**Meeting of the Pittenweem Community Council**

**On 21st October 2026 at 7:30pm**

**In New Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**Items of Business**

1. **Declarations of Interest** - none

2. **Record members present and member apologies for absence**
   Attendees: Jackie Clark, Graeme MacGilchrist, Simon Learoyd, Janet Dick, Louise MacEwan, Val Morrison, Stewart Moreland. Public: Mhairi-Claire Jones

3. **Minute of the last meeting: 16th September, 2026**
   Approved by Janet Dick and Graeme MacGilchrist

4. **Matters Arising from the last meeting** - none

5. **Other agreed items of business:**

**Update on organisation of the Pittenweem Town Hall (Cllr Alicia Hayes)**
All members of staff have resigned, as well as the treasurer, Fife Council has asked that the last of the trustees step back at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 22nd Oct. New trustees are being sought to form a new committee to run the hall, Fife Council might have to step in temporarily to run the hall.

**Update on who will give out the remembrance day wreath (Stuart Moreland)** - ACTION: Stewart Moreland agreed to give out the wreath.

**Update on the Friends of the Kirk effort (Bill Kennaway and Graeme Forbes)**
Simon Learoyd informed us that Aileen Campbell and Sean Dillon have now taken over from Bill and Graeme and formed Pittenweem New Kirk Enterprise.

ACTION: Simon will invite them along to one of our meetings for an update.

**Update on NnG fund (Simon Learoyd)**
The members of the fund are Aimee Henderson, Simon Learoyd, Stewart Moreland and Earline Platt.

ACTION: Simon will publish an article in the Pittenweem Post when the new fund opens early next year.

**Membership on the Scottish Forum of Community Councils (Simon Learoyd)**
We can find this on the web. We have been asked by Elie and Earlsferry Town Council to meet up (to discuss issues with water and sewage in the East Neuk) so we can use this as an opportunity to meet.

ACTION: We will aim for sometime early next year for a local Community Council meet-up..

**East Neuk Of Fife Preservation Society (Janet Dick)**
Janet sent an updated newsletter to us before the meeting.

**Pretty Pittenweem Project (Janet Dick and Jackie Clark)**
Mhairi-Claire Jones from the project joined our meeting. They have had a meeting of and are currently mapping locations of planters on a google map with details of what needs to happen going forward. They have started work on some planters and will plant bulbs soon. Any requests for money will need to go through Mhairi-Claire Jones - the Community Council has £500 available for the project, keep receipts for reimbursement. We discussed approaching Cruden's and other businesses to sponsor a planter.

ACTION: The Community Council will invite Ninian Fields, Pretty Pittenweem Project and the West Braes project to a a Community Council meeting in January or February to see how they could work together.

**SUPS/MUPS (Multi use path) meeting update (Louise McEwan & Jackie Clark)**
Outcome of the meeting between Anstruther CC and Pittenweem CC coming together to support the group in anyway possible to conclusion. To ask as a joint venture if there is anything we can do to support them.

ACTION: Louise will attend the next SUPS/MUPS meeting.

**Christmas Tree and village Festive decorations (Val Morrison)**
Val has got the tree approved for outside the festival office by Fife Council. Next year we can apply to the NNG fund for Christmas lights and a tree.

ACTIONS:
Simon to look at insurance for the tree
Val & Stewart: to buy the tree, put together a budget for the tree and decorations. Also to contact Paul.Hocking@fife.gov.uk to discuss hanging Christmas Decorations on Lamp Posts. (He asks you to contact him asap).
Louise: to get an electrician to look at the old Christmas lights.

Graeme: to contact Cruden's to see if they will help.

**Planning Aid Scotland - request training for Community Council members (Louise McEwan)**
Louise still trying to get an answer.

**Titles for each board member (Jackie Clark)**
Now completed.

**Speed awareness training (Stewart Moreland)**
Stewart to apply.

6. **Correspondence**
**Jackie Clark forwards on any correspondence, the following need answers**

**Community Council Funding Questionnaire (received 5 10 2026) - Simon to fill in form** - done

**Scottish Water Problems (received 6 10 2026) Elie and Earlsferry council have asked if we will come together to attempt some group action against Scottish Water in the East Neuk** - we have agreed to join them and help - mail sent by Jackie on 22 October. Cllr Alycia Hayes briefly updated us on the situation with water and sewage in Elie and Earlsferry.

**7. Reports**

**Councillor report(s)**
Cllr Alicia Hayes updated us on roadworks, Jackie will post on Facebook:
23/10 - 2/11 22 Marygate and the Abbey Wall Road junction - there will be temporary traffic lights.
2/10 - 4/11 Braehead Road - temporary traffic lights for a pipework repair.

Safer Communities have asked that people do not release helium balloons.

There are two open consultations
1. Opinions sought on electronic devices in schools
2. Supported bus service questionnaire which the Community Council has already posted on Facebook.

Planning Portal - are no longer accepting comments via email, just via post and the portal feedback section itself. It was noted that the portal times out very quickly so it is worth writing your comment in another document and then copying and pasting in place.

Visitor levy - this is at Cabinet Committee, during the first consultation 74% of local residents do not want to pay a levy if they go on holiday in Fife. During

consultation graduated fees were suggested by the public, but it seems there will be a fixed rate. Specific software needs to be given to hotels etc to gather the levy and this will be expensive. Less ‘tourist’ areas don’t want a levy. It was suggested that a reasonable proportion of the money raised in an particular area should be spent in the same area. The Cabinet Committee continues to debate the details.

**Treasurer report**

Simon is organising monies for the Pretty Pittenweem Project and looking at our Community Council funds in general with Graeme MacGilchrist and Cllr Alicia Hayes.

**Police report**

We no longer get a report, but Cllr Alicia Hayes has asked if police are patrolling when the Community Council is in session that they drop in.

**Planning lists**

**26/02696/FULL 8 Milton Place Pittenweem Anstruther Fife KY10 Single storey extension to rear of dwelling house15/10/2026 Mr & Mrs Edward Lowrie** - no comments from the Community Council.

**8. Any other Competent Business (AOCB)**

Update from Janet Dick: Billy Guthrie is the, now retired, Fishing Industry Rep. at the FMA ( Fishermen's Mutual Association) where she spoke with him just ahead of his leaving. She was looking to get some insight into the industry which has shaped Pittenweem and continues to have a major presence in the community.

Bobby spent some time explaining the history of fishing here and its decline related mostly to a variety of Government policies; European, Westminster and Holyrood. He also outlined the present challenges to the industry from the offshore energy developments, and subsea power cables. There is a lot of anger amongst the fishing community who feel left out of (so called ) benefits from these developments, token gestures of "grants" do nothing for them. Janet and Bobby discussed ways to better involve the industry in community affairs which Bobby admits will be difficult. Ways forward on this should be considered.

**9. Any questions from members of the public**

None

**10. Date, time and place of next meeting**

18th November 2026 - 7.30 Pittenweem New Town Hall