



Coupar Angus and Bendochy Community Council

Minute of the meeting held on Monday 12 March 2018 at 7pm in the Town Hall Chambers.

Present:, John Easson, Keith Langelaan, Shona Turnbull, Stuart Rutherford, Cllr Stewart, Constable Mark Stewart (part), George Turnbull (part), Clare Damadoran – reporter (part), Michelle Peet – minute taker.
Members of public – Bob Ellis and one other.

Apologies:, Johann Rennie, Wendy McCombes, John Palfreyman, Saranne Davies, Cllr Fiona Sarwar

		Action
1	Welcome. John welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Correction and adoption of minutes of 12 February 2018. Item 12.1 should read Thorn Alley not Thornhill. With that correction the minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Keith and seconded by Shona.	
3	Matters arising from minutes (not on the agenda) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Item 3.1. Councillor Stewart had emailed Barbara Renton and received no reply. 2. Item 3.3. Shona had investigated, and the area is not a designated recycling area and therefore can not have a skip; if people are leaving rubbish then it is fly-tipping. 3. Item 3.4. Councillor Stewart had looked at Myreriggs Road and the vegetation is no longer a problem. 4. Item 3.6. Work on the Forfar Road should be finished by 22 March and the traffic lights turned on 24 March. 5. Item 3.6. Voting in the participatory budget had taken place. Members of the Community Council who were involved where not impressed; the organising of the event had not improved since last year. People of the town were not aware that voting was taking place – the poster advertising the event had been placed on the back of the noticeboard! It was possible to vote online but that voting closed the at midday the day before the event on 24 February. The system relied on applicants informing people when and how to vote. It was also noted that seven groups had applied where only three from Coupar Angus could go through; co-ordination between the town groups was possibly required. It was the Community Council’s view that a post mortem was required. Councillor Stewart had taken the comments on 	

	<p>board. Constable Mark Stewart arrived at 7.10pm. There was some discussion regarding who was eligible to vote – it appeared that anyone with a PH1_ postcode could, not just residents of say Coupar Angus at the Coupar Angus event.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Item 3.7. Nothing to report regarding using Abbey Church as a second place of refuge, ongoing. 7. Item 3.8. Budget meeting had taken place; Councillor Stewart would give more details in his report. 8. Item 4. Scott Gibson from the fire service was to be at the meeting but was called away. 9. Item 6.1. Shona had only received the emails today so nothing had progressed. Bob Ellis indicated that he was willing to stand as the representative for Ardler. Now need to go to Democratic Services to be checked out and to request increase Community Council size. 10. Item 6.4. Dog fouling – PC Stewart pointed out that there was an online portal and members of the public should use it as then the warden’s would be aware of problem areas. George Turnbull of the Fire and Rescue Service arrived at 7.26pm. POP are active in trying to prevent dog fouling in Coupar Angus. 11. Item 11.1. Pheasantry business. Planning still not been submitted; Councillor Shiers is in ongoing discussions with the owners. 	
4	<p>Fire and Rescue Report.</p> <p>Watch manager George Turnbull apologised that Station manager was unable to attend; he had been called away. The Coupar Angus station was called out to one fire at Burrelton in February; there were no incidents of note, they attended the Participatory Budget event. There were fifteen to twenty home fire safety visits carried out in February. From 1 April home fire safety visits will be called home safety visits and cover trip hazards and such like.</p>	
5	<p>Police Report.</p> <p>Following a restructure there are now two community police officers, Constable Mark Stewart and Constable Amanda Young, covering East Perthshire ie wards 1,2 and 3. A good way to report suspicions/incidents is via the website https://pkcommunitywatch.co.uk; this service is available to everyone. The ability of one of the community police officers to attend a Community Council meeting is very limited due to the large area they have to cover and shift work. Constable Stewart asked if the Community Council has any concerns. Biggest issue is with parking – he suggested contacting the parking wardens, so that they can build up a picture of where the problems are and react. 7.50pm George Turnbull left. Also discussion regarding the placement of the burger van on Candlehouse Lane. It is parked in such a way that customers have to stand in the road on a corner to be served. John thanked Constable Stewart for coming to the meeting.</p>	
6	<p>Subjects raised by members of the public.</p>	

	<p>1. HWB – Health and wellbeing at Blairgowrie High School; they are asking for feedback but unclear what feedback required. Agreed that Wendy should ask someone to come to meeting.</p>	WMcC
7	<p>Councillor’s Report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Stewart pointed out that Mr Angus Forbes of ward 1 was trying to co-ordinate all Community Council’s to apply for training aids together. He would pass Mr Forbes contact details to Keith. 2. Road Closures; Councillor Stewart had said at the last meeting that he would forward the emails regarding road closures around Coupar Angus but he had deleted the emails. 3. Budget – Four key areas. Some cost cutting proposals that the officers are obliged to put forward where reported in various papers as having been implemented – this was not the case. Councillor Stewart was to email the Community Council members the main points. Infrastructure, such as unadopted roads, had money added to their budget. Help for rural small businesses. 4. Councillor Stewart announced he is now vice convenor for the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee and would be on the NHS Tayside board from May 2018. He is no longer on the Environment and Infrastructure Committee. 5. Keith asked if there was any help for people on benefits towards the cost of the garden waste permits. There was no provision for individual discounts, however there was provision for bloom groups and communal areas to get their bins emptied. Councillor Stewart pointed out that people could band together and share a bin/permit. Can pay by cheque but it is not the preferred method of payment. There was some discussion regarding the economy of collecting almost empty bins for several months of the year. 	<p>Cllr Stewart</p> <p>Cllr Stewart</p>
8	Pending planning applications. None	
9	Secretary’s correspondence. Nil	
10	Chairs report. Nil	
11	<p>AOCB.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Restart. The Restart sub-committee had applied for money from the participatory budget but had been nineteen votes short of receiving money. This was partly because it was only people responding on the day. A training session with the fire and rescue service was to take place; they are sharing the training with the service. First training session takes place on 22 March. Still working on the plan of action. Applying for other funding. Two-pronged approach; training and defibrillators. Can go out and train in other areas. The school is getting involved. 2. School exclusion zone. Systra Road safety are to talk in the school. The traffic lights and the park and stride issues have now all been addressed so it will be a good time for the Systra to come in and talk about school exclusion zones. 3. Review of Community Council boundardies. Democratic Services would be consulting Community Council in March/April. 	
	Next meeting. Next meeting to be held on 9 April 2018 at 7pm in Town Hall Chambers.	ALL

Meeting closed at 8.39pm

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