



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 8th June 2009, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

1. **Present:** Bill McNaughton (Chair), Jo Kettles, Johann Rennie, Ann Campbell, John Middleton, Michael Gallagher, Councillor Dennis Melloy, Shuna Colville (minutes) & PC Ian Scougall

In Attendance: None

2. **Apologies:** Ed Maxwell

Minutes of Meeting of 11th May proposed by: Johan Rennie seconded by Jo Kettles

3. **Police Report:** Vandalism of prize vegetable garden. In total last month there were 7 vandalisms, 5 detected 2 under enquiry, 6 assaults, 3 related to an ongoing incident in the town. One theft and 1 domestic incident.

Police are aware of the ongoing problem of drinking near sewage works and at Larghan Park. There is a problem of influx of foreign workers being persuaded to buy alcohol for the under age drinkers. Places that employ large numbers of foreign workers have leaflets explaining highlighting the illegality of buying alcohol for underage youths.

Brodies yard area had not been causing any further problems this last month

Jo Kettles again reported speeding cars in Precinct Street and Pleasance road and she was asked to try and get registration marks.

PC Scougall explained that ASBO's can be issued on cars and drivers if the police have evidence but not enough for a prosecution. If the offender does it again in 6 month period car is impounded.

Jo reported 2 suspicious people around Freda Hynd's garden a few weeks ago but not seen since. This was about the time 2 polish people were sleeping rough in the area.

4. **Matters Arising:**

a. Placecheck- the application was unsuccessful this time but we were encouraged to apply again in 3 years.

b. Care survey report: It was agreed to adopt the survey. Michael will take it on to next stage of meetings to discuss taking findings forward. The meetings will include the Development Trust Association, Robbie Gordon Representative of P&K Countryside Trust and a solicitor. The Community Council agreed to support Michael with the next stage.

- c. Housing Brodies Yard, Japp Square Housing: Perthshire Housing replied to query regarding the belief that certain houses were specifically for the elderly stating that there were no age qualifying criteria for allocation of houses. Perthshire housing willing to hear from any residents who have issues. Shuna to put something together

Michael asked if Community Council would want to be involved in housing allocation. The general consensus was that they did not. It was agreed that we ask

someone from the Housing Policy Review Committee to come to speak at a meeting.

- d. Sewage odour-David Buchanan is taking this forward and will report back when he has further information.
- e. Model constitution was discussed and it was decided to postpone any further discussion until all had read it. It is believed that we can amend the constitution by calling public meeting- Dennis Melloy will check that this is correct.

5. Community Issues

- a. Ann queried why we had not applied for funding for the Town Centre Regeneration fund. The letter was in the correspondence at May meeting but was taken no further by the Committee at that time. The second round of applications close on 21st August 2009.
 - b. Notice board at Scotmid is now in situ.

6. Reports

- a. **Chairman:** YWCA had meeting to discuss way forward, staff finish at end of June. They are discussing ways of taking the project forward. Ownership has to be decided first. YWCA asked if Community Council would hold money on their behalf. Community Council agreed to hold money and would set up No 3 Account.

CART no meetings recently.

Public Realm meeting on 19th May regarding The Cross area. One suggestion was removing the bus stop and relocating it to George Square. One way Commercial Street up to car park and one way up Athol Street. No parking at cross but allowed in for deliveries. The plans will be advertised.

If this plan is successful concerns were raised by the committee regarding parking, Bill indicated that various possibilities have been discussed and this was being addressed.

Michael Gallagher brought up the issue of a by-pass with a Dundee and Perth spur by-passing 90% town. This would reduce traffic down Queen Street with the potential of making the toll booth a museum. Coupar Angus could become a tourist attraction. This could be a possible Town Regeneration Fund application.

- b. **Planning:** None
- c. **Treasurer:** £1193.33 in Account at May 30th 2009

Subcommittee/Meetings:

- 1. Largahn park opening was a great success.
- 2. Coupar Conversations agenda- a talk on support for carers, and community issues. Wednesday 10th at 7.30, at Bowling Club. Michael asked for a budget for the meeting. A budget of £20 agreed
- d. **Councillor:** Denis has been notified that a girl was injured as a result of a high velocity missile being fired at a bus in the Lochee area of Dundee. Investigations continue.

Vegetation is growing fast at this time of year and the Council are doing their best to keep up with mowing/cutting back vegetation.

Area where tree was in The Cross is being left meantime until new proposals for The Cross area finalised.

Jo asked if we could get a recycling bin for plastic. Denis explained that there are many different types of plastic and he will look into it.

Jo also brought up the fact that in Larghan Park the disabled parking bays in top car park face the road and queried if they could not have faced the park. Dennis will take the matter forward.

7 Correspondence

- P&K Minutes of meetings 11 Feb-21 April
- P&K Administrative grant letter 11/05/09
- P&K Administrative cheque £474
- P&K Planning Applications (0)
- CART letter re Development Trust collaboration 12/05/2009
- P&K community Transport Group meeting 5th June
- Convention of P&K Community Councils meeting 28/06/09
- Dennis Melloy re sewage works, Japp Square, Brodies Yard
- Enquire poster (children who need extra help with learning)
- P&K Licensing Board applications
- P&K re sewage works odour 25 May
- P&K re placecheck application
- P&K Minute taking course 25th June
- P&K Newsletter workshop 13th June
- P&K re Brodies Yard & Japp Square houses- passed on to Perthshire Housing.
- M Gallacher re elderly monthly outings
- D Melloy re sewage works, Japp Square & Brodies Yard
- E funding news
- P&K re sewage works odour 28 May (e-mail)
- Perth Prison Visiting Committee invitation to become member
- Perthshire Housing re housing allocation

8 AOCB: Posters for Garden competition and citizen of the year to go up. Bill to get final confirmation on garden competition judge.

Michael Gallagher asked if Community Council would fund approx £66 for next outing for elderly on Wednesday. Michael has applied for funding from P&K Council but if this is not successful he has thought of holding a coffee morning and a week in the charity shop. The Community Council felt that having given funding before if it were done again and a precedent might be set so that there were many other deserving projects. It was suggested that he hold a raffle in Scotmid and that would retrospectively fund the trip. It was also suggested that no more trips were arranged until funding was in place.

Michael informed the committee that P&K have said that stop line at Queen Street is not being put back. It was decided to discuss this next month due to time constraints.

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

Amendments:

Approved:

Seconded:

(Chairman)

