



Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES, Monday 13 June 2011

Meeting Room, Coupar Angus Town Hall, 7pm

1. Present: Ann Campbell (Chair), Michael Gallagher (minutes), David Carson
In attendance: Cllr Dennis Melloy, Jill Davies (CART)
2. Welcome/ Apologies/approval of minutes –
Apologies: Steve Cumming (treasurer), Bob Curran (Secretary).
Approval of minutes? – Amendment agreed - reference to Balhousie Care group – the Coupar Angus Seniors Care Group is keen work with Balhousie. Otherwise the previous minutes were accepted as accurate.
3. Police Report – provided by email (too late to be discussed at the meeting) – see Community Council website at www.couparanguscc.org.uk.
4. Matters Arising from previous minutes:
 - Update on suggestions from local resident Kate Noble – The Scottish Ambulance service has added the three entrances to Larghan Park to its system, so the call taker will ask the caller what entrance they are at. MG is still pursuing Ms Noble's second suggestion of a low-cost bus pass for young people travelling between Coupar Angus and Blairgowrie.
5. Community issues
 - Local resident Tomasz Mucha has asked for the Community Council's help to raise money for his daughter Wiktorina to have an operation in Missouri (Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy) so that she will be able to continue walking. The operation is not available in the UK. Mr Mucha has raised £5,000 towards the £40,000 needed.
 - **Agreed** – we will look into various ways of assisting Mr Mucha.
 - **Agreed** – Michael to email Andrew Harris at Blairie.
 - **Agreed** – email the article in the Blairie and the website address to Dennis.
 - Donations can be made through PayPal on Wiktorina Fund facebook and www.wiktoriafund.org/
6. Scottish Water –

- work has started and will finish on 23 December. Anne-Marie will arrange to have the tanks emptied later in the day, so that people aren't disturbed. She suggested that residents of Grampian View take a note of noise disturbances and smells when the tanks are being emptied (to see if there is a pattern). Anne-Marie offered that she could phone residents on a regular basis. She will also provide a timetable for the works, which we can pass on to local residents. Residents can contact the site manager Bob Butler or project manager Brian Whyte – 07917 267840. You can also contact Brian via the Scottish Water (0845 601 8855 or freephone 0800 731 0840). Anyone is welcome to come for a site visit.

The new work will increase the capacity of the sewage works to cope with a further 393 people, up from 2,174 (trade effluent is the equivalent of 12,917 people). If more houses were planned and had been given planning permission, Scottish Water would get funding to increase the capacity.

Vion's plans to increase bird kill from 800,000 to 1,200,000 per week, but effluent will not increase.

- Hill Garden sewage pipes – A CCTV survey was carried out, which showed no other defects other than the section of pipe that was repaired in March. It is a combined sewer – surface water and foul, which can get overwhelmed in heavy rain.
7. Proposal re waste incineration (Michael) – MG asked the Community Council to support a motion calling on the Convention of Perth & Kinross Community Councils to urge Perth and Kinross Council and the Scottish Government to protect communities from the threat of new waste incinerators. It was decided to defer a decision while the Community Council inquires with Perth and Kinross Council about what alternatives to incineration it is pursuing.
 8. Vion - air quality - a matter for CC or/and Forward Coupar Angus (FCA). David reported that he and Lez Holden of FCA had met with senior management of Vion. Vion acknowledged that there have been smells, but said they are changing their odour abatement system. David suggested to them that they keep the community updated, e.g. with regular articles in the CAN DO magazine. Dennis Melloy mentioned that he had had a complaint from a local resident about noise from the plant – SEPA is monitoring the situation.
Agreed – The Community Council and FCA will arrange a meeting with Vion.
 9. Entry signs (David/Michael) – FCA will contact the Community Council to discuss this.
 10. EOSF would like CC to support FCA Main Issues Report submission.(David) – the Secretary will check if a letter has been sent to P&KC from CC supporting FCA Main Issues response.
 11. Reports (5 minutes each)
 - a.) Chairman –

- we will send a cheque to CART for £200.
- The bill for the CC's share of the new notice board at the Co-op has now been paid.
- Some local residents have asked for some help in organising a hogmanay street party. They would also like the CC to cover the event with its insurance (Ann to discuss this with Brenda Lackie). Dennis suggested that the event would have to be organised by a sub-committee. Jill Davies said that we need to get permission from Roy Able of PKC to use the pedestrianised area of the High Street.

b.) Planning – no report

c.) Treasurer – no report

d.) Subcommittee/Meetings

- Gardens Competition (Ann)
- Citizen of the Year (David) – Entry forms are available around the town, and there is an advertisement in the CAN DO magazine. Ann said the Town Hall had been booked for the award ceremony on 19 September. There will be no charge.

e.) Councillor – Councillor Melloy said he has received complaints about anti-social behaviour and dog fouling.

12. Correspondence

- Tayplan public consultations list
- The Community Councillor magazine

13. AOCB –

- Protocol for publishing minutes on the website before the next meeting – Agreed – If three members of the CC agree they are accurate, and no-one objects, we can publish them on the website clearly stating they are in draft form to be approved at the following meeting.
- The traffic lights at the new pedestrian crossing near Larghan Park are obscured by overhanging tree branches. **Action** – Dennis Melloy to rectify the situation.

14. Date of next meeting **Monday 11 July 2011**

- David gave his apologies as he will not be able to attend the next meeting.
- Michael will not be able to attend