



## Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

- 1. Present:** Bill McNaughton (Chair), Ed Maxwell, Jo Kettles, Johann Rennie, Ann Campbell, John Middleton, Michael Gallagher, Councillor Dennis Melloy & Shuna Colville (minutes), Constable Emma Norrie

**In Attendance:** Keith Langelaan

Dianne Cassidy was in attendance to explain the concept of Placecheck. It involves improving the open space environment that you live in by identifying areas that need improvement. Dianne was informed of a few ideas from those present that she will take forward to a group meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May where the committee will look at proposals and select successful candidates. Dianne will let us know the result of the selection process.

Bill McNaughton welcomed Johann Rennie and Michael Gallagher to the Community Council following the recent elections.

- 2. Apologies:** None

**Minutes of Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> April proposed by:** Jo Kettles, seconded by Ed Maxwell

**Approval of 2008-2009 accounts-** accounts approved by the committee.

- 3. Police Report:** Relatively quiet month, one family dispute. Ed Maxwell again raised the problem of speeding drivers along Pleasance Road. Ed was asked to take numbers and report them to Police. Ann Campbell asked if police were still keeping an eye on Brodies Yard- this was confirmed as being done.

It was pointed out that to ensure calls to the police are logged you should phone 0300 11 22 22 and ask for control room so that call logged. Not all calls are logged if they don't go through the control room.

Dennis Melloy brought to Constable Norrie's attention an incident in Grampian View and asked for an update. Pc Norrie explained that her colleague is dealing with this incident.

Under age drinking has been reported again down by railway again and at Larghan Park- the police will look into it.

- 4. Election of office bearers**

Vice Chair: Michael Gallagher was nominated by Ed Maxwell and seconded by Ann Campbell

Treasurer: Shuna Colville was nominated by Jo Kettles and seconded by John Middleton

- 5. Matters Arising:**

- Care survey report was discussed and reservations aired it was agreed that the survey has identified a need for sheltered housing although there is a selection bias. It was also agreed that the report could suggest possible responsibilities for the community council rather than state them. Michael Gallagher to take it back to Contract marketers Scotland for revision.

- b. Telephone box- Dennis has P&K planning and roads involved. They will check with BT and get back to us.
- c. Jo Kettles has not written letter to John Swinney as yet. It was discussed and it was thought that the letter should go to Perthshire Housing. Shuna to write.
- d. Dennis had meeting with Perthshire Housing (PH) – new draft for approval-policy review for allocations, current system is going to change as deemed unfair. PH have hands tied by act of law as they cannot discriminate regarding allocation of tenants. However it is thought that these houses were originally built for elderly people. There is a similar situation in Japp Square where in a block of 4 flats, originally designed for elderly, 1 flat is occupied by a younger person. Dennis Melloy will take this up with housing tomorrow.

## 6. Community Issues

- a. Sewage works- Very strong smell on 1<sup>st</sup> May -Dennis will report back.
- b. Hay Street Play Park- Davidson Crescent residents complaining about dogs and wonder if it could be made dog free. Owners taking dogs for walk and not clearing up after them. Discussed at previous meeting last year but Dennis will take it up with the dog warden.
- c. Jo Kettles highlighted the problem of overgrown vegetation obstructing the line of site when exiting from Candlehouse Lane onto Station Road.
- d. Conservation area – the area at the Tannery is historical importance rather than architectural importance so is not included in conservation area.
- e. Water mains replacement in Sidlaw Crescent is now underway.
- f. Ed asked when road from Coupar Angus to Keithick would be repaired after wind farm traffic- Company currently redoing roads in Alyth and will get to Coupar Angus.
- g. Path from Largahn to Balbrogie started last week.

## 7. Reports

- a. **Chairman:** - Attended last meeting of CART- tenders for coating of barracks out at present. Project manager and treasurer have resigned- looking for positions to be filled. PM will be advertised.

POP AGM attended.

Invited as CART Trustee to a meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May on ongoing environmental improvements.

- a. **Planning:** 0
- b. **Treasurer:** £729.27 in current account at end April
- c. **Subcommittee/Meetings:**
  - 1. Largahn Park opening – Chairman suggested that CC take a table Man table 12-4pm– Johann Rennie, Michael Gallagher, Bill McNaughton. Posters to be put up.
  - 2. Garden competition Bill to arrange judge

d. **Councillor:** SCARF energy saving program re insulation central heating [www.energyassistancepackage.com](http://www.energyassistancepackage.com) (0800512012)

Princess Croft area – Some gardens are neglected and could be potential garden lend scheme gardens. Dennis is looking into this.

Dog fouling- Trades Lane area is worse- however you need to have an independent witness and the issue has to be actioned on within 72 hours. Dennis asked for everyone's help in the matter.

Larghan Park- Dennis went to see about the problem of litter following the skateboard event. The event went really well and they had advertised it so well they had a good crowd. However when the organisers cleared up and left it was the other spectators that left the rubbish. P&K waste department had not been informed of the event and would have checked the park as well. In future such events held at the park will be notified to waste department and police. There are very few litter bins and so Denis trying to get more bins.

## 7 Correspondence of next meeting

- P&K Licensing Board Applications 15/04 & 29/04
- P&K Administrative grant letter 24/04/09
- P&K Planning Applications (1)
- P&K Corporate Plan
- P&K Community Council's web page
- YWCA
- Murdo Fraser- town centre regeneration fund
- Perth & Kinross Heritage trust- Bridging Perthshire's past
- P&K Coupar Angus Environmental improvements
- E-mail re horse fair date
- Military flying activity
- P&K confirmation of hall let
- P&K Summary of Public Liability Insurance
- Scottish Government Energy Assistance Package

## 9 AOCB:

**Notice Board at Scotmid:** P&K did not erect it by end April as promised. They are now saying that it will cost £250 and will be done by beginning June.

The Adam Rennie Trust is funding this month's elderly outing. An application has been made to P&K for a grant to be run by Thursday Friends

Coupar Conversations- A spokes person from Services for old people is willing to come out to give talk on support for carers. Next meeting date 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Michael Gallagher handed out Development trust steering committee terms of reference. As the Care survey report has not been adopted it was decided not to discuss development trust further at this time.

Community Council model constitution to be discussed at next meeting.

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

**Amendments:** None

**Approved:** Johann Rennie

Bill McNaughton

**Seconded:** Jo Kettles

(Chairman)