



Coupar Angus and Bendochy Community Council  
Minutes, Monday 6 February 2012

7-9pm, Coupar Angus Town Hall

Present: Carolyn Brown, Hugh Macrae, Michael Gallagher (Sec),  
Bob Curran (Chair), Jo Kettles, Steve Cumming, Bernie King

Attending: Cllr Dennis Melloy and several members of the public

1. Welcome, apologies, approval of minutes – Proposed as accurate – B. Curran, Seconded by S. Cumming. Carolyn Brown co-opted.  
Cllr Melloy was invited to present his report at the start of the meeting (see item 6, below). He left at 7.30pm.
2. Police Report -
  - Police will keep an eye on care home building site
  - Theft of fuel from truck
  - Bogus phone calls asking for bank details for IT repairs
  - Bogus cards through doors saying you have missed a parcel delivery and suggesting you phone a telephone number that charges you £315 (PDS Parcel Delivery, Service 0906 661xxx). If you are targeted please report to Royal Mail Fraud Department 02072396655

*Matters for the police*

  - Jo thanked Bob for setting up a website where people can report drug dealing anonymously.
3. Matters arising from previous minutes
  - Boundaries – **Agreed** - Hugh to compose letter to Boundary Commission objecting to proposal to join Strathmore ward to Dundee West – prefer to be joined with rural area. Secretary to post.
  - Speeding at Causewayend (R. Curran) – The Roads Department has informed Bob that it is considering introducing traffic calming measures when it resurfaces the road in 2 or 3 months. **Agreed** – Bob to write to Council asking what it proposes.
  - Shortage of social housing (M. Gallagher) – A local resident has expressed concern over a lack of social housing.  
**Agreed** – Secretary to write to the Council (asking them to consult with housing associations) to ask if they think there is a shortage of affordable or social housing in the area.
4. Community Issues:
  - a) Congestion and buses in the centre of Town - It was agreed to :
    1. Ask PKC to enforce the double yellow lines at the Cross
    2. Ask PKC to relocate the east bound bus stop from George Square to the Cross and remove the extended pavement there
    3. Ask PKC and the bus companies to consider a one way system through the burgh with buses entering from the west and leaving via the east
  - b) Hydro scheme affecting River Isla (M. Gallagher) – Alyth CC is considering the proposal and will inform us when they have reached an agreed position. Bernie suggested that if a hydro scheme is introduced we should ensure that the community benefits financially.

- c) Closure of Royal Bank of Scotland (All) – **Agreed** – CC to submit objection and ask what alternative service will be provided.
  - d) Proposal for extending library opening hours (Hugh) – Information for the Community Council – an FCA proposal – Hugh is fronting this with the board of FCA in negotiation with Perth and Kinross Council. The proposal is to extend opening hours so that it is open on weekdays 10-4 and two evenings a week from 4-7. The proposal has been submitted to head of libraries. Reason – facilities and opening hours are poor in comparison with other libraries, such as those in community campuses. Hugh will circulate the proposal to members of the Community Council. It was commented that additional computers would be useful for local children who don't have internet access.
  - e) Joint meeting with Primary School and all groups regarding Olympic Torch and Queen's Jubilee Day (B. Curran) – **Agreed** – Bob will invite representatives of local groups to meet.
  - f) Proposal to call on PKC to reject incineration as a means of disposing of waste (M. Gallagher) – **Agreed** – Further evidence needed – review later
  - g) Proposed Local Development Plan – Hugh expressed concern that by zoning housing only in the far east of the town, residents are being moved further away from the centre. There will be an information event at the Town Hall on Wednesday 15 February, 2-8pm.
5. Community Council Issues
- a) Protocol for CC communications (All) – Decisions need to be communicated to everyone, preferably by phone to make sure that everyone knows.
  - b) Proposal for election of Local Champions (M. Gallagher) – rejected.
6. Reports (5 minutes each)
- a) Chairman (R. Curran) – Bob expressed concern that the CC is regarded as a pointless talking shop, and suggested we need to take more decisive actions.
  - b) Planning (J. Kettles) – Nothing this month
  - c) Treasurer (S. Cumming) – No current statement. Balance in region of £1100
  - d) Subcommittee/Meetings - none
  - e) Councillor (D. Melloy) –
    - antisocial tenants being housed next to elderly people
    - Electric wires hanging loose beside the corner shop – Cllr Melloy will check that it isn't live
7. Correspondence – listed below
8. AOCB
- Change date of meeting to first Monday of the month
  - Hugh showed the meeting a copy of the FCA proposals for the Local Development Plan incorporating a southern bypass road.
  - Royal Garden Party - The Community Council held a confidential meeting at Bob's house on 16 January 11.30am to decide nominations. Present were B. Curran, B. King, M. Gallagher and J. Kettles. Two local people were chosen on the basis of their long service to the community.
9. Date of next meeting – Monday 5 March

Correspondence:

- Geoff Bush, North Inch and Muirton CC – suggestion to set up Facebook page for CCs
- Email and poster about talk on rural education
- Request for garden party nominations
- Letter from Perth and Kinross Council to Data Controller
- Letter from Live Active Leisure confirming hall booking for scheduled meetings of the Community Council
- Letter from Perth and Kinross Council giving advance notice of publication of Proposed Local Development Plan, and information about consultation procedure. There will be an information event at the Town Hall on Wednesday 15 February, 2-8pm. Also leaflets and posters about the event.
- Proposed Local Development Plan and cover letter inviting responses by 10 April.
- Letter from Perth and Kinross Council on revised 40mph zones.
- Letter from NHS Tayside informing of North Perthshire Community Mental Health Team's move from Trades Lane, Coupar Angus to Birch Avenue, Scone.