



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes, Monday 10 May 2010, Coupar Angus Town Hall 7pm

1. **Present:** Johann Rennie (Minutes), Ann Campbell (Chair), Michael Gallagher, John Middleton, Jo Kettles, Cllr Dennis Melloy.

2. **Apologies:** David Carson, Ed Adam

3. **Police Report:** None

4. **Matters Arising from Minutes of 12 April 2010**

Approval of minutes – approved by JK, seconded by JM

AC intimated that the minutes from meeting of 8 March had not yet been signed – this was done accordingly

Community cafe – if CART decide to go forward with this initiative then approval from the Kirk Session of the Abbey Church would be required in order for the Church Hall to be used as the venue. AC intimated that it is CARTS intention to have this up and running for the Doors Open Day on 25/26 September.

Donation to school – JK suggested that we might like to make a one off donation to Coupar Angus Primary school for events such as the Scottish Opera visits to help reduce the financial contribution asked of each child. It was agreed that JR would contact the school to ask whether this would be something that would be helpful before a decision is taken. It was also agreed that we would increase our donation for the school Dux from £25 to £30.

5. **Community Issues**

- MG brought up several suggestions made by a local resident who suffered a recent assault in Trades Lane:
 - **Community Wardens** – Could there be community wardens, such as they have in Rattray and Letham in Perth? DM advised he would follow this up but felt that it would be unlikely due to financial constraints.
 - **Run-down properties in Trades Lane** – Could P&K could do something about the run-down properties in the Lane which he felt could be contributory to anti-social individuals hanging about. DM advised that P&K would do nothing unless there was a safety issue as the properties are privately owned.
 - **Improved street lighting in Trades Lane** – Could P&K improve the street lighting in Trades Lane? DM advised that he would however enquire about the possibility of additional street lighting to illuminate the area more adequately.
- Fred Stewart, on behalf of 3 shop-keepers on the Cross, raised a complaint about the large yellow portacabins which have been erected immediately outside their shops in respect of the commencement of the street improvements. It was agreed that it was unlikely that these would be located elsewhere.

- JK showed an article she had cut out from the press in respect of the Traffic Management Order which indicated parties had 21 days in which to raise objections but this had only just been published and the work had already begun. JK advised she would write personally in regards to this.

6. Reports

Chairman

- AC advised that she had attended the CART meeting on 20 April and had copies of projects they had in mind.
- The Orchard has now been planted in Larghan Park with a total of 25 trees. A visit will be arranged in due course.
- They are arranging a trip to Cairn 'o Mohr winery with a view to how the fruit from the trees could be utilised.
- There is to be a photographic competition in May/June with J K Rowling being invited to judge.
- Culross the printers have started work on the Community Bulletin. AC has spoken to Frank Benzie who is still keen to incorporate the CAN newsletter. He advised that he has 2 people who are prepared to deliver the publication and is also happy to liaise with the people who advertise. It was suggested that a meeting between Frank, AC and Jill take place to discuss. It is proposed to produce the bulletin monthly and distributed also to children in Coupar Angus and Kettins primary schools. It was reiterated that CAN would only cease to exist if this new production was successful.

Planning:

- Nothing to report

Treasurer:

- Current Account No.1 £1006.99 (£640 still to be deducted for Coop noticeboard)
- Current Account No.2 £186.32

Sub-Committees:

- *Development Trust*
MG advised that a sub-sub-committee had been set up to 1. Prepare to carry out a survey of young people and 2. Draft a constitution. The results of the surveys are to be reviewed to see if they show a need for a development trust.

7. Councillor Melloy's Report

- *Sewage*
Scottish Water has met with BATTERYBANK residents and DM received an email from David Buchanan advising that he has also had further discussion with Scottish Water about the ongoing odour problems. He has had confirmation from them that the reports of £25,000 of work to remedy the problems referred to the works already carried out rather than further work which is needed. The latest addition to the odour control system is a "nano-vapour unit" which sprays a fine mist over the tanks to keep the smell down. DB is to be having discussions with Tom Brydone as the notice served on Scottish Water last summer is being breached. DB will feedback to DM following this and advise of timescale set for Scottish Water to find a permanent solution
- *Gypsy Encampment*

This has now moved from its location at the bottom car-park of Larghan Park. DM advised of a "Encampment Form" which is available.

- *Head Teacher*

Margaret Cameron will be returning to her substantive post of Headteacher at Coupar Angus Primary school on Monday 16 August 2010. This, along with thanks paid to Mrs Dawson for her commitment and support to the school was intimated in a letter to all parents.

- *Town Centre*

Improvements to the town centre have commenced. Douglas Cook was in Coupar Angus this week dropping off drawings to shop keepers with details. Traffic Management has been delayed until second week in June. DM to check with Douglas Cook re the positioning of the trees in the drawings.

- *Wheelie Bins*

Additional bins are to be delivered to the High Street flats next week.

- *Group Meeting*

A member of the police board has stated that Tayside has the lowest statistics on crime rate ever known. A downside however is that proposed cutbacks (15-20%) on police service are possible. DM has raised objection.

- *Contact details*

A list of all community councillors telephone numbers and emails are to be given to DM [JR to action]

JK asked DM at the end of his report whether he could look into an advanced warning sign for the traffic lights at the Dundee Road junction (White House) due to lack of visibility in bright sunlight. DM to action.

8. Correspondance

- Letter re Parking in George Street [Les Elder]

DM to look into the situation and speak with police in regard as the situation needs rectified as the position is only likely to be compounded now that the town centre works have commenced. JR to email Les Elder to advise

- Adopting a telephone Kiosk

MG to action the signing of this after checking over form.

- Dementia Carers talk to CC

MG to follow up

9. AOCB

Age Concern

AC asked if DM could arrange for someone to come out from the legal department to advise us on the CC position with sub-committees. JR to contact Brenda Lackie to enquire as to whether there are any restrictions for CC's and whether members have to be CC members or co-opted.

CART/Healthy Community Collaborative

An event will be held in the town hall on 22 May from 10am – 3pm to advise of what is going on in Coupar Angus

Amendments:

Approved:
Seconded:

(Chairman)