obstructing path between Strathmore Avenue and Kings Road- P&K to write to tenants to ask them to cut hedge. If they persistently offend by not cutting the hedge the council will cut it and send bill to tenants.
- b) **Planning:** Balhousie Care Home – very early stages. Concerns as to closeness to East of Scotland however the building can be insulated. Consensus is that we need something like this and that in principle the Community Council approved provision of a care home in the area.
- c) **Treasurer:** Funds at end last month was £2079.23

d) **Subcommittee/Meetings:**

**ASCC Draft constitution meeting-** committee approved the amendments suggested- Michael to submit them.

**The Development Trust-** A report was requested for the community council committee as to progress so far and proposed progress for next year. Michael will prepare this for August meeting.

**Coupar Conversations** – good turn out on 9<sup>th</sup> July- Michael to submit a report on the main issues raised for discussion at the August meeting. Bill McNaughton requested that the content of these informal meetings should be discussed at council meetings so as to have cohesion between Coupar Conversations and Community Council Meetings. The content and date of the next Coupar Conversations will be discussed in August.

**Gardens Competition** –It was agreed that the Judge should be given lunch.

**Citizen of the year-** Shuna to check up on nomination forms.

Presentation dates for gardens competition winners and citizen of the year awards Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Provisionally

e) **Councillor:**

Antisocial neighbours- takes 2 –3 years to get them out. Couttie Bridge- due to finish repair by Friday –3 way traffic lights requested to allow residents out safely- Dennis to look into.

Wester Denhead to Balbrogie path is to be upgraded. Dennis to ask about continuation onto Larghan Park.

There is a 20ft Container in a garden – the person has been requested to remove this once he has completed the alteration in his house. P&K enforcement officer has been involved.

Jo Kettles thanked Dennis for road signs on Precinct Street.

Jo Kettles has been told about a special fund that is available for un-adopted roads. Dennis not aware of this fund and will investigate. Ann will ask if Care and Repair would do something about the current problem on School Road and common?

**7 Correspondence**

- P&K Minutes of meetings from 23/04/08 to 11/06/08
- P&K Reply regarding Oak trees on common 20/0608
- P&K reply (D Kent) 01/07/08 stating that altering the paving slabs would introduce unevenness in other joints and that the current situation is the best that can realistically be achieved.
- P&K (Lorraine Ross, housing) 17/06/08 stating that of the recent housing allocation none have had any association with anti social behaviour either before or after moving.
- P&K reply to letter re rubbish in Coupar Angus Burn 26/06/08
- P&K reply to Bendochy Road A923/984 letter 11/06/08
- P&K Strategic environmental Assessment Scoping report

- Military Exercise notification
- P&K – Copy of letter sent to Cumberland barracks residents
- P&K Carbon Reduction Project 01/07/08
- P&K feedback from meeting on 21/06/08 community council consultation documents 04/07/08.
- Energy saving Scotland advice centre
- Proposed changes to ASCC constitution from sub committee
- Servite tenants newsletter
- NHS Spectra
- Tayside chief constables report 02/06/08
- Moore Stephens re Johnson Ventilation Ltd 13/06/08

#### **6. AOCB:**

- Could the Community Council do anything to help with assisting people on drugs who wish to come off drugs or assistance in getting back into the community and workforce? Dennis Melloy suggested that that was outwith the remit of the Community Council. As this is a specialist area and perhaps the Gp would be a more appropriate person to go to in the first instance for referral on to the appropriate agencies/support groups.
- Service manhole plate by barrier of High Street (Telecom) - children have lifted it and stuck gravel underneath it and so it is proud of ground- Dennis Melloy will look into it.
- Burnside Road on side of burn needs shrubbery cut back- Dennis to look into (Nigel Taylor- grass shrubs cemeteries) 01738 477121
- It was suggested that we invite a member of POP to our meetings to avoid any duplication. Shuna currently sends the minutes to POP once they are approved.
- Item 4b 14<sup>th</sup> April- Constitution changes did these come into effect?- It was decided at the meeting that as P&K were drawing up a constitution template that we should await this and then adapt it if necessary (May public meeting minutes).
- Michael claimed transport expenses for attending meeting on behalf of Community Council on 21/06/08

**Date of next meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall**

**Amendments:**

**Approved:**

**Seconded:**

(Chairman)