



## Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

1. **Present:** Bill McNaughton (in Chair), Michael Gallagher, Shuna Colville (minutes) Ed Maxwell, Johann Rennie, Dennis Melloy & Ann Campbell. Sgt McManus

**In Attendance:** Garry Savage.

2. **Apologies:** John Middleton and Jo Kettles.

**Minutes of Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> November proposed by:** Ed Maxwell & seconded by Michael Gallagher.

3. **Police Report:** Petty crimes in Coupar Angus include the theft of a bike in Causewayend. The thought is that it is young lads using bikes to get from A to B rather than stealing them. 4 Vandalisms, 2 windows broken, vehicle scratch and valves being cut off, theft of shelving from Scotmid, theft from shed, Dundee Road. Sgt McManus reminded everyone to call in to police if you see anything suspicious. 3 other minor domestic occurrences. He festive campaign is currently running regarding drink driving, speeding and mobile phones. Sgt McManus encouraged people to note the registration numbers of vehicles for bogus workmen. Last month's issues regarding untaxed vehicles and caravans in Strathmore Avenue is being looked into and the ground is owned by housing so they have to make the complaint about the caravans.

Sgt McManus was told that children have been using the mud by bus shelter to pelt cars and the bus shelter.

4. **Garry Savage**

Housing services director

Background of allocation of houses. Common housing register via Perth & Kinross using allocation criteria, if homeless then have more points. Perth & Kinross Council get access to 50% of vacancies of Perthshire Housing stock.

People have to put their name on the waiting list, if they have had previous tenancies then Perthshire Housing can get a reference. A high proportion of applicants are a first time tenants.

If there are problems with tenants the procedure is to issue verbal warnings /written warnings and then legal action. An anti social behaviour order from the court is issued in the first instance and then if necessary an eviction notice can be applied for but the housing authority has to provide evidence of problems go in front of the sheriff who will ascertain whether it is happening and is it reasonable to evict person.

Although a house may be built with older people in mind when allocating houses the authority cannot legally discriminate for age unless it is sheltered housing.

The Scottish Government is due to bring out guidance on housing allocation, which should assist landlords. Perthshire Housing are looking at putting in place a local lettings policy.

Garry admitted that there are people out there that have housing needs but do not necessarily come forward to housing associations for application forms. Therefore they are not on waiting list and seemingly there is no one with medical or elderly need. He encouraged anyone with a medical or elderly need to contact the Perthshire Housing authority so that they can be put on list and have a chance of being allocated more suitable housing in the area.

Garry took questions from the committee and left brochures regarding Perthshire Housing.

## **5. Matters Arising:**

- a. Hay Street flat- P&K Housing are investigating.
- b. Flagpole at War Memorial- British legion have been written to regarding responsibility for the war memorial and flag pole.
- c. Trees at side of Forfar Road- due for tree squad January 2010
- d. Query as to whether bins been delivered to those in Pend area who asked for them? – Bill to ask
- e. Sandwich board there is one that belongs to the town hall and can be used for meetings. Denis Melloy has also provided 2 sandwich boards.
- f. Caravans on Strathmore Avenue – police are dealing with those that have no road tax. The caravans belong to those in the houses and they have nowhere to move them to. P&K looking into this.
- g. Welcome pack still ongoing.

## **6. Community Issues**

- a. Car park at trades lane- there has been a car parked in it that doesn't have car tax and has been there for weeks. Children have managed to get into it and play in it. The police are unable to do anything about as it is on private land.
- b. The area of missing slabs by bus shelter – mud has been flung at passing cars and the bus shelter. Dennis will contact W. Mahoney.
- c. Complaints of dog fouling all through Coupar Angus at present. Dennis suggested that we put a plea in courier and will send something to Shuna to add to the article.
- d. Christmas light bulbs are missing, however there is difficulty getting replacements now for the older lights.

## **7. Reports**

**Chairman:** CART meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December- Still waiting to hear about the horse fair 2010, the idea is to have it every second year. Allotment garden lending scheme, 1 on list and one person has seen potential garden at Balharry.

There was a meeting at Larghan Park regarding a community orchard- 20 trees are due to be planted.

A public meeting was held in AK Bell library, Perth regarding community orchards.

CART is still taking forward a new town map and guide.

a. **Planning:** 0 applications

b. **Treasurer:** £898.18 in account at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

c. **Subcommittee/Meetings:**

1. Development trust- taking a mini bus to see a development trust in action to see how they operate, (Neilston , Paisley).

d. **Councillor:** Nothing to report.

8. P&K Constitution for Community Councils Document.

Not required to be discussed at present as due to go to full council on 16<sup>th</sup> December. For discussion 2010.

9. **Correspondence**

#### **Correspondence 9<sup>th</sup> November**

- P&K Planning Applications (1)
- Scottish government- The Educational Scotland Acts 2004&2009 consultation on changes
- Scottish Government Changes in the Scottish Planning System
- P&K Town & Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended by planning etc Act 2006
- P&K A94 footway between Coupar Angus & Woodside
- STUC- Rebuilding Collective Prosperity
- G20 St Andrews
- IOG Scotsturf Exhibition 2009
- P&K Countryside trust 2008-2009
- ASCC annual conference 2009
- P&K Request for litter bin reply
- P&K Meetings 10<sup>th</sup> June to 16<sup>th</sup> September
- P&K Civic Government Scotland Act 1982- Notice of Approval of Public Procession
- P&K receipt of letter t R Brough reply due by 18/11/09
- P&K reply re Clock tower- work completed.
- P&K National Community Conference 2009 “ Community Engagement and Action around Alcohol Issues” Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Glasgow
- Military flying Activity 16-216 November
- NHS Spectra Issue 44
- Scottish Natural Heritage Autumn 2009
- Data protection renewal form
- Wicksteed Leisure Catalogue
- P&K Coupar Angus Town Centre Survey results.
- P&K Adopt a telephone box scheme

#### **Correspondence 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

- P&K Planning Applications ( )

- 60<sup>th</sup> Meeting of P&K CC's minutes 25/10/09
- P&K Local development plan
- Acknowledgement of D Cook letter re town centre proposals.
- P&K re trees Larghan Park Verge
- P&K re adopting Bendochy telephone box
- Rekk.co.uk
- P&K Local Development plan newsletter
- Planning Aid for Scotland
- P&K response to letter re proposed improvements to The Cross

## **10 AOCB**

Sewage works still have strong odour at times which has been reported to David Buchanan.

Anne has received 2 letters from Pete Wishart & John Swinney regarding the proposed improvements at The Cross.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January December, 7pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall**

**Amendments:**

**Approved:**

**Seconded:**

William McNaughton (Chairman)