



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Minutes - Monday 12 July 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

3. Police Report: Sgt Andrew Ness

Sgt Ness began by advising of the restructure of the Western Division from Blairgowrie to East Perthshire to include the Carse of Gowrie, Balbeggie and Guildtown. He further intimated that there would be dedicated community officers employed and with regards to community council meeting. Every effort would be made for one such officer to be in attendance each month to provide the police report.

Sgt Ness advised of the following issues:

- Youths causing annoyance in various parts of the town. Dedicated youth alcohol patrols carried out by plain clothes patrol in Larghan Park. Within the last month 22 litres of cider, 24 cans of cider, 3 litres of vodka, 1ltr of buckfast and 11 cans of lager have been seized within the section – 6 litres of cider being in Coupar Angus itself.
- 2 Vandalisms – 1 broken window, 1 car paintwork damaged (still under enquiry); 1 theft of a car – vehicle recovered and persons reported; 5 minor assaults – all detected; 2 drug recoveries – personal amounts of cannabis; 1 theft of squirrel traps – still under enquiry; 1 theft of car stereo – still under enquiry; 1 theft of garden furniture – detected; 2 breaches of the peace – 1 detected and 1 undetected.
- Operation ROSSI continues by the RPU to target speeding motorcyclists in and around East Perthshire.
- Summer safety campaign will involve Tayside Police along with other forces in Scotland, embarking on a week long annual campaign from 5 July targeting people who choose to drink and take drugs and then drive. Any member of the public wishing to report any such incident should contact Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.
- Community Officers have been visiting local farms holding seminars advising migrant workers of the laws in relation to buying alcohol and the use of motor vehicles etc.
- With regards to parking near the chicken factory, Constable Brown has liaised with Fiona Reid the operations manager at the Atrium in Perth who manages parking attendants. She is to be organising dedicated patrols on relevant afternoons and are also in the process of hiring extra staff to work evenings therefore enabling the issue to be tackled after 1800hrs although no date set as yet for this commencing. Jo Kettles suggested that perhaps the community council could speak to management at Vion re the parking and it was agreed that she would take this forward.
- Dedicated patrols of Larghan Park have begun involving plain clothes officers and this will continue. Liaison has been carried out with the council and a CCTV camera has now also been erected.

- Ann Campbell asked Sgt Ness whether officers would always stop if they spotted youths drinking. Sgt Ness advised that they would always try to engage with the suspects to establish whether they had indeed been consuming alcohol. He further advised that youths tended to react more positively when a rapport had been built up with officers.
- Jo Kettles asked Sgt Ness whether a plain clothes officer could be sent to check drivers using mobile phones whilst driving in and out of Queen Street – this was agreed.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes of 14 June 2010

Approval of minutes – approved by JM, seconded by AC

Bins at High Street – have now been emptied

Obstruction to Fred's shop – this is continuing for all shops in area. Alan Grant was to have looked into compensation for Fred

Peacocks – have not been seen for some time apart from at school. Inspector Buckley Jones emailed Alan Grant advising that Peafowl are not “wild birds within the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, therefore if no ownership is established there would be no restriction on destroying them using a pest control company but there would be a question over who would pay if this were to occur. Alan Grant further emailed Ann Campbell advising that he felt that no one would probably be keen for the birds to be destroyed. Dennis Melloy had been approached by residents near the school and subsequently contacted the RSPB who sent a man out who advised that unless the birds were injured they could do nothing. It is now thought that the birds could have come from as far afield as Scone Palace as it has been established they are not from Altamount as first thought.

Bendochy Phone Box – MG has been unable to contact anyone re this so will get an address from Shuna and write.

Dux Prize – MG gave £30 for this so needs reimbursed accordingly from JM

Post Boxes at the Cross – these have now both been re-opened – having apparently been shut due to health and safety!

