



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

Monday 9 August 2010, Coupar Angus Town Hall - 7pm

Present: Ann Campbell (Chair), Michael Gallagher (minutes), John Middleton, Jo Kettles, Ed Adam. In attendance, Cllr Dennis Melloy

- 1 **Previous minutes:** Proposed by Jo Kettles, seconded by John Middleton
- 2 **Police report:** PC Sandra Burgess, standing in for Community Officer Steve Brown.

Recent crime/issues

- Bogus workmen – Elderly people and local farms are being targeted. If you see anyone suspicious, contact Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222
- Youths causing annoyance
- Dedicated youth drinking patrols being carried out
- 2 serious domestic assaults, both detected
- 9 minor assaults – 7 detected, mostly domestic
- 5 house-related vandalisms – 3 detected
- 1 person found in farm premises – detected
- handbag stolen from vehicle – undetected
- drug search – nothing found

Roads

- Operation 'Round the Bend' has commenced, targeting motorcyclists in East Perthshire

Local initiatives

- Summer Safety Campaign continues – a two week campaign from 5 July targeting those who drink or take drugs and drive. If you see a drink/drug driver call Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111
- Migrant worker Road Shows – Community officers have been advising migrant workers re laws on alcohol and driving.

Concerns raised by Community Council at previous meeting

- Parking in George Street near chicken factory – Constable Brown is making efforts to resolve this.
- Lorry drivers using mobile phones – Update to follow shortly.

Concerns raised by Community Council at this meeting

- Jo mentioned speeding in Queen Street, and youths speeding round a circuit via Pitcur. PC Burgess said the police could use speed cameras.
- Ed mentioned speeding in George St and Union St.

3 **Community issues**

- Obstruction to shops – Concerns have been expressed about obstructions caused by the works in the High Street and The Cross.

John reported that the loss of parking is causing sever problems, partly due to inconsiderate parking by the workers. JKF vehicles are using the two remaining parking spaces for extended periods. There will be further problems when work begins on the north side of The Cross.

Agreed – People should be notified if access is going to be blocked.

Action – Dennis will talk to the Council to ensure access in future

- Bendochy post box – A Bendochy resident has formed a group which will raise funds for the conversion of the box into a community notice board.

Agreed – With regard to future maintenance of the box, the Community Council will pay for paint (as long as Bendochy remains within Community Council boundary) if locals do the work.

- **New road safety measures** – At the request of the Community Council, Daryl McKeown of the Traffic and Road Safety Department of Perth & Kinross Council has sent us the following information regarding plans for improving road safety in the town:
 - (a) P&K Council is investigating the possibility of closing the access from Candlehouse Lane onto Queen Street and directing all traffic from the Strathmore Hotel and Moray Place along Candlehouse Lane, east past the Medical Centre, towards the roundabout.
 - (b) It has been agreed to install a new signalised (Puffin) crossing on the Forfar Road to facilitate Larghan Park. The crossing will be located to the southeast of Princeland Road but close to the junction. Design work has commenced with our Urban Traffic Control team and funding has been identified from this year's programme of works. Once the design has been completed, P&K Council we will be in a better position to provide a timescale for the work. Dropped kerbs will also be installed across the junction with Princeland Road.
 - (c) The Landscape Team are working on a proposal for a new pedestrian access from Forfar Road into Larghan Park, opposite the new housing development at Larghan View. The fence has been damaged in several places by people climbing over it to gain access to the park. A new section of footway could be constructed beside the bus shelter and an access path provided into the park. Again, once the design has been completed P&K Council will be in a better position to provide a timescale for the work.

4 Reports

Chairman

- The CART project officer will email a monthly report to the Community Council
- CART plans to have an event at The Cross on Open Doors Day
- Garden lending scheme – one person has offered their garden
- Local map and guide – Pride of Place has made a donation

Treasurer

- We have £1007.24 in the number one account, and £186.38 in no.2 account.

Sub-committees

- Gardens Competition – **Agreed** – ask PoP for a meeting to discuss updating the format of the competition. Michael and Ann to attend.

- Citizen of the Year – Candidates were selected from among the nominations.
- Presentations for the above will take place on Monday 20 September. All previous winners to be invited to the presentations, as will volunteers from all local associations.

Councillor

- Brown bins – Dennis has written to all Councillors suggesting that there should have been better communication and planning.

5 Correspondence

- Training for Development Planning – Michael and Jo to attend in early October.
- Doors Open Day 25-26 September – Ann has put up a poster at the Co-op.
- Letter requesting article for new CAN-DO magazine

Action – Michael to draft

- Email to Community Council from Ed Adam expressing concern re disruption at The Cross (see Community Issues, above).
- Proposals for four commercial units at the Nortel corner have been refused planning consent because of conflict with proposed link road outlined in local development plan (raised by Community Council) and lack of flood risk assessment.
- Email to CC from David Buchanan providing update on proposed smell abatement measures at sewage works.

6 Next meeting – Monday 13 September 2010

Approved:

Seconded:

Chairman: