



Coupar Angus and Bendochy Community Council

Minute of the meeting held on Monday 9 June 2014 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall Chambers.

Present: Duncan Kettles, Jo Kettles, Michael Gallagher, Steve Cumming, Claire Easson – part, Cllr Melloy - part, Clare Damodaran – reporter - part, Michelle Peet – minute taker.

Apologies: Carolyn Brown

Adoption of minutes. The minutes were proposed as a true record by Michael Gallagher and seconded by Jo Kettles with the following amendment Monarch's Yard should read **Malloch's Yard**.

Matters arising.

Chairs. Man will come and give quote for chairs when he is available and when someone from the Community Council is available. John Corrigan had not yet passed to Jo the name of where some funding might be available to help with the cost of re-covering the chairs. Active Leisure – Jo had contacted Active Leisure (who deal with bookings for the Town Hall Chambers); a Mr Crawford had been to see the chairs and was to try and obtain funding to help with the re-covering of the chairs but had not got back to Jo. Michael had posted an application form through Jo's door for her to complete with the amount requested. Michael was to email a copy to Duncan.

Tayplan. Michael had attended an exhibition by Tayplan in Dundee. He had focussed on the traffic in Queen Street and the relief road. He spoke to a Tayplan person and a Planning Aid Scotland person (who is a volunteer but a planning officer). He asked what was the best way to get a relief road. They advised that if the A923 was made into a trunk road that may reduce the chances of getting a relief road as there were lots of other roads (over 50) on the list and some had been there over 20 years. When asked what could the Community Council do he was advised to consider going the route of Planning Gain – i.e. give housing developers permission to build housing on the condition that they build a relief road. There was some discussion about this option as SEPA have designated the south side of Coupar Angus as a flood risk. There was then further discussion regarding attenuation – flood prevention. Trees could be planted up stream which would slow the flow of water onto the flood plain area or ponds could be used to control the water as had been

done at Dunfermline East. It was agreed that the Community Council should speak to SEPA and find out why the area south of the town has been designated a flood plain. A further suggestion made at the Tayplan exhibition to Michael was to convert Queen Street to a shared surface scheme (SSS). There was some discussion about the unsuitability of Queen Street to a SSS – people living there are already afraid to step out of their front doors and there is a pavement. Michael said that the people at the Tayplan exhibition had suggested putting planters outside front doors as obstacles and that they were very enthusiastic about SSS. Michael pointed out that PKC give money to hold a charrette (defined as a public meeting devoted to a concerted effort to solve a problem or plan the design of something). The culverts on the south side of the town have not been cleared out for four or five years – it used to be that the local farmers would clear them of silt but now permission is required and costs money. Jo suggested that the Community Council should hold a meeting to find out if the towns' people want a relief road. Jo asked Michael if any other town organisations had spoken about a relief road. Michael said Forward Coupar Angus had discussed a relief road with houses being built on the south side of the town and ponds for fishing and slowing the flow of water.

Councillors' Report. Councillor Melloy noticed in the minutes of the previous meeting that the subject of Kings Road/George Street had come up again last month once he had left. Steve explained that he had contacted the Estates Department to find out if the landowners had been contacted. Councillor Melloy felt it was being inferred that he was not believed when he reported that things were progressing and would begin to move again once staff resources were available. Jo said the Community Council had not intended offending Councillor Melloy. It was agreed that the secretary was to write to Chic Haggart and ask for an update and ask when an approach to the landowners was last made.

Councillor Melloy reported that there had been a request for 30mph limit at Hallyburton but the Community Council had not been notified. Councillor Melloy indicated he was trying to find out more information. Kettins crossing had also had a request for 30mph.

Councillor Melloy had looked at the planning applications for Malloch's Yard. He indicated that it had planning application approved in principle. Report recommended approval in line with development plan. Latest application is an extension for three years but has entrance off Precinct Street not A94 as original. The applicant would have to come back to planning with more detail before final planning and he noted that the Coupar Angus and Bendochy Community Council had objected as the access had changed. SEPA had also said the site floods and so original plan was knocked back, however SEPA have now looked and said the planned site is okay. Councillor Melloy will speak to Andy Baxter. Jo had spoken to Nick Bryant who had said there should be no entry off Precinct Street. Councillor Melloy will get latest information emailed to him and forward to everyone on the Community Council. Claire was to forward everyone's email address to Councillor Melloy.

Butterybank was to finally be made a one way street towards A923 (Blairgowrie road). Jo asked if anything could be done about getting a footway as traffic would inevitably travel faster now as there was no risk of meeting another car but people walked along the road and there was no path. Councillor Melloy agreed to investigate.

Councillor Melloy had received an email from local farmers asking if the Council could provide help with the silt build up in the Burn. Councillor Melloy agreed to speak with the watercourses person at PKC.

Councillor Melloy had received an email from a resident of the new houses near Larchan Park regarding a fence that people were climbing over to get into Larchan Park. Claire agreed to put something in the newspaper asking people not to climb over the fence.

Jo had phoned the 101 number for the police and had received a very unsatisfactory outcome. Councillor Melloy agreed to investigate.

Michael asked if PKC could help the Royal Hotel remain as a commercial unit – there was a planning application that had recently gone through converting the ground floor to two flats. Councillor Melloy agreed that the Royal Hotel remaining as a commercial unit would be better for the town and that PKC would also like to see the Hotel as a commercial unit but the planning application had already gone through the planning process and therefore nothing could be done. PKC also did not have any money to ‘help’ the Royal Hotel remain as a commercial unit.

Treasurer’ Report

There was £1,259.04 in the bank. There were no outstanding cheques. Jo pointed out that if funding could not be obtained for re-covering the chairs then some of that money may be needed.

Precinct Street

A very large sign had appeared on the end house on Precinct Street; Jo pointed out that this was within a conservation area. Councillor Melloy agreed to contact Daryl McKeown. Jo was also to contact Daryl.

A 6ft fence had been erected on a corner of Precinct Street that had enclosed some communal land. The same person had also erected CCTV cameras which were recording on the street. Councillor Melloy agreed to contact the police.

Zebra Crossing

Claire had written to Daryl McKeown regarding the zebra crossing. Daryl had replied that the crossing had not been a roads service project but an Environmental Improvement project with consultation with local members and the Community Council. However he said that he would investigate the points raised by Claire and get back to the Community Council. Claire had pointed out that there was a lack of visibility, that flashing lights saying crossing ahead would be advantageous, there was also problems with cars stopping very close to the crossing, visibility for pedestrians was poor because there was a disabled parking bay very close to the crossing. There was some discussion regarding the use of a zebra crossing on a shared surface scheme. The Belisha beacons are not effective because of the sun causing problems. Drivers should be driving very slowly but aren’t. It was suggested that a survey should be carried out. Police should be asked to get cars moving so visibility for car drivers and pedestrians would be improved. The bare minimum that needs to get done is better signage. Councillor Melloy pointed out that monitoring would have been done when the shared surface scheme was first put in, now, a few years later, more

monitoring should be done. Councillor Melloy agreed to speak to the police. Email to Daryl had also been sent to Lorna Burns.

Community Policeman

Clare informed the meeting that Dave Summers was leaving the community policeman post.

PK Credit Union

PK Credit Union were to attend the next Community Council meeting.

Gardens' Competition

Arrangements for the Gardens' competition were in hand.

Date of next meeting 14 July 2014 at 7pm in Town Hall Chambers.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm.