



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 8th September 2008, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

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

2. In Attendance: No-one

Apologies: Bill McNaughton & Bill McCoubrey

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August were approved by John Middleton and seconded by Ed Maxwell.

Police Report: None given

3. Matters Arising:

- a. Scotmid notice board-awaiting reply
- b. Coupar Angus Welcome pack-ongoing Michael asked for assistance compiling it.
- c. Upgrading water pipes Sidlaw Crescent area- awaiting a reply.
- d. Hedge at junction School Road/Blairgowrie Road- P&K will approach owners
- e. Gingerbread Horses- Tower Bakery has the moulds and will make them for Horse Fair.

4. Community Issues

- a. Pedestrian crossing at Queen Street was out of order, first reported 3rd September and again twice on 5th before fault was rectified. Dennis to look into this time lag as this is a busy crossing for school children.
- b. Parking in Union Street, George Street and the Cross- the question was asked if we could have parking on one side only. Problem with this is enforcement requires traffic wardens and the community have indicated that they are not keen to have traffic wardens. A rumour has been circulating that parking will be further reduced in George Square with residents parking for co-op flats. Dennis will look into this and Shuna will e-mail Sara Caruthers (THI) for confirmation.

It was thought that we could write an article for the press highlighting the parking issue appealing on the people working in the businesses to leave the closer parking places for their customers.

- c. Chicken factory- Shuna had forgotten to mention the smell at the last meeting as there had been complaints in July. The committee had had no complaints this month.
- d. 49 George Street- Water Board dug a hole 2 months ago, this is still open. Dennis to look into this.
- e. Scotia Homes- no refuse collection and no date for collection although houses are occupied.- Dennis.
- f. Hydro electric poles in Pleasance road/Precinct Street were due to be renewed 2 years ago and workmen dug below the surface around the poles and did not

replace poles or backfill holes. Ed Maxwell has written a letter of complaint as poles are leaning.

- g. View from Back Toll is blocked by Brambles. Shuna to check and ask council to cut back

5. Reports

- a. **Chairman:**
- b. **Planning:** Renewal of planning for cycle track, Mains of Arthurstone
- c. **Treasurer:** Funds at end last month was £3679.88
- d. **Subcommittee/Meetings: The Development Trust-** Michael was asked for report of progress so far and proposed progress for next year. He will e-mail this to Shuna for next meeting
- e. **Councillor:** Zebra crossing- Dennis has put in a formal complaint about lack of response from Council to this and other issues he has raised. This was first raised in June 2008 and he still has not heard. Another letter has been sent to Chic Haggart, which he will continue to chase up.

Twining – Shuna had asked Dennis for information on this as we have had a letter inviting Coupar Angus to twin with Thesee in France. This requires a lot of work, time and is not without cost although there are many benefits. It was agreed that we think about it and if we want to take it further hold a public meeting to ascertain the views of the community. Michael will ask other community councils that have gone through the process for their views/experience.

- 7 **Gardens Competition and Citizen of Year Award-** Presentation of Prizes 22nd September 7-9pm Town Hall Coupar Angus. An anonymous letter of complaint regarding the gardens competition has also been sent to members of POP. This was again discussed but as it is anonymous it has not been possible to act upon it.
- 8 **Remembrance Day Parade-** relevant organisations have been informed.
- 9 **CAN issue 72 –** Trial period with a thicker paper colour cover and black on white internal sheets. Cost implications £125 more expensive but should be covered by advertising.

10 Correspondence

- Spectra NHS Tayside
- Mayor of Thesee, France- re twinning
- Aberfeldy Community Council- public Toilet update
- ASCC invitation to submit motions
- P&K (email)Nigel Taylor re- hedge School Road.
- P&K (email) re planning information to Ed Maxwell.
- P&K (email) Daryl McKeowan re survey camera A94/A923 junction
- Scottish government stakeholder engagement exercise
- P&K (email) Daryl McKeowan reply to M Gallagher

- P&K re Scottish Government working group on Community Councils- model scheme for establishing CC's, National Code of Conduct for Community Councillors

6. AOCB:

- P&K Arts Council Grant for Travelling Art Gallery- Why was Community Council not informed of this initiative. - Dennis to look into this.
- Toc H Hall – Michael has enquired with ToCH as to whether this would be a development trust possibility for a community buy out. However apparently there are other organisations interested in purchasing the hall for the community.
- Queen Street stop section realignment back to Culross Printers- ongoing and dependent on results of survey camera. Shuna to ask when survey camera to be installed to monitor traffic.

Date of next meeting: Monday 13th October, 7pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall

Amendments:

Approved:

Seconded:

(Chairman)