

PUBLIC DRAFT

Inchture Area Community Council

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MINUTE OF INCHTURE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ABERNYTE ON THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2015

<u>PRESENT</u>	A.Bailey, B.Bird, T.Woodford, G.McKinlay, L.McFarlane
<u>APOLOGIES</u>	D.Henderson
<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u>	Cllr J.M. Roberts

In accordance with the rules of establishment for Community Councils for the first meeting following CC elections, our meeting was initially chaired by Cllr J.M.Roberts. The following office-bearers were duly elected:

Chair - D.Henderson

Vice-Chair - L.McFarlane

Secretary - A.Bailey

Treasurer - L.McFarlane

The date of the May 2016 meeting was changed to Thursday 12th to avoid a conflict with the Scottish Government elections. Normal meeting business follows.

Minutes of the May meeting were available. Proposed by A.Bailey and seconded by G.McKinlay

POLICE & FIRE

PC Mark Stewart was in attendance and provided the following update:

- Vandalism – in Main Street overnight 19/20 Sept – wing mirror pulled off a parked vehicle -undetected
- Vandalism – at Inchture Hotel on 10 Oct – glass in front door pushed out – under enquiry
- Vandalism – Powside Place between 1830 and 1900 hours on 23 Oct – rear windscreen of a parked vehicle smashed – undetected
- 2 containers in a garden in Meadowview Place were broken into between 10 and 25 Oct – nothing stolen in this instance - undetected
- Possible hare coursing just outside Inchture – if such activity is seen, note registration numbers of vehicles and descriptions of individuals involved and contact police

With the inclement weather now with us, please take care regarding road safety, especially checking that car lights are clean, windscreens clean and tyres in roadworthy condition

ROADS AND TRANSPORT

T.Woodford updated the meeting that work to install the new signs intended to reduce the number of HGVs trying to pass through Kinnaird is out to tender.

The issue of parking in the Main Street at Inchtute was raised and it was decided to monitor the situation after the opening of the new shop and to raise any specific concerns to PKC Council thereafter.

Cllr J.M.Roberts to enquire at PKC about how a path between Meadowview Drive and the school path / Muir estate could be funded.

Members of the public had raised the issue of the inter-city buses failing to stop at the Inchtute westbound stop. If you've been affected please share specifics with the CC and we'll write to the companies involved on your behalf.

TWINNING

A group of Nordic Walkers (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nordic_walking) from our twin village of Fleac are interested in organising a trip to Scotland to participate in their activity. Please contact Trefor Woodford trefor.woodford@inchtute.cc if you would be interested in being involved with such a visit.

EDUCATION

The MUGA (multi use games area) beside the school is scheduled to be constructed in 2016. PKC is investigating how best it can be run by local groups, responsibilities would include being key holder for the various groups which will use the facility. Contact Cllr J.M.Roberts if this is of interest to you or if you have a group which would want to be a regular user.

BROADBAND

No updates regarding Inchtute since our last meeting.

A.Bailey tried out a connection to the internet using mobile phone 4G technology from a house in Kinnaird and achieved a speed of over 30Mbit/s. This represents a massive improvement over the sub-1Mbit/s service available via BT fixed lines. Such solutions are slightly more expensive than standard broadband lines but deliver better performance than will be available for the foreseeable future in Kinnaird. Some residents are also using satellite-based internet services in Kinnaird. Please contact Alasdair Bailey on alasdair.bailey@inchtute.cc if you'd like to learn more or need help getting such things set up in Kinnaird or other locations outwith Inchtute which will be taken care of with fixed lines in 2016.

PLANNING

The Community Council put in an objection to a planning application for two houses in Ballindean. It was felt that the new application was not significantly different to a previous one which the CC objected to and was duly refused by PKC.

The Main Issues report for the new TayPlan strategic plan will be published at the end of the month, we do not anticipate any major changes of policy regarding the Carse.

The report will detail what additional land is to be zoned for residential development over and above what is already zoned as such. Land for 20 more houses is required in the area and this is likely to be zoned either at Longforgan behind the school or at the southern edge of the current Muir Homes estate at Inchtute. This is only a zoning consideration at this stage and a planning application would need to follow. It was noted that the land beside the school/redwood drive on Moncur Road is already zoned for housing but there is no planning application lodged for development there at this time.

TREASURERS REPORT

The CC's funds currently stand at £685 after a top-up grant of £8.77 was received from PKC in August. After the Inchtute Village Hall and Rait Hall have been paid for recent meeting hire, the balance will be £642.50.

A suggestion was made that the CC should increase its annual donation to the Inchtute Area Newsletter. That will be voted on at the January meeting.

The idea of the CC funding Christmas lights in the village was mentioned. The cost of purchasing such lights has to come from fundraising / donations other than the monies from PKC which can only be used for the running costs. L.McFarlane to check the rules on such things in case it is possible to purchase the lights with PKC contributed funds. Otherwise we will discuss this topic earlier in 2016 with a view to making arrangements for next Christmas.

TREES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The grass by Meadowview Drive has been cut once by PKC, the private contractor will now pick up this duty through 2016.

PKC Trees said they would deal with the ivy which is enveloping the redwood tree by the school. Those present were unsure as to whether any work has been done. A.Bailey to check in daylight.

AOCB

PC Mark Stewart highlighted that both Longforgan and Inchtute village summer fetes may fall on the same date in 2016. The idea of cycle ride between the two villages using the flat back roads has been raised in Longforgan. If you would be interested in being involved in organising such a thing from the Inchtute side please let the Fete committee know.

DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

January 7th 2016 - Inchtute
March 3rd 2016 - Inchtute
April 7th 2016 - Kinnaird
May 12th 2016 - Inchtute (AGM)