

Meeting of the Pittenweem Community Council

held **On 16th September 2026 at 7:30pm**

In New Town Hall (PNTH)

MINUTES

Items of Business

1. Declarations of Interest

None

2. Record members present and member apologies for absence

Present: Cllr Alycia Hayes, Simon Learoyd, Jackie Clark, Val Morrison, Lousie McEwan, Janet Dick. Nicola Wallace (Pittenweem Primary School Head Teacher), Dougi Macmillan (Chair - Pittenweem Arts Festival)

Apologies: Stewart Moreland, Graeme MacGilchrist

3. Minute of the last meeting: 19th August, 2026

Approved - Simon Learoyd and Janet Dick.

4. Matters Arising from the last meeting

See below

5. Other agreed items of business:

Matters arising (carried forward from June 2026 meeting)

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

- Bill & Graeme didn't attend. Janet requested that we revisit our consideration of support for this item when we have a full attendance of Committee members. We also need an update on what is happening with the appeal against the closure. ACTION: Simon Learoyd will contact the group.

Update on NnG fund (Simon Learoyd)

- Simon Learoyd posted an article on the website, Facebook and in the Pittenweem Post. The new fund opens up in April, there will be £11,500 to spend. ACTION: The names of the voting members on the funding group need to be displayed on our website. It's important that there is confidence

in the decision making process. As a Community Council we can also apply for funding and we should discuss this more fully at our next meeting.

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

- The group of Community Councils happens as an online event, Simon Learoyd dialled into the meeting. ACTION: Simon will get the full list of attendee Community Councils.

Making Connections With Our Community, recent activity (Janet Dick)

- **Pittenweem Primary School Parent Council meeting**
 - Janet Dick attended the recent Pittenweem Primary School Parent Council meeting. She introduced the Head Teacher, Nicola Wallace. Nicola reinforced that the School really wants to be part of the wider community. P5 & P6 pupils run a monthly community cafe where they make all the food and drink. The school are keen to work more closely with the Community Council - perhaps showing children how meetings are run/minutes recorded etc.
ACTION: Nicola will continue to attend meetings when possible.
- **East Neuk Youth Forum meeting**
 - Janet Dick went along to the meeting and outlined the upcoming music project.
- **East Neuk Of Fife Preservation Society**
 - They presented as part of the Anstruther Harbour Festival – the group keep a keen eye on planning issues and have experience in responding to applications. ACTION: We should develop connections with the group since we are common areas of interest.
- **PNTH Trustee meeting**
 - The school uses the PNTH for leavers discos. They mentioned they found the fees quite costly. ACTION: Discussion with the PNTH Trustees about a reduction in the fees.
- **Meeting with Kirstie Freeman**
 - Janet Dick met with Kirstie to get a better understanding of the community spaces in the village. Focusing on The Old Town Hall, and its current use. A Common Good property the hall is rented to the model railway club and for 8 days a year to the Pittenweem Arts Festival, the rent goes directly to FC. A discussion followed with the CC members about buildings and their use by the community.
 - Action: Further discussion on these matters to ensure a full understanding of what goes on where.
- **Music project up date (Janet Dick)**

- The project was granted £2,377.00 from the Local Community Development Fund and will take place over the October School break in the PNTH. A series of lunch time tasters will introduce S1 – S6 pupils to the themes of the Project. There is a long term aim for further work towards a performance/ presentation at the 2027 Arts Festival. Dougi MacMillan received this news very positively and encouraged the project towards achieving this aim. The committee noted that all statutory requirements will be in place as per FC funding specifications.
- **Crudens communications (Jackie Clark)**
 - The line of communication between Crudens and ourselves has improved. However there will be more traffic lights for pavement repairs - these are to be completed by Fife Council.

ACTION: Cllr Alycia Hayes to email Jackie so that full details can be supplied via our comms channels.
- **SUPS/MUPS (Multi use path) meeting (Louise McEwan)**
 - There is a meeting on 9th October at 3.10 which Louise MacEwan will go to. She suggested we have a meeting with Anstruther Community Council first to agree an approach. ACTION: Louise to let us know when a meeting is possible.
- **Road sign to commemorate Pittenweem birthplace of Rolling Stone Ian Stewart update (Jackie Clark)**
 - Jackie Clark still hasn't had a response to her email sent on 28 August to John Mitchell, Head of Roads at Fife Council. ACTION: Alycia Hayes gave Jackie a suggested other contact - Mark Dewar.
- **RAWS (Remembering the accused witches of Scotland) update (Val Morrison)**
 - Nothing to report, haven't heard from them and we will remove this item from our agenda.
- **Christmas Tree and village Festive decorations (Val Morrison)**
 - Val hasn't heard back from Ross Tulloch about the siting of the tree; in front of the Arts Festival office. Nicola and Dougie are keen to be involved in any Christmas events, Suggestions included children making decorations, singing around the tree and the Festival Office being open for some sort of celebration. ACTIONS: Cllr Alycia Hayes to follow up with the the Council about the placing of the tree. Jackie, Louise and Janet to look at Xmas decorations which are kept in Anstruther and which we could potentially use.
- **Planning Aid Scotland - request training for Community Council members (Louise McEwan)**
 - Louise still hasn't heard anything, ACTION: she will contact Fife Voluntary Council to see if they can help. Alicia mentioned that Crail Community Council had a guide to planning which could be potentially shared with us.

6. **Correspondence**

None

7. **Reports**

- **Councillor report(s)**

- o Cllr Alycia Hayes outlined the new pet policy for those in Council Housing - this will be stricter. Written permission must be granted to keep up to 2 pets. Irresponsible dog owner behaviour should be reported to the Dog Warden on 03451 550022.

She also outlined the new mould and damp legislation being rolled out by the Scottish government on 6th October. Basically it is now law that mould will be reported and investigated within 20 days. This legislation will also be rolled out to the private sector soon.

- **Treasurer report**

- o None

- **Police report**

- o Not monthly anymore. Cllr Alicia Hayes is concerned that we have no contact with our local police and wondered if we could invite the 2 local police officers to attend a PCC meeting.

- **Planning lists**

- o None

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

- **Common Good briefing - Simon Learoyd.** Simon attended this and will distribute the slides to all of us. He feels that the process is very disjointed. There are lots of examples where Community Councils are not being consulted over Common Good assets. The planning process is also very different to the consultation process.

Cllr Alicia Hayes mentioned that there are currently assets held by FC but there is inadequate record keeping to lend them out. Simon also mentioned that nobody manages the Common Good valuation, including farmland held as Common Good.

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

None. Dougi and Nicola both said that they are looking forward to engaging more with the Community via the school and arts festival.

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

21st October at 7.30pm