



Coupar Angus and Bendochy Community Council

Minute of the meeting held on Monday 14 September 2015 at 7pm in the Town Hall Chambers.

Present: Duncan Kettles, Carolyn Brown, Jo Kettles, Michael Gallagher, Steve Cumming, Cllr Melloy (part), Clare Damodaran – reporter (part), Michelle Peet – minute taker.

Apologies: Stuart Wilshaw

Police Report: Copy attached to these minutes.

Adoption of Minutes: On page 2 paragraph 3, the Councillor should be named as Stuart Wilshaw. In the same paragraph 'curtesy' should read 'courtesy'. In future the times people arrived and left the meeting are to be recorded. With these changes the minutes were adopted; proposed by Jo Kettles and seconded by Duncan Kettles.

Clare Damodaran arrived 7:10pm.

Councillor's Report: Councillor Melloy had passed on the Community Council's concerns regarding Dundee Road to the Roads department. He informed the meeting that Market Hill Road was also being looked at by the Roads Department. Councillor Melloy commented that he was sorry that Stuart Wilshaw was not at the meeting as he had seen an email that Stuart had sent, that whilst it was clearly intended for just one recipient, had been emailed to a lot of people including the person about whom he was being unpleasant. Councillor Melloy commented that it was not acceptable behaviour for a Community Councillor especially after the discussion at the last meeting. He also commented that the facebook post which had offended the two members of public had not been removed immediately, as promised, but was still available to view over two weeks later. Stuart had also given his assurance that an incident like that would not happen again. It was not a good reflection on the Community Council. Councillor Melloy also pointed out that the election deadline for Community Councils was 10 days away. So far, of 740 Community Councillors only 47 had applied for re-election. He said that it would be good for the Community Council if new members came on to the Council. During a telephone conversation with Christine Grant she had commented that it was not a good idea to have a sub-committee at this time because any new committee may not want to take the idea forward. Councillor Melloy wished to comment on the hard work of the Kettins and Coupar Angus Burns group – unfortunately PKC's flooding team is not being helpful. The Burns group are trying to remove the sediment above and below the bridge to stop flooding at George Street. He had attended a meeting last Wednesday where he had said he was not happy with the obstructions being put in place by the PKC Flooding team. Thirty cubic metres of sediment to be removed. He informed the meeting that PKC were in the process of producing a flood prevention plan for Coupar Angus. There was to be a further meeting in eight weeks with a paper being presented regarding the progress of the plan. He commented that the Burns Group had spent around £20,000 of their own money to sort the Burns. The work is not just for their own land but for the good of Coupar Angus. The

Burns Group had asked for money from PKC but been refused. There was a discussion regarding the similarity to the situation in Perth before it was flooded.

Jo asked if cameras could be installed on the traffic lights at Queen Street as people are jumping the red light and there had also been an accident last Saturday. She commented that to go any further need PKC to be on board. Councillor Melloy agreed to speak to the traffic section. He also commented that he was waiting for the report from the site meeting between Daryl McKeown, Brian Cargill, Councillor Melloy and Councillor Grant; it was hoped something would be done very soon to try to ease the traffic congestion on Queen Street. Councillor Melloy said he would also speak to the police regarding people jumping the red light. Michael brought up the subject of speeding on the Blairgowrie road; Councillor Melloy said he was waiting for a phone call from Sergeant Ness. Michael also asked about extending the footpath so can cross at roundabout on Blairgowrie road opposite Lamb and Gardiner from the doctors' surgery towards the Balhousie home. Councillor Melloy agreed to speak to Daryl McKeown. Michael also asked about altering the Union Street junction at the mini roundabout. Councillor Melloy was asked who to contact regarding the park fence – he replied Andy Clegg in Greenspace.

Councillor Melloy left the meeting at 7:35pm.

Matters Arising: Chris Little – Jo and Michael had met with Chris Little following his presentation to the Community Council last month and he answered some questions that he hadn't been able to answer on the night. Regarding the cable not going through the Co-op land – it had been deemed easier to speak with other people than the Co-op. Chicken Factory – going round to allow factory to expand if required. New plan – should be finalised very soon and the planning application should be available by the next Community Council meeting.

Local Community Plan and Steering Committee: Michael had written to several leaders of local groups. He also commented that lots of young people had joined the SNP and were keen to get involved in local things. Duncan warned that the Local Community Plan must not be political. John Corrigan had agreed to go onto the Steering Committee but could only attend meetings during the day. John was also involved with younger people and therefore might be able to encourage some to join and/or give Michael relevant contacts. Michael had prepared draft terms of reference for the steering group.

Clare Damodaran left the meeting at 7:40pm.

Duncan and Michael had attended a recent Town Team meeting to inform them about the Local Community Plan. Michael handed out copies of the draft terms of reference. He informed the Community Council that he had phoned Christine Grant regarding the procedure for sub-committees. He was told that any decisions made by the sub-committee must be agreed by a full public meeting of the Community Council. Michael handed round a list of people asked to be on the steering group and asked for any other suggestions. Carolyn suggested asking Councillor Melloy. Michael said he hoped to have the first meeting of the steering group within the next fortnight.

Defibrillator: There had been a presentation attended by some members of the Community Council. Jo was in discussion with the nurse and bosses at the chicken factory and once they get permission from The British Heart Foundation then the town will have access to their defibrillator – the factory is open 24 hours. Michael suggested it would be good to sponsor/ raise funds for the Trossachs Search and Rescue or Air Ambulance. There was some discussion regarding producing a clock with a dog photograph on it to raise funds. Michael suggested that someone should attend the Candlehouse Surgery practice meeting to ask what would be the best policy for defibrillators for Coupar Angus.

Garden Competition: This will be arranged within the next fortnight.

Chairs: Unfortunately the colour chosen at the last meeting was no longer available. It was agreed to use the Ruby to match the other chairs in the room. Jo was to contact the upholstery with the decision.

Online Petition Queen Street: The question was asked should a letter be sent to Jim Valentine regarding the online petition – it was agreed that a letter was to be sent to show the strength of feeling in the town.

Shed on Princes Street: There was some discussion regarding the ownership of a shed on Princes Street.

Treasurers Report: £646.93 in bank, no movement on the account. Everyone in Bendochy happy.

AOCB: Update to Strathmore Avenue to George Street path, forgot to ask Councillor Melloy. Duncan and Michael to meet to discuss. The ground is owned by the upper flat. Jo has a plan.

Gala: Michael had spoken to Linda and between them they had come up with 30 events/activities that were all cheap and simple. Michael was to email the list to the Community Council members. People who organise now wish to stand back. Duncan, Michael, Carolyn and Jo will go speak to the previous organisers as individuals not as Community Council.

Defibrillator: Michael asked if the Community Council should start fund raising to buy the town a defibrillator, consensus was no, not a good time. Michael to attend a practice meeting at Candlehouse Surgery Practice.

Wheelie Bins: Michael asked if the Community Council should write to PKC regarding the way homeowners and the Council workers leave their wheelie bins on collection days. It was agreed that it was not a Community Council matter.

Guide Hut: The Guide Hut is to close as the owner has died. Again it was agreed it was not a Community Council matter.

Weaths/ defibrillator meeting room: Cheques had been received.

Minibus tokens in Courier: John Easson was printing 1,000 to be distributed around the town. Carolyn suggested putting some in the school.

Next meeting Monday 12 October 2015 in the Town Hall Chamber at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm.