



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 12th January 2009, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

- 1. Present:** Bill McNaughton (Chair), Jo Kettles, John Middleton, John Munro, Michael Gallagher & Councillor Dennis Melloy, Councillor Lewis Simpson & Shuna Colville (minutes)
- 2. In Attendance:** Ed Adam, Jillian Robinson (Traffic and Road Safety) and John McCrone (Conservation and Regeneration Manager)

Apologies: Bill McCoubrey, Ann Campbell and Ed Maxwell

Michael had invited Jillian Robinson and John McCrone to the meeting to discuss the pedestrian crossing provision. Apologies were given regarding the difficulties in temporarily reinstating the existing crossing, which was outwith council control.

The existing pedestrian crossing has been out of action to allow building to progress at the old Co-op building and the Royal Hotel. The aim is to create a pedestrian friendly "Square" in The Cross area with monies within THI project.

The current pedestrian crossing now does not work and needs a new control box which will take 2 months to replace. Ed Adam (partially sighted) explained his predicament in crossing the road in Coupar Angus with his guide dog.

Jillian and John explained that the new installation of crossings were regulated by Government Guidelines.

Bill McNaughton asked whether we could get temporary crossing insitu until a new crossing was agreed. A meeting has been set up for Friday 16th January with Jillian Robertson, Ed Adam, Guide dogs for Blind and Michael Gallagher to discuss a temporary crossing facility for the immediate term.

Jillian and John were thanked for their time. Jillian will feed back to the Community Council the progress prior to the next meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held on 8^h December were approved by Jo Kettles and seconded by John Middleton.

- 3. Police Report:** No police present.
- 4. Matters Arising:**
 - Scotmid notice board-Agreement has been reached regarding the positioning of the notice board. Scotmid reserve the right to withdraw consent at any time and require the Community Council to reinstate any damage to the pavement. Shuna will write to planning to inform them of the design, model and positioning agreed, Zenith dual door 75 post mounted case (£957), colour blue. Once letters have been received back the board will be ordered.
 - Coupar Angus Welcome pack-Text completed, pictures to be added and completed version will be filed with minutes.
 - Steeple clock workings-No plans to erect a display box.
 - Larghan Park entrance- minutes of a meeting between Community Council members and Daryl McKeown attached. Concerns about the proximity of the

entrance to the corner of the park and main Forfar Road have been raised but it is too late to change this a consultation process has been completed. Daryl McKeown has said that the Council would try and put more safety measures in place.

- e. Twinning with Thesee – two people have contacted Shuna asking to be kept informed of any developments. It was decided that since there was a lack of interest Shuna should write a letter back declining the offer to twin at the moment.

5. Community Issues

- a. Lorry drivers have been complaining that they are having difficulty getting in or out of Grampian Foods between 12midnight and 2.30am due to parked cars and have requested police assistance. Shuna to write to Paddy Buckley Jones to inform him of the problems.
- b. There has been an application for planning for social housing within the Denhead development by Servite Housing Association. 9 out of 38 are affordable housing and there has been strong objection to the change in number of houses and increased traffic that this will cause. There is a meeting at Larghan House at 10am Saturday 17th January, John Munro will represent Community Council.

Dennis Melloy is following up on the case and will be at the meeting.

6. Reports

- a. **Chairman:** Bill McNaughton has been at the CART meetings for their last 4 meetings and has kept the Community Council abreast of developments. Michael Gallagher asked for copies of CART minutes to be circulated amongst Community Council. Bill McNaughton will check with CART before doing this. Bill also stated that to his knowledge Michael as the previous ex-officio trustee had not produced any CART minutes for the Community Council.

The contractor renovating Cumberland Barracks has gone into liquidation.

- b. **Planning:** Alterations to Knowhead Cottage and extension to 34 North Corston holdings.
- c. **Treasurer:** £5444.40 in bank of that £4944 is ring fenced for projects, (£528 notice board grant, £528 match funding from Community Council, £3888 SCARF grant for Care Survey). Therefore £500.40 funds available. Second bank account has been set up as Coupar Angus Ardlar and Bendochy Community Council No 2 Account for ring fenced funds. Awaiting chequebook and pay-in book.

Michael asked for separate account for money available for elderly outings £200 grant from Watson Lyall & Bowie. This could be paid into No 2 account as ring fenced. Shuna double-check with Brenda Lackie (P&K) that we can accept monies for this purpose. The Freedom Coach is hired for the outing (max 16 persons).

Subcommittee/Meetings: Allotments- A meeting was held with representation from CART, PoP and the Community Council. There have been 16 notes of interest, a letter has been sent to the Perth & Kinross Council regarding potential sites and requesting a positive response.

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7.30pm confirmed. Topics of discussion are allotments- names of interested parties to be passed on to Shuna.

- d. **Councillor:** Dennis congratulated John Munro on the success of the Carol Concert.

Alcohol byelaw now enforceable.

Concern over cyclists not wearing reflective clothing and no lights.

Oak trees due to be removed by 31st March 2009. Comment was received to say that the Oak trees should remain. It was pointed out that it was a majority, not unanimous, decision taken by the full membership of the Community Council following consultation with those affected. Unless those affected wished to change their views and bring representation to the Community Council the decision would remain in place.

Councillor Lewis Simpson highlighted the problem of having monies in advance in the bank as now that interest rates are low less money is being earned on the deposit.

7 Larghan Park Opening

There has been some confusion regarding the opening of the park, as it has never been brought up at a committee meeting and discussed or agreed. While in principle the Community Council were in agreement that they would assist at the opening it was agreed that we need to know what it is that is required and the date of the opening before anything is agreed. This information should be available by the February meeting for further discussion.

8 Correspondence

- P&K Licensing Board Applications 17/12/08
- Bank of Scotland re changing of signatories on No 1 Account.
- P&K Planning Applications (1)
- P&K Dennis Melloy re Alcohol Byelaws
- John Culbert re planning restrictions in Conservation Area with reference to Notice Board.
- P&K re letter to R Brough received, reply 07/01/09
- Illuminators thank you for £50 donation
- Planning Aid Scotland
- Royal Garden Party- Holyroodhouse
- Ardler Anniversary Committee thank you for £50 donation

- Bank of Scotland telephone banking authorisation forms
- P&K Minutes of Meetings 24/09/08 to 03/12/08
- P&K Structure Plan Alteration 19/12/08
- Grampian Foods reply 19/12/08
- P&K Reply to gritting of footways 17/12/08
- Regulation Bus Services Bill
- Tactran Regional Transport Strategy 2008-2023
- Culross Printers catalogue
- RAF Calendar & offer to speak at public meeting on low flying exercises.
- Scotmid re notice board
- Reply from CART re local business relocation 23/12/08
- email P&K Daryl McKeown re Queen Street junction 12/01/09

The meeting was adjourned prior to AOCB due to lack of time.

9 AOCB:

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

Amendments:

Approved:

Seconded:

(Chairman)