



## Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

**1. Present:** Bill McNaughton (Chair), Ed Maxwell, John Middleton, John Munro, Ann Campbell, Michael Gallagher, Councillor Dennis Melloy, Shuna Colville (minutes) Paddy Buckley Jones & PC Tocher

**2. In Attendance:** Marcus Thompson, Ms Val Kidd

**Apologies:** Bill McCoubrey, Jo Kettles

Minutes of Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January were proposed by Michael Gallagher and seconded by Ed Maxwell.

**3. Police Report:** Recently solved crime from 2006 as result of DNA. Thefts of farm machinery have occurred in last month. There has been vandalism of windows at primary school- under enquiry. Industrial tools taken from Larghan Park.

Telephone communication with the police has improved- all calls have been responded to quicker. Overall crime for the area resulted in 6 out of 10 detected, half of all vandalism for area has been detected. There have been fewer cases of vandalism than the same period last year.

The Police have been in discussion with Vion Foods regarding the parking problems and this has resolved the difficulties HGV drivers were having.

There was a warning regarding Bogus callers in Blairgowrie & Alyth areas. The nominated neighbour scheme was again discussed and anyone interested in this should see posters or call police for more information.

Ed Maxwell complained about speeding cars from Campmuir to Precinct Street and Pleasance corner.

### **4. Presentation of care Survey report**

Marcus Thompson gave a presentation on the result of the care survey (136 respondents). He stated that the respondents were a good representation of the elderly group. Survey represents 28% of retirees in Coupar Angus. The outcomes were that people wanted:

- A) Want social activities available to them- drop in centre
- B) Sheltered housing

A comment was made that there was no timetable of community activities.

Weaknesses- It was felt that the views of disabled people not represented and that this would be greater if representative. Of those that were represented there was concern regarding the lack of facilities in Coupar Angus.

The Chairman is still awaiting a response from CART regarding a presentation to them of the survey results on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### **5. Matters Arising:**

- a. Invitation of speakers to meetings- we as a body have to ask people to meetings having agreed at the committee meetings who is to be invited rather than individually inviting and then telling the committee.
- b. Adoption of external meeting minutes prior to circulation – minutes cannot be circulated around prior to being adopted at the monthly community council meetings, they must be adopted prior to being official. The use of the Community Council Logo will be discussed at the March Meeting.
- c. Oak trees on common, School, football club and Gala all want trees to stay. John Munro argued on behalf of residents around the common that the oak trees should be removed as previously agreed with P&K Council but that park trees would be a compromise. A vote was again taken and by a narrow majority it was felt that the trees should be removed from the top and sides of the park but that they could remain along the roadside. Shuna to contact R Brough and ask for compromise in first instance.
- d. CART minutes are not available for circulation as it is a private trust. Bill McNaughton currently gives a report to Community Council of any relevant information. Michael Gallagher asked for an Agenda item under the CART, Pop and other external organisations in future Agendas. This was proposed by Michael Gallagher and seconded by John Munro.

## 6. Community Issues

- a. A request has been made for a dog waste bin on Dundee road beside lane at 40mph sign as bags being left beside seat. Shuna to write to dog Warden.

## 7. Reports

- a. **Chairman:** Bill McNaughton reported that the P&K Council have taken on replacing windows at the Cumberland Barracks following the previous contractor going into receivership.
- b. **Planning:** 4 applications. A meeting was held of concerned residents regarding alteration of planning permission at Pony Paddock, Forfar Road. Dennis Melloy attended and has sent a letter to those present regarding the issues around objection to planning applications. Issue has been raised regarding a portacabin in garden in Coupar Angus, Dennis Melloy assured the committee that P&K were addressing the issue.
- c. **Treasurer:** £5369.85 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 £425.85 funds available.
- d. **Subcommittee/Meetings: Coupar Conversations** – 8 people attended, nothing to report.
 

**Pedestrian crossing meeting-** The pedestrian crossing will not be replaced until June 2009, Ian Flanagan (RNIB) will attend the working group that will be responsible for the planning of The Cross.
- e. **Councillor:** Dennis Melloy- Request from Ardler resident regarding the lack of provision for very young children in swing park- cradle seat put into park.

8. **AGM/ Elections:** Elections to be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, AGM March 9<sup>th</sup>. Michael Gallagher due to stand down. Bill McCoubrey (Ardler) was co-opted and due to stand down. According to the Constitution 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of membership should retire each April. If no other Community Council member wishes to retire, as there are 9 seats, the names of the remaining Community Council Members will be put into a hat and one member shall retire. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.
9. **Spring Can Issue:** Shuna asked Ann Campbell and John Middleton for meeting- date to be mutually arranged. Next issue due out April 2009. Dennis Melloy indicated that he would take and advert, as would Keithick Angling club.

## 10. Correspondence

- Tracking PKCT newsletter
- P&K Structure Plan Alteration- Population & households Invitation to workshop session
- P&K Planning Applications (1)
- Vion Group re car parking outside factory
- John Culbert re Notice Board- no objections to position.
- P&K Licensing board
- P&K Housing in countryside Policy Review & Strategic Environmental Assessment Report
- Pride of Place requesting Community Council take forward the promotion and co-ordination of formal opening of Larghan Park on 6<sup>th</sup> June.
- Bank of Scotland pay in and cheque book for No 2 account.
- P&K Weekly planning applications
- P&K Community Waste fund Launch Event invitation.
- Dennis Melloy letter regarding planning application objection policies.
- P&K regarding data protection (held by Chairman)

**11 AOCB:**

- a. Notice board ordered. Michael Gallagher to inform Shuna of contact within council who said that they would erect board.
- b. Letter from POP regarding the Larghan Park opening 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009. To be discussed at next meeting as lack of time this meeting. Shuna Colville will not be at opening as away at that time.
- c. £10 for bowling club for Coupar Conversations
- d. £30 for freedom coach (previously agreed upon (January meeting))
- e. £10 to be given to Ed Adam for leafleting to establish demand for slot car racing.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall**

**Amendments:**

**Approved:**

**Seconded:**

(Chairman)