Traffic Management Orders – Jim Irons has arranged that the Community Council will in future be notified when any orders are to be published in the local press

5. Community Issues

- JK raised the fact the building of new houses on the old Tannery site is to go ahead.
- Grants are available for community at heart initiatives from the Scottish Hydro (in respect of Charmian Paterson' request in the June minutes in respect of the mother and toddlers group at St Anne's.
- JK intimated that Ed Maxwell has advised of vehicles parked directly opposite Precinct Street on double yellow lines with apparent near accidents last week.
- JK intimated that she had concerns about the location of the green wheelie bins on Queen Street on collection day causing an obstruction to pedestrians. JR to contact environmental services in regards.
- JK intimated that the street cleaning machine had emptied grit all over her car and when she phoned P&K to complain was told there was no money to cover the cost of her taking her car to a garage to be checked by a mechanic.
- JK intimated that she was concerned about the lack of vision coming at the junction of Candlehouse Lane and Burnside Road due to undergrowth. She

further stated that she had left a message re her complaint with the Roads Dept. DM advised he would contact them to discuss as the area is obviously owned by P&K as it has previously been cleared by them.

6. Reports

Chairman

- AC asked whether anyone had received word of a community event in Larghan Park on 28 July at 12 noon. Pride of Place have apparently been asked to do a bouncy castle yet the community council appear not even to have been informed of the event
- AC enquired as to whether anyone had received communication from John McCrone re CART meeting. There is a CART meeting next week and AC will attend. It was felt that it would be positive if the CC, CART and POP could work more closely together for the good of the whole community as currently each works pretty independently.
- AC asked if we had received anything regards the tendering process for improvements to the frontage of C & W West under the Townscape Heritage Initiative. No information has been received about this.
- AC advised that CART are looking for a donation towards the publication of the Town Map and Guide. It was agreed a donation of £200 would be made to CART towards the cost of the town map.
- A photographic competition – shots for use in a calendar – nothing publicised.
- Bulletin/CAN magazine – first new issue to be published in September. Consideration is being given to a Pavillion at Larghan Park funded by sports.

Planning:

- Nothing to report

Treasurer:

- Current Account No.1 £1007.16
- Current Account No.2 £186.36
- JM advised that signatories are required to be recorded in minutes but weren't therefore we are unable to have cheques signed until this is done. It was subsequently agreed that John Middleton and Ann Campbell would be the signatories for the community council.

Sub-Committees:

- *Gardens Competition*
MG advised that posters and forms were out and an advert would be in the next issue of the Blairgowrie Advertiser. MG further advised that he would write to last years winners to ask them to hand the trophies in to JM at his office. AC advised that she had asked Gordon Croll to be the judge but was still awaiting a response. She asked if he was unable whether it would be in order to ask Bill Ronald the secretary of POP – this was agreed.
- *Citizen of the Year*
MG advised that similarly the posters and forms for this were also out.

7. Councillor Melloy's Report

.Everything covered.

8. Correspondance

- Community Transport Fund
- Appeal re houses on Tannery – the proposed development has been approved on appeal to the Scottish Government Reporter.
- Letter from John Swinney re town centre improvements
- Data protection form update (renewal due 26/11/10)

9. AOCB

Sewage Works Odour

It was agreed that MG would create a flyer re the above to advise complainants of where to contact.

Brown Lidded Wheelie Bin Collection

DM advised that as of 19/7/10 uplifts would be restricted to 1 bin per household during the summer months as there is currently a backlog. Residents will be required to ensure that their bins are presented for collection by 7.30am on appropriate day regardless of whether normally their uplift was later in the day.

Open Gardens Day

MG suggested trying to organise an Open Gardens Day to coincide with the Doors Open Day event whereby interested residents would allow there garden to be viewed during that time. A map of the town would be created pin-pointing the “open” gardens and made available at a cost of perhaps £3. AC suggested that we work with POP in regards to this and agreed to speak to them in regard.

Amendments:

Approved:

Seconded:

(Chairman)