

# Royal Burgh of Crail and District Community Council



## Minutes

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025 in Crail Town Hall at 7.30pm

Welcome and apologies.

**Present.** Gerry O'Neil GO (Chair), Fiona Budd FB, Jenni Brittain JB, Jacqui Salkeld JS, Colin Morrison CM, Catriona Mann CM, Andrew Purves AP, Cllr Alycia Hayes Cllr AH,

5 Members of the public

**Apologies;** Max Taylor, Linda Sneddon

Minutes of meeting held on 30/06/25. Approved

#### **Treasurers Report**

No activity on the accounts this month.

The new play park came in under budget - there is £4,500 restricted money left. Once accounts have been checked and for any outstanding bills decision will be taken what to do with surplus.

#### **CCP Report**

- David Jerdan stood in for Dennis Gowans.
- Community land Scotland - CC Partnership sponsoring a festival in community hall on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. Stalls to promote what goes on in the village will be invited.
- Partnership is taking ownership of Fifeness Muir formerly owned by The Wildlife Trust.
- Partnership is looking to acquire former gas works at harbour. Following a feasibility study to either Purchase or on a long lease.
- Partnership taking on Kirk business plan.
- Complaints about glass in Victoria garden after a wedding have been noted.

#### **Cllr Report - Cllr A Hayes**

- Campaign - 'Scotland loves local' to promote spending locally. If everyone spent £1 - in a local shop it could bring in £19 million to boost the local economy
- Education in schools - young people can apply for a grant of £30 a week for attending school. Families can apply, eligibility based on family income.
- Digital devices

- Provost Award – Nominations being sought for any individual who goes above and beyond for the community

### **Chairman's Report – GO**

#### Raceway activity monitoring

- Continues to be monitored
- 21 events recorded to date
- Expect 29 by mid Oct
- Limit without planning permission is 28 each calendar year
- More diligence and monitoring in 2026

#### Trees in Beech Walk Park

- Asked Fife Council to prune one tree at a resident's request
- Robert Cunningham has confirmed they will do so from Sept as bird activity happening till then

#### U8 football team

- Approached by several parents
- Kids currently play and travel to Pittenweem and St Andrews
- CCC have expressed their support
- Parents are currently getting