



## Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 11<sup>h</sup> August 2008, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

1. **Present:** Bill McNaughton (Chair), Michael Gallagher, Bill McCoubrey, John Middleton, John Munro, Councillor Dennis Melloy & Shuna Colville (minutes), Sgt. Frank McManus, PC Steve Brown
2. **In Attendance:** No members of the public  
**Apologies:** Ann Campbell, Jo Kettles, Ed Maxwell.

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July were approved by Bill McCoubrey and seconded by Michael Gallagher.

**Police Report:** In the last month there have been 2 drugs cases reported-both detected, 1 shoplifting-detected, 8 vandalisms of the 8, 5 windows being smashed, 2 wheels slashed- 5 detected 2 under investigation.

The police again warned of the theft of scrap metal in the area and the use of drugs and urged the members of the public to phone in with anything suspicious and not to leave it to someone else.

Crime stoppers number: 0800-555111, Tayside Police: 01738-621141

3. **Matters Arising:**
  - a. Parking in Main street- really a police matter and therefore parking wardens would be brought along. Aggravated by building work. Police will ask people to move on if they see them obstructing the flow of traffic.
  - b. Oak trees on common Shuna to reply to state that the Community Council wish the trees to be removed.
  - c. Air quality – Criteria received and Queen street does not fall into the category for investigation.
  - d. Sara Caruthers THI, no plans for repaving High street in plans. She would like to attend October meeting with a representative of the roads department. Shuna to reply and invite to October meeting.
  - e. Scot mid notice board- no reply as yet. Shuna to ask Grampian chicken manager if they own the land beside Scot Mid- perhaps notice board could go there.
  - f. Bus stop notice board up and running.
  - g. Coupar Angus welcome pack- has been started on due for completion over next week or so.

4. **Community Issues**

-Tom Callan asked that as there have been a lot of burst pipes over last few years in Sidlaw Crescent, Sidlaw Gardens and Sidlaw Place area, do the mains

need replaced. Could the Community Council write to Scottish Water to enquire as to what plans there are for upgrading the system in the future.

-A request for a summary of Community Council minutes in monthly bulletin- As the minutes are posted on the bus stop and in New to you window it was thought that a reminder as to where community council minutes are might be sufficient. Bill McCoubrey will also post them on the Tavern notice board, Ardler.

-A resident who looks over the common has asked if the Fair people could transfer onto Larghan Park due to the disturbance and noise that it creates. Dennis to look into this.

-Also on the common- due to the heavy fair traffic there was a query that the drainage has been compromised. Should the Common be re-drained?

-Issue of allotments: This was discussed at the last community council meeting and it was agreed that in the next issue of CAN we would ask for responses from those wishing to have allotments to ascertain the demand. According to this resident if 6 people want allotments then the council are duty bound to provide them with it. Dennis to investigate this.

-With the start of the school term the danger of exiting on to the Blairgowrie road from School road has again been raised. The hedge on Princeland House side is needing cut. Shuna will write to Nigel Taylor (Assistant Operations manager)( cc Willy Mahoney Roads dept) He will write to the owners, they get 3 warnings and if don't cut it then council will go in to cut it.

-There was also a complaint about hedge overhanging between Strathmore Avenue and Kings Road.

-Concern had been expressed about the gingerbread horses, would Tower bakery make these? Shuna has written a letter but as yet there has been no reply. Bill McNaughton to ask Kathleen Godfrey (shop manager).

## **6 Reports:**

a. **Chairman:** Nothing to report

b. **Planning:** Ed Maxwell is not receiving any of the planning applications. Shuna to write to Andy Baxter Planning officer

c. **Treasurer:** £3619.52 for end July. Still 1 outstanding for cheque for £60 from 1 person- Shuna to e-mail

d. **Subcommittee/ Meetings:**

**-Development trust report;** to be got for next meeting Shuna asked what impact Balhousie Care home would have on the survey. Michael to write to SCARF to clarify where we stand following the planning application. MG to prepare for next meeting

**-Coupar Conversations –** Date: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October@ 7pm

**Topics for discussion-** Launch of the Welcome pack

Sunnybank, Union Place owned by council- potential area for sheltered housing/allotments.

Discussion as to need for allotments

Rory Maidens Youth worker from Blairgowrie to develop youth partnership to speak at Coupar Conversations

**e. Councillor:**

Oak trees already spoken about.

Jo Kettles - ? funds for un-adopted roads- no fund known about within P&K Council.

Manhole plate – passed on to telecom to sort out.

New licensing act coming in September 2009- have taken “fit & proper person” out of the act – this will be replaced in the act before new act comes out.

Bentham Street, Ardler not adopted road.

Ed Adam re pedestrian crossing- Dennis has spoken to Council about this and it is in hand but he will chase it up again.

**7 Gardens competition** A letter of complaint regarding the garden competition has been received but as it was not signed it has not been possible to act upon it. Shuna to write a letter to inform the people whom the complaint was concerning. Hall booked 22/09/08 7-9pm.

**Citizen of the year-** There were 2 nominees Mrs Wilma Thomson had more nominations and has been awarded Citizen of the Year for Coupar Angus, Ardler and Bendochy for 2008.

Shuna to write to Mrs Thomson to inform her of the nomination and if she is willing to accept it invite her to the presentation on 22/09/08.

**8 Remembrance Day**

Remembrance day parade 9<sup>th</sup> November- Pipe band, Brownie, Guides, Cubs- Shuna to write and invite them to take part.

Order wreath \* 2 with community Council name in centre- Shuna to do.

Bill McNaughton will speak to Bruce Dempsy regarding parade on Remembrance Day and saying a few words when they reach the school.

**9 CAN**

Next publication due for November. John Middleton has offered assistance to Anne and Shuna.

## **10 Correspondence**

- ASCC Bulletin
- ASCC constitution consultation- national ballot
- ASCC The Community Councillor Summer 2008
- ASCC local Area representative nomination form
- P&K Dennis Melloy- re footpath Largahn/Wester Denhead path to be completed this financial year.
- P&K reply to letter re air quality criteria 04/08/2008
- P&K e-mail re traffic monitoring A94/923 junction – setting back of stop sign.
- Coupar Angus Pride of Place minutes 13/05/2008
- Tracking PKCT newsletter summer edition
- E-mail postwatch Scotland – local closures
- E-mail Alan Grant re Alcohol byelaws. One objection has been received (outwith Coupar Angus Area) thus delaying the implementation of the law.
- E-Mail Alan Grant re Couattie bridge repair- scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> August now
- Poppy Wreath catalogue
- Culross Printers catalogue
- Community Car Association leaflet.
- P&K Licensing Board applications 31/07/2008

## **11 AOCB:**

- Letter of commendation re hanging baskets to POP – Shuna to do
- Idea to have souvenir of Coupar Angus- 2 sample mugs from Dunoon mugs. £7 + vat min quantity 360. Michael felt that this was too expensive to pursue at present.
- Data protection form filled in by Bill McNaughton and sent back to Brenda Lackie.

**12 Date of next meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall**

Apologies in advance for next meeting from Bill McCoubrey, and Bill McNaughton

**Amendments:**

**Approved:**

**Seconded:**