# Royal Burgh of Crail Community Council Meeting

**Monday 31st March 2025 in Crail Town Hall at 7:30pm**

**Welcome and Apologies**

**Present.** David Jerdan DJ (Chair), Max Taylor MT, Andrew Purves AP, Colin Morrison CM, Linda Sneddon LS, Jacquie Salkeld JS, Dennis Gowans DG (Crail Partnership), Cllr. Alycia Hayes AH, Cllr. Fiona Corps FC  + 7 members of the public.

**Apologies.** Fiona Budd FB, Catriona Mann CM, Gerry O'Neill JO and Jenni Brittain JB.

No apologies received from Cllr. Sean Dillon.

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 24th February 2025 approved.

**Action Summary.**

Missing sleepers at harbour - Fife Council & Fife Coast & Countryside Trust are aware of the situation and have been asked for a timescale.

Missing signs - this is in hand and the signs will be coming down.

Entrances to Marketgate North:  No development as this is not considered to be a priority.

Barking Shed at Harbour: Is to be removed and Fife Council is not planning to replace it, but Crail Preservation Society have plans to raise funds to replace it themselves.  Listed building consent will be required.

New Notice Boards: Outside Penman's and the old bank building - £970 is required for these two notice boards plus £100 for planning permission.  An application for this will be made from Common Good Fund.  These boards will give the potential for 8 A4 posters.

**Chairman's Report – DJ.**

1. The first batch of "10,000 trees for Crail" were planted over two weekends this month at Kilminning, Bow Butts, the cemetery extension and Denburn Park.

2. The remains of the Barking Shed were due to be removed from the harbour today. Fresh concerns have been raised about the condition of the crane at the end of the harbour.

**Treasurer's Report – AP**

Unrestricted funds as at 31$^{st}$ March 2025                                    £998.63

Restricted funds                                                                            £4,500.00

Total                                                                                              £5,498.63

There have been no transactions since the last meeting.

The 31$^{st}$ March 2025  is the end of the Financial Year and annual accounts will be prepared for the end of May.

**Crail Community Partnership Report - DG**

- 10,000 trees have been planted.
- Wedding bookings at the Community Hall are down.
- New toilets are to be the next project to improve the Community Hall.  Quotes are pending.

**Agenda Items**

*Succession.*
David will be stepping down as Chairman and Gerry O'Neill is prepared to replace him.
Adverts are to be put out for two new Community Councillors.

*Coastal Path update.*
A survey of the owners of Nethergate South is being carried out.
Barriers were re-installed but were sawn off.  There is a need for permanent "Danger Warning Signs" to be erected.
Scottish Water are to walk the Coastal Path on Thursday 3$^{rd}$ April to identify their assets on the path.

*Homeless man.*

A lengthy discussion took place on this subject with verbal reports submitted by local traders. It was agreed that the Crail Community Council would request a formal meeting with the Police and other appropriate officials in an attempt to resolve the situation.

*Crail Harbour - CM*

The crane structure at the harbour is now in a very bad condition and poses a serious health and safety risk, especially with upcoming tourist season. This issue has been raised with Harbours but, as yet, there has been no response.

Dredging is to take place this financial year.

**AOCB.**

Crail Parish Church is due for closure at the end of 2027. The church will continue to operate until a buyer is found and will be responsible for costs until the building is sold. Research needs to be carried out to determine what is unique about the church building to ensure that its future use does not compete with other venues in Crail.

A part of the wall in Kirk Wynd belonging to Miramar has collapsed into the road. Fife Council is to be contacted.

A member of the public wished to know when the gates to the "sheep field" will be unlocked. Dennis Gowans responded that they will remain locked until the orchard is stabilised – probably two to three years.

**DONM - Monday, 28th April 2025 at 7:30pm in Crail Town Hall**