



# Coupar Angus and Bendochy Community Council

Note of the meeting held on Monday 8 August 2016 at 7pm in the Town Hall Chambers.

**Present:** Wendy McCombes, Keith Langelaan, John Easson, John Palfreyman, Fiona Sarwar, Saranne Davies, Councillor Melloy, Michelle Peet – note taker. Six members of public

**Apologies:** Johann Rennie, Clare Damadoran

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| 1 | <b>Welcome.</b> Wendy welcomed everyone to the meeting.   |                         |
| 2 | <p><b>Adoption of notes:</b> The notes were proposed by Saranne Davies and seconded by John Palfreyman as a true record with the following amendment: - Item 11, gala arrangements the final sentence should read 'John P agreed to ask Jimmy to put something on the Coupar Angus Facebook page closer to the Gala asking for considerate parking.</p> <p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Item 3.3 – Fireworks – Lesley Mayberry of PKC is trying to contact John Kettles regarding siting, licence etc., she hoped to have dates for Wendy regarding meeting John. Councillor Melloy pointed out that didn't need a licence to have fireworks, as not charging an entrance fee. Also rockets from the display landing in people's gardens is not a licencing issue; it would be a police issue. There was some discussion regarding fire and risk assessments not being carried out, the fact that items were being sold and that people were walking through the wild life area of Larghan Park.</li> <li>2. Item 3.5 – Pipes across Burn – Councillor Melloy passed to Derek Davidson at PKC but he had not got back to Councillor Melloy.</li> <li>3. Item 3.6 – Town Hall Fire Alarm – No work had been done on the fire alarm</li> <li>4. Item 3.8 – Footpath to Kettins – no word</li> <li>5. Item 3.9 – Strathmore Advisory Group – no update someone off ill</li> <li>6. Item 3.13 – Re-covering of Meeting Room Chairs – Ten chairs away to be re-covered.</li> <li>7. Item 3.14 – Citizen of the Year – Bob Clark will be presented with his trophy at the garden competition.</li> <li>8. Item 5 – Defibrillators – Put on agenda for September meeting.</li> <li>9. Item 6 – Police Report – asked a resident of Precinct Street why incidents in Precinct Street had stopped, reply was people had been apprehended.</li> <li>10. Item 7 – Disabled Blue Badges – Councillor Melloy was to email the information to John P.</li> </ol> | <p>KL</p> <p>Cllr M</p> |

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|   | 11. Item 10 – Local Community Planning – Councillor Melloy had no update.  |      |
| 3 | <p><b>Subjects raised by members of the public.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ann Hill</b> wished to explain about the piece of land between the traffic lights. She and her husband had maintained it for 16 years putting shrubs in because of dog fouling, the Council have only cut the bank once in that 16 years. This year just before Britain in Bloom judging they had come and mowed it again demolishing half the plants that had been planted. Later a squad from MAD had turned up and destroyed the rest of the plants. She asked why had the cut from the Council happened. Councillor Melloy replied it would only have been done if the flower committee had asked for it. There was to be a meeting between POP and MAD to discover what had happened, it was agreed that there was a need for clarification for the future.</li> <li><b>Bill Munsie – SNP</b> He was being approached by people of Coupar Angus regarding issues with the Chicken factory, Queen Street, HMI report on school, housing in central Coupar Angus, Princes Croft and problems with BT and wanted to know if the Community Council were interested in liaising. Wendy said she was unsure how she should respond to a political party, already have chicken factory and Queen Street on the agenda. She thanked Bill for flagging up the issues and asked him to ask people to raise with the Community Council. Councillor Melloy said that the Community Council was apolitical to which Bill replied he was doing this in an apolitical sense as he didn't want to cut across the Community Council. Councillor Melloy pointed out that he was dealing with all issues raised by Bill as a Councillor. The Chair of 'Supporting our Kids at School' was a member of public present and said that any issues with the school could be raised with her and 'Supporting our Kids at School' would bring the issue up with the school.</li> <li><b>Speeding Forfar Road</b> – A member of public was concerned about the speed of traffic on Forfar Road, the police had been there a few days ago but were just inside the 30mph signs. John P pointed out that he is in discussion with Chic Haggart, at PKC. It was noted that there were no count down markers and no rumble bars, John P said he would take to Chic. There was some discussion regarding the placing of the pedestrian crossing, no path on the other side of the road and the possibility of moving the bus stop.</li> </ol> | JP   |
| 4 | <p><b>Police and Fire Report</b> – Nothing. However, it was noted that there had been incidents in Vauxhall Park and Scotmid bin skips on the same night. Also trees on the common and two trees near the common had been vandalised with a knife. Also the polytunnel had been damaged but again not on report. There was no report from the fire and rescue service. Wendy was to contact them to ask for a report. (Note takers comment: last had someone from Fire and Rescue April 2013, apologies in August 2013, then nothing. Contact was Scott Symons). Comment that adults were cycling on the pavements; at speed. The police are aware and monitoring, police will go to farms with berry pickers and explain not allowed.</p>   | WMcC |
| 5 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Resilience Group/Flooding</b> Wendy had arranged a meeting but only one person was interested, will wait until later in year. Andrew Strang of PKC was doing a cost benefit ratio. Cleaning Coupar Angus Burn – everyone in Coupar Angus was to get a copy of a letter. Two public consultations regarding flooding in the Town Hall, 25 August and 31 August 3pm to 8pm. Wendy will</li> </ol>  |      |

