

**Meeting of the Pittenweem Community Council
On 17th June 2026 at 7:30pm
In New Town Hall**

AGENDA

Items of Business

1. Declarations of Interest
2. Record members present and member apologies for absence

Graeme MacGilchrist, Simon Learoyd, Janet Dick, Louise McEwan, Jackie Clarke, Val Morrison, Stewart Moreland, Cllr. Alycia Hayes

Apologies: Cllr. Sean Dillon

Members of the public

3. Minute of the last meeting: **20th May, 2026**

Approval proposed SL, seconded JC.

4. Matters Arising from the last meeting

None

5. Other agreed items of business:

Update on the Friends of the Kirk effort (Bill Kennaway and Graeme Forbes)

Bill and Graeme attended to provide an update on efforts to secure the Kirk building for community use. They described the extensive feasibility work already undertaken, including the preparation of a business plan and investigation of possible

uses. Potential functions identified included cultural events, exhibitions, weddings and performances. Discussion highlighted the importance of ensuring that the building would serve the wider community and not become primarily an Arts Festival venue.

The Church Hall will now be sold, with efforts now focused solely on the church building itself. Bill and Graeme indicated that they had secured a period of exclusivity with the Church of Scotland while they explore other options, they will return to a future meeting once plans are more developed.

They will circulate feasibility studies and reports to all PCC members.

Action

- Community Council as a whole to consider what support it may be able to provide for future funding applications. (All)

Update on NnG fund (Simon Learoyd)

The panel has held its induction meeting. Applications were beginning to arrive, although he felt that greater publicity was needed to maximise uptake. The fund currently has approximately £10,800 available each year and Community Council members discussed encouraging local groups to apply. Suggestions included using the fund for projects such as sports equipment, library activities and potentially Community Council initiatives.

Members agreed that one of the Community Council's priorities over the coming year should be to encourage residents and groups to bring forward ambitious projects capable of making use of these resources.

Actions

- Continue publicising the fund through Facebook, the website and the Pittenweem Post. (Louise/Jackie/Simon)
- Encourage local groups to submit applications. (All)
- Consider whether the Community Council itself should apply for funding for future projects. (All)

Update on flyers (Jackie Clark)

Jackie showed the A5 leaflets she has designed and had printed for distribution to homes in Pittenweem. The leaflets introduce the Community Council and explaining its role. Jackie noted that many residents have little understanding of what community councils do and that increasing awareness remains important.

Action

- Jackie has distributed about 1/4 of the leaflets, Simon Learoyd will do the rest to all Pittenweem homes.

Proposal for Pittenweem music project (Janet Dick)

Janet presented an outline proposal for a youth music project she is developing in conjunction with the Community Learning and Development team based at Wade Academy. The proposal would involve converting the underused portakabin beside the New Town Hall into a soundproof rehearsal and teaching space.

The intention would be to provide opportunities for young people, supported by adult musicians, with the possibility of developing performances for community events and generating wider community involvement. The Community Council discussed the importance of ensuring that the project responds to the interests of young people themselves and that it encompasses a wide variety of musical styles.

It was emphasised that the project is primarily about community development rather than income generation.

Actions

- Janet to circulate project details electronically.
- All Community Council members to review proposals over the summer.
- Janet to establish a Community Council subgroup to take the project forward.

Membership on the Scottish Forum of Community Councils (Janet Dick)

This has been done. Members discussed the possibility of reviving a forum linking East Neuk Community Councils. It was noted that a previous network had existed and had been beneficial in sharing issues affecting the area.

Actions

- Make contact with neighbouring Community Councils (All).

Update on RAWS (Remembering the Accused Witches of Scotland) correspondence (Val Morrison)

Val reported that a meeting had been arranged with RAWS, Bill Kennedy, and Fife Council representatives, to investigate whether the Tollbooth could be used for interpretation relating to the history of witch trials.

Action

- Val will attend the meeting on 26 June and report back to the Community Council.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Reports

Councillor report(s)

Councillor Alycia Hayes thanked the Community Council for its support in opposing proposals to merge North East Fife Planning Committee with a larger Fife-wide committee. She reported that the proposal had been withdrawn.

She also expressed concern over a review of Community Council funding, which had concluded that existing levels of funding were sufficient.

Additional issues outlined included:

- The security of primary schools and incidents involving children leaving school grounds without staff awareness.
- Concerns over inadequate security safeguards on school iPads.
- Delays to road projects due to council staff shortages.
- Continuing housing shortages and the long-term impact of Right to Buy

Treasurer report

Graeme reported that the balance remained approximately £4,272, with only a few outstanding payments still to be made.

Discussion then moved to Common Good funds received from the Cruden Homes development. Around £27,000 has now been received through agreements relating to Common Good land and these funds should be used proactively for community benefit.

Police report

Police reporting arrangements have changed to quarterly updates. The Community Council expressed concern that

reduced reporting risks weakening links between police and local communities.

Planning lists

No significant planning applications were reported this month.

8. Any other Competent Business (AOCB)

None

9. Any questions from members of the public

Dog Fouling and Coastal Path Maintenance

A members of the public raised concerns about what they felt was increased dog fouling. They suggested overgrown vegetation and a lack of bins were contributing to the problem.

Members discussed the practical difficulties of enforcement and the importance of encouraging responsible ownership.

Actions

- Contact relevant council services regarding additional bins and path maintenance (to be assigned).
- Consider an article in the Pittenweem Post reminding owners of their responsibilities (to be assigned).
- Explore involving local schoolchildren in awareness campaigns (to be assigned).

Speed Limits and Road Safety

A member of the public raised concern about speed limit reductions, expressing concern that changes had occurred without adequate consultation and argued that lower limits may encourage risky overtaking or divert traffic onto less suitable roads.

Others welcomed the reductions, particularly within residential areas. Questions were raised regarding the rationale for extending the 40 mph limit towards St Monans and whether Community Councils had been consulted.

Members agreed that there was widespread confusion regarding current speed limits due to road signage and painted road instructions often showing different speeds.

Actions

- Councillor Hayes to investigate the consultation process and rationale behind recent speed limit change and seek clarification regarding which bodies were consulted.
- Explore the possibility of Community Speed Watch volunteers (to be assigned).

Cruden Homes Construction Traffic

A resident raised concerns regarding heavy vehicles using Milton Road and blocking access. Particular concern was expressed that construction traffic was not always using the routes originally expected and that residents on the unadopted road was being significantly affected. They also expressed their concern at construction starting before the agreed start time of 8am.

Action

- The Site Manager phone number to be passed onto the resident (Graeme).
- The Community Council will continue to monitor complaints and encourage residents to pass the to Crudens. (All)

10. Date, time and place of next meeting

Wednesday 19th August, 2026, 7:30pm New Town Hall,
Pittenweem