

# **Royal Burgh of Crail Community Council Meeting**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in Crail Town Hall at 7:30pm**

## **Welcome and Apologies**

**Present.** David Jerdan DJ (Chair), Andrew Purves AP, Colin Morrison CM, Catriona Mann CMa, Linda Sneddon LS, Jacquie Salkeld JS, Dennis Gowans DG (Crail Partnership), Cllr. Alycia Hayes AH + 9 members of the public.

**Apologies.** Max Taylor MT, Fiona Budd FB and Jenni Brittain JB.

No apologies received from Cllr. Sean Dillon or Cllr. Fiona Corps.

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 approved.

## **Action Summary.**

Missing sleepers at harbour beach still outstanding – Cllr. FC.

Missing signs – still outstanding – Cllr. SD.

Objections to Airfield Planning submitted by DJ.

Traffic calming measures awaiting developments.

## **Chairman's Report – DJ.**

Main and indeed only news is that the Fife Council planning committee rejected the recommendation of the planners and refused consent to the airfield application.

Main objection as forcibly articulated by the community was the access issue.

The summary objection memorandum sent to Fife Councillors immediately before the meeting undoubtedly helped and I wish to record thanks for the hard work and expertise provided by Stuart Tait, Neil McKay and Sarah Morrison.

## Treasurer's Report - AP

Unrestricted funds at the 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	£1,811.39
Add Fife Council Grant	<u>£625.24</u>
	£2,436.63
Less Wreath	<u>£51.80</u>
	£2,384.83
Less Community Council Contribution to path report	<u>£500.00</u>
Unrestricted funds at the 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	£1,884.83
Restricted funds as at the 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	£4,500.00
Add for Path Report	
Community Council	£500.00
Crail Partnership	£500.00
Crail Community Trust	£1,000.00
Countryside Trust	£500.00
	<u>£2,500</u>
Restricted funds as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	£7,000.00
Total funds as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	
Unrestricted	£1,884.83
Restricted	<u>£7,000.00</u>
Total	£8,884.83

## Update - Crail Community Partnership - DG

Some funding is left over from the curtains crowdfunding for the Community Hall. The money is being used to remove the old and broken perspex in the rear screen and replace with new glass.

Discussions are continuing regarding extending the existing car park and obtaining new space from Common Good land for a car park extension.

DG has contacted our MP regarding the Government Grant that was put on hold before the election. As yet there is no news.

DG and DJ are meeting with Community Officer Kirsty Freeman on Tuesday, 1st October.

## **Items for Discussion.**

### ***Sustainability Workshops.***

John Freeth will be holding free sustainability workshops at the Community Hall on the 16th and 30th of January 2025. Home Energy Scotland will be giving a presentation containing advice to those living in a conservation area as energy costs are rising again. This will involve information on insulation and draught proofing and windows and doors. A Q&A session will follow. The workshops will be sponsored by NNG (Neart Na Gaoithe wind farm). There is potential for more donations from other suppliers. St Andrewss Environmental Association will be sending a representative and Fife Planning have been invited. Home Energy Scotland has requested a database of attendees after the events for future analysis. Damon Reynolds asked if the Conservation Officer could be invited.

### ***Coastal Path.***

Catriona Mann - CMA spoke about the Coastal Path Report commissioned by Crail Community Council with additional funding as detailed above in the Treasurer's Report. The 48 page report with photographs highlights the numerous problems we knew of and many previously unnoticed faults along a stretch of the path from under Castle Walk to the steps by the boating pond. The estimated cost for the work is between £600,000 and £650,000 plus VAT but this figure could rise to over a million. It was suggested that there was a need for a sub-committee of interested parties including the affected home owners to be formed and should also include Robbie Blyth of Fife Coast and Countryside Trust. Their role will be to determine who could provide not only funds for the repair but also ongoing maintenance. The home owners have not, as yet, seen the report but it should be noted that they may not get insurance for their properties unless they can show that they have contributed to the scheme.

### ***Crail Airfield.***

Following the refusal of Planning Permission the developer has three months to lodge an appeal. However, it appears some demolition has already taken place. Two weeks notice should be given of the appeal plus another two weeks for Crail Community Council to respond. It was suggested that a request under the Freedom of Information Act be made for more information from the developers and a traffic survey should be carried out. Thanks were given to Fife Councillors for their support in this matter. Cllr. Hayes stated, for the record, that the support was cognisant of public opinion but was not based on it. Further discussions took place regarding an access road to the proposed development. It was also suggested that media sources should be contacted to refute claims made to the Press by the developers.

### ***Entrances to Marketgate North.***

We have been informed that no funding is available.

### **Fife Councillor Report - Cllr. AH.**

- There is a new system of Domestic Waste being implemented on October 14th, with the change to "single shift" working. This will affect almost everyone. All households should receive a leaflet. Crail is still on Tuesday.

- Bulky uplift bookings will not be available from October 4th -14th.
- Fife Council have adopted a policy of reclaiming burial lairs If a lair was bought over 50 years ago but no burial has taken place or if they are in a poor state of repair.
- Are you, or someone you know, over state retirement age? If so, you might be entitled to extra Pension Credit on top of your state pension, even if you have some savings. Apply before Sunday 22 September and if you're entitled to Pension Credit, you'll also get the winter fuel payment which starts from £200. Fife Council are currently writing to people we think might be eligible, so if you receive a letter from us please act now. It's genuine. Even if you haven't received a letter you could still be eligible so why not try our Online Benefit Checker to see what you might be entitled to. <https://fife.entitledto.co.uk> If you need help to access the benefit checker, please do not hesitate to contact me. Phone 07974 250588 email: [cll.alycia.hayes@fife.gov.uk](mailto:cll.alycia.hayes@fife.gov.uk)
- Fife Council wants to help not-for-profit community groups and organisations make their great ideas happen. Through Crowdfunder, we have already supported projects across Fife and have the funds ready to help with more. We could give your project a welcome boost with up to £2,000 towards your idea.

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*What can we fund?*

- ☐ Local events that bring people out of their homes such as local galas, Men's Shed projects or community kitchens
- ☐ Regeneration of your local area including a new playpark, skatepark or benches and flower planters
- ☐ Pilot projects that trial different ways of working and providing support to local communities
- ☐ Small capital works such as the refurbishment of a facility or towards a new vehicle
- ☐ Buying new equipment, materials, or expertise you do not already have that will expand your activities and encourage more people to get involved (a popular one for sport clubs)
- ☐ A technical study if you are developing a new facility or service

These are just examples of the kind of projects that meet the broad criteria – anything is possible. Sound like something your group or organisation could benefit from? This could be the first step in turning a great new idea into a reality

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/fife>

### **Care Village Relegaton.**

The Anstruther care home, which was due for completion in 2025 has been relegated to Feasibility status, due to overspends on other projects and increasing costs.

Anstruther Site – 24 bed care home and 12, 1- and 2-bedroom extra care housing flats, including an older people's day service facility and café.

### **AOCB.**

Damon Reynolds commented on the lack of good mobile coverage around Crail affecting the use of QR codes on display boards. Denis Gowans stated that some while ago the tower of the Community Hall was offered as a location for a mobile signal mast.

A member of the public had asked why the commemorative plaque by the newly planted tree in Beechwalk Park still said "King Charles" and not "King Charles III" The response was that there were no plans to replace the plaque but should a member of the Community wish to personally fund this it will be considered.

Several members of the public had enquired about when the zip wire at the Roome Bay play park will be repaired. DJ said that he will contact the relevant parties.

**DONM - Monday, 28th October 2024 at 7:30pm in Crail Town Hall**