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|   | <p>attend to see if anyone interested in joining the resilience group. Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Council Resilience Group are willing to join together with any Coupar Angus group that is set up. Wendy had spoken to SEPA regarding the issues with the flooding maps they have released. They said they were reliant on PKC maps, people are now having problems with insurance because of the flaws in the six-year plan SEPA have released.</p> <p><b>2. Queen Street.</b> John P recapped that in May he had an email from Daryl McKeown saying there was an issue with moving the traffic lights but would have an answer by June meeting – still had nothing. John has contact Daryl and Chic Haggart at PKC, both very difficult to get hold of. Eventually spoke with Michael Findlay who apologised for the delay and said there had been lots of other priorities. John P agreed to send copy of email from Michael to Jo Kettles.</p> <p><b>3. Communal Garden/Hill Gardens.</b> Saranne had been approached regarding the positioning of the trees and shrubs and who maintained the gardens. Was it PKC, POP or Community Gardens? POP can't do because Community Gardens should be maintaining the areas. Children play in the area, PKC has cut down all the shrubs before, Parks department had attempted to maintain but not liked? Comment that the path by the fire station is also bad. The Beech tree is the main issue; it is a forest tree in a non-forest setting. Councillor Melloy suggested contacting Richard Brough at PKC. Wendy will contact Richard. Councillor Melloy also pointed out that it should be within the tenants' agreement to keep the gardens tidy. Suggested that a Tenants Association should be re-formed.</p> <p><b>4. School Road Adoption.</b> Between the Brownie hut and the common is un-adopted, is there a way of getting it adopted? Councillor Melloy indicated there was a new scheme and he would forward a form to apply to the Community Council.</p> | <p>JP</p> <p>WMcC</p> <p>Clr M</p> |
| 6 | <p><b>Local Councillor's Report</b></p> <p><b>1. Queen Street.</b> Councillor Melloy listed the emails he has received and sent since June 2015 regarding a solution to the Queen Street traffic problems. He has now written to Barbara Renton, Head of The Environment Service to ask for a solution; all trying to do is stop lorries driving along the pavement.</p> <p><b>2. Manshed.</b> Keith had asked Councillor Melloy about ? but he was unable to find any information. The building belongs to NHS, need to hold a public meeting as the lottery fund won't accept any application without a public meeting having been held, comment that can only have one development trust in the town, although this was disputed, need to show that the manshed project would add value and do a survey. Keith hoped to hold a public meeting soon.</p> <p><b>3. Gala Day.</b> Councillor Melloy said the Gala Day was a fantastic day, well organised and he had no complaints from residents; the members of public in the room agreed there were no complaints and also said it had been good</p>  |                                    |

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|   | <p>for trade in the town. The only down seemed to be that the Gala organisers had been charged for using the common; it was a great family day out.</p> <p><b>4. Hill Street/Hill Place.</b> Problem with bin uplift being withdrawn, street cleaner not to lift bins. Eight out of eleven residents have disability Councillor Melloy suggested they needed to get a form to have an assisted lift had been done before and worked okay. Otherwise will have to take bin to end of road. There is a problem with the bins not being put back – the previous street cleaner had done it. Councillor Melloy was not happy with bins being left out and said in Hill Street there were two areas that the bins could go into. Lucy Garthwaite at PKC and her team know about issue and are investigating.</p> <p><b>5. Personal Email.</b> Some members of the Community Council were using Councillor Melloy’s personal email and not his official email, Councillor Melloy reminded everyone to use his official email.</p>   | All   |
| 7 | <b>Pending Planning Applications</b> - nothing  |   |
| 8 | <b>Secretary’s Correspondence</b> – nothing, just playground leaflets.  |   |
| 9 | <p><b>Chair’s report on follow ups since last meeting –</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Councillor Alan Grant</b> now out of hospital, Community Council would send a card.</li> <li>2. <b>Community Consultation</b> Town Team and the Community Council were holding a joint Action Picnic, every organisation in the Town would be offered a stall, the picnic was to be held on Friday 9 September 3pm to 8pm in the Town Hall. The Community Council was to have a table. John P was to put a poster into Cando.</li> <li>3. <b>Chicken Factory</b> Wendy has been in contact with Russell Allan, general manager of the factory, as well as SEPA and Environmental Health department of PKC with regard to two issues – seagulls and smell. SEPA have powers such that they can look at the CCTV at specific times, i.e. when the tanker is emptying the effluent. Russell agreed to update the Community Council every two months, first update attached to these notes. Saranne was to put a copy onto the website. No-one within the factory should be feeding the seagulls. The townspeople also have a responsibility not to encourage them up feeding them. Wendy will write to the Director of public health regarding any illness related to the smell. John P will also put a copy of the updates into Cando. Bill Munsie asked if there should be a public meeting with the factory, SEPA and the Community Council. It was felt that it would be better to see what progress was made, a public meeting might inflame the situation. It was also pointed out that there was a dedicated SEPA officer for the factory who visits at least once a week and whenever there was a complaint. Councillor Melloy commented that this was a good positive way to work with the factory, proactive. Jo Kettles pointed out that the factory had given consent for the defibrillator to be used. Statement also to go onto Coupar Angus facebook page. Also a copy for Clare to put into Blairgowrie Advertiser.</li> <li>4. <b>Britain in Bloom</b> ? didn’t know, went and cut hedge</li> <li>5. <b>Dog Fouling</b> Another bin for Bogside Road has been requested from the dog warden. POP are ‘policing’ the area and intend holding a meeting. John E</li> </ol> | <p>WMcC</p> <p>JP</p> <p>SD</p> <p>WMcC</p> <p>JP</p> |

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|    | <p>said he had reported that the bin was full; there is a link on the PKC website. It was clarified that dog waste can go into green lidded bins.</p> <p>6. <b>Community Council Garden Competition</b> Results as follows:-</p> <p><b>Vegetable Garden</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hamish Lamond</li> <li>2. Bob Christie</li> <li>3. Morag Redford</li> <li>4. Kathleen Pirie</li> </ol> <p>Traditional Front</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hamish Lamond</li> <li>2. Margaret Pennycook</li> <li>3. Mrs G Grant</li> </ol> <p>Modern Front Garden</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Julie Hamilton</li> <li>2. Mrs Sandra and Mr Graham Jack</li> <li>3. Anna McFarlane</li> <li>4. Mary Whitfield</li> </ol> <p>Containers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bob Christie</li> <li>2. Margaret Pennycook</li> <li>3. Joy Pirie</li> </ol> <p>Sweet Peas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mrs G Grant</li> </ol> <p>Communal Garden</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Crighton Lang Court</li> <li>2. Eilerslie Gardens</li> </ol> <p>Best Garden tended by a primary school child</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Crighton Lang Court</li> </ol> <p>No garden tended by secondary school child was found.</p> <p>Award ceremony was to be at the Activity Picnic at 7pm. Wendy would write to the judges to say thank you.</p> | WMcC |
| 10 | <p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Proposed new swimming pool at Blairgowrie.</b> A new swimming pool at Blairgowrie had been proposed at a cost of around £18M, comments that to get from Coupar Angus to Blairgowrie on the bus with three children would cost around £20 before paying to get into the swimming pool. The swimming pool at the Community Campus was almost always empty so why upgrade? Had any thought been given to the East of Perthshire? Money could have been used for Queen Street instead or the grant application for Coupar Angus bicycles. What consultation had been done for a swimming pool at Blairgowrie? Was travel from outlying towns and villages going to be subsidised?</li> <li>2. <b>Stagecoach email.</b> Keith was to put an email from stagecoach regarding a bus route being cancelled on to the notice board.</li> <li>3. <b>Application for Transport Hub.</b> John P asked if the Community Council would support an application that various organisations within Coupar</li> </ol>   |      |

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|    | <p>Angus were making for a transport hub between Coupar Angus, Blairgowrie and Alyth.</p> <p>4. <b>Treasurer's Report.</b> Joh E had received the books back from PKC who had noted that there were minor discrepancies. Letter accompany the books said the Community Council would receive a grant of £600.</p> <p>5. <b>Defibrillator.</b> Keith had been contacted by Alex Bruce who works for Tesco in Blairgowrie - there was funding available for two defibrillators, would Coupar Angus be interested in receiving one? It wouldn't need an electric point, has batteries. Saranne pointed out that the Scottish Ambulance Trust had said that could have either defibrillators or first responders not both and should collect evidence as to which the community wanted. Keith was to find out how long the offer of a defibrillator was available, Saranne was to find out if Scottish Ambulance Trust will do a public consultation.</p> | <p>KL<br/>SD</p> |
| 11 | <b>Date of next meeting;</b> Monday 12 September at 7pm in Town Hall.   | All              |

Meeting closed at 9.08pm

