

Meeting of the Pittenweem Community Council
On 19th August 2026 at 7:30pm
In the New Town Hall Pittenweem

MINUTES

Items of Business

1. Declarations of Interest

None

2. Record members present and member apologies for absence

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

Apologies: Cllr. Sean Dillon, Graeme MacGilchrist

Four members of the public attended including Alec Wellford the PNTH Manager

3. Minute of the last meeting: 17th June, 2026

Approval proposed Simon Learoyd, seconded Stuart Moreland.

4. Matters Arising from the last meeting

We will revisit any outstanding issues in our September meeting.

5. Other agreed items of business:

• Crudens updates (Janet Dick)

Crudens have agreed to install bird and bat boxes in their new Pittenweem development.

• Arts Festival news (Simon Learoyd)

The Festival was very successful on the whole, with large numbers of attendees and few traffic issues. There were a couple of issues, firstly the late picking up of Portaloos which has now been resolved. The other issue was the council supplied bins, Cllr Alicia Hayes spoke to the council during the event and they quickly attended and emptied bins.

• Update on NNG funding applications (Simon Learoyd)

There have been 8 applications for money, 24th August is the assessment date. We need transparency of those making the final decisions, from our Community Council this is Simon Learoyd and Stuart Moreland.

- **Where are things with SUPS/MUPS (Multi use path) (Louise McEwan)**

Anstruther Community Council would like to meet with us (PCC) before attending the next SUPS/MUPS meeting, as they think it would be good for us to know the background of this ongoing project (15 years since the first meeting). As the members of the PCC are relatively new, it will be useful to be updated. All were in agreement and we wish to demonstrate that we are onside. We hope to meet in person on a date to be confirmed. Louise McEwan will email Anstruther Community Council to start the process.

- **Where are things with Scottish Water/Sewage pipe works (Cllr Alicia Hayes)**

Carry this over to the next PCC meeting.

- **20MPH speed limit adherence (Stewart Moreland)**

- ***Please read additional paper***

Stewart Moreland has agreed to do speed gun training to record those speeding through the village, it was noted this is often an early morning, late evening issue. Simon Learoyd will write an article for the Pittenweem Post about the village speed limits.

- **Weed control (Stewart Moreland)**

- ***Please read additional paper***

There are two sprays per year, weeds were generally under control for the Arts Festival.

- **Music project up date (Janet Dick)**

Janet Dick has been liaising with Otto Cox to set up a week long series of music workshops in the October break for school children. The trial events are to see how well attended it is, the workshops will be held in the Pittenweem New Town Hall. Janet will apply for funding support and initially use the PCC as the constituted group.

- **Road sign to commemorate Pittenweem birthplace of Rolling Stone Ian Stewart (Jackie Clark)**

- ***Please read additional paper***

This was unanimously supported by the PCC. The next step is for Jackie Clark to email John Mitchell at Fife Council (Head of Roads and Infrastructure) cc-ing Cllr Alicia Hayes.

- **RAWS (Remembering the accused witches of Scotland) update (Val Morrison)**

Kirsty Freeman went to view the clock tower in June. The group was offered an exhibition by Cllr Sean Dillion in St Adrians Kirk during the Arts Festival, unfortunately this didn't happen, but they do want to go ahead with another viewing, which Cllr Sean Dillon is facilitating.

- **Christmas Tree and village Festive decorations (Val Morrison)**

The Council has amended the regulations meaning that a visual inspection is the only requirement needed before putting up decorations, those putting up the decorations just need to check the column or lamppost is in good order. We have some lights, Anstruther has more, which we might be able to use, Louise McEwan is to contact them. Toby Anstruther donates a free Christmas tree each year. We'd like to site the tree near to the Pittenweem Arts Festival office, Ross Tulloch at the Council is the person to contact about this. Simon Learoyd will ask the Common Good fund for £1,000 towards decorations. Val Morrison and Stuart Moreland will put up the tree and decorations.

- **Planning Application for Gatehouse Lodge in the grounds of The Anchorage, 1 Milton Place (Val Morrison)** <https://planning.fife.gov.uk/online/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=THFYMGHFGPD00>

The owners of the property attended the PCC meeting to see if community councillors had any concerns about the plan. None were raised.

- **Planning Aid Scotland - request training for Community Council members (Louise McEwan)**

Louise has started the process of getting in touch with the organisation by email, they provide virtual training.

- **Communication in between monthly PCC meetings (Janet Dick)**

Janet noted that we need to keep in touch in between meetings, using both WhatsApp and email. We need to be proactive and share ideas.

6. Correspondence

None that we know of, access to the PCC email needs to be increased from just Chair - Louise McEwan, Janet Dick and Jackie Clark all offered to be added to the inbox.

7. Reports

- Councillor report(s)

Cllr Alicia Hayes = All issues have been addressed through the meeting. We asked Cllr Hayes how tasks are allocated between elected Cllrs. With Committees and Trusts - those with the highest electoral representation essentially get first choice. All elected Cllrs are invited to area meetings - these are where they meet with key Council staff.

- Treasurer report

No report yet as we still don't have a bank account.

- Police report

No information.

- Planning lists

As above we need access to the inbox to look at upcoming planning.

8. Any other Competent Business (AOCB)

Alex Welford (Manager of Pittenweem New Town Hall) has advised that the building is being underused and that he is looking at ways to increase this. Alex will attend PCC meetings going forward.

9. Any questions from members of the public

Three members of the public attended, and reported problems associated with the Crudens building works. The sequence of the temporary traffic lights for the installation of the electrical utilities was raised - it was noted that the phone number of the company responsible is attached to the traffic lights for reporting problems.

The Community Council were not informed of the temporary traffic lights, Cllr Alicia Hayes will ask Crudens to try to keep us up to date so that we can cascade information to the public when required. It was noted that utilities have no obligation to inform Fife Council of works, and that the work being undertaken by Crudens is to install a high voltage cable which will take approximately 11 days (therefore 11 days of traffic lights).

Following our meeting - Cllr Alicia Hayes contacted Cruden's and they have promised better communications to the CC in future. They have also promised to enforce the site 1 way system were practicable (might not apply to some larger vehicles).

10. Date, time and place of next meeting

Wednesday 16th September, 19.30, Pittenweem New Town Hall.