

CRAIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY IN CRAIL TOWN HALL at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: David Jerdan (DJ) (chair), Max Taylor (MT), Colin Morrison (CM), Andrew Purves (AP), Jacquie Salkeld (JS), Fiona Budd (FB), Gerry O' Neill (GO), Dennis Gowans (DG) (CCP), Cllr Alycia Hayes (AH) and 9 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Jenni Brittain, Linda Sneddon, Catriona Mann, and Cllr Fiona Corps

MINUTES of meeting held on January 27th 2025 approved.

The meeting opened with a lengthy discussion concerning the closure of the foot path between Roome Bay and Castle Walk. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust was represented by Robbie Blyth. This path is not a formal part of the coastal path, which runs along Nethergate, but is well used by the public.

Funding to carry out a study of ownership of the path, was approved from The Common Good Fund last week. There was a question on liability. Robbie Blyth will contact Fife Council regarding them taking responsibility for their land. The discussion ended with an agreement on the need for both signage and barriers until the path has been made safe again.

ACTION SUMMARY

Missing sleepers and signs –

A meeting took place with Harbours in December last year and an official has been assigned to compile and develop a course of action for maintenance and upgrade issues for all of the harbours. The sleepers and signage as well as many other outstanding issues for Crail Harbour are to be included as part of that exercise. Since then, I've heard nothing more from Harbours. Pending follow up - CM

Entrances to Marketgate North - there has been no reply from Fife Council.

The lighting from Marketgate North to Balcomie Road is to be changed - Cllr AH.

Request for Shoregate 'Parking at Harbour' sign to be removed - No change, but at a meeting with the harbour's team, this was noted - Cllr AH.

Event Subsidy progress - An application has been submitted to The Settlement Trust - FB

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - DJ

CCC Chair Report 28 February 2025

1. Crail Preservation Society have extended the orchard in the former sheep field and school children have sown wild flowers in between the trees.

2. The first phase of 10,000 trees for Crail instigated by CCP will involve volunteers planting trees at Kilminning on 15/16 March and at Bow Butts and other locations on 22/23 March.

3. The contracted professionals have lodged their comments on the response by the developers to the airfield planning appeal. The reporter has carried out her inspection and we must now await her determination of the appeal.

TREASURER'S REPORT - AP

During February £100 towards costs incurred at Christmas lights switch on was paid from general balance. Professional fees incurred re Airfield planning appeal totalling £5,270 were paid from restricted funds. As donations received from CCP towards these fees totalled £5,670 the unused balance of £400 was returned to CCP. Bank Balance as at 24th February £5,498.63 (General £998.63 and restricted £4,500.00 all playpark).

CCP REPORT - DG

The £15000 project to install 'Airlock' doors at the Community Hall has been completed. A request was made for someone to varnish them.

FIFE PLACE PLAN

Sarah Morrison reported that the open session for the Action Plan was a success. There were 35 items proposed and 18 items were protected for implementation.

HARBOUR BARKING SHED - CM

The shed was demolished during the recent storm. Fife Council were approached to remove the debris, but there has been no action to date. The question was asked that, if the shed was of historical interest, would planning permission be needed to replace it? As the harbour is listed, would listed building consent be required? It was suggested that there is a need for signage at the harbour, explaining points of interest. Crail Preservation Society would be willing to take on this project. (DG)

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Cllr AH

Recent street lighting issues have now improved.

AOCB

A request was made for a proper formal notice board in The Burgh, rather than hanging notices on railings. It was suggested that outside the old bank building and outside Penmans could be suitable locations. Doug Carrie will be approached about this and an application to The Common Good Fund will be made to cover the costs.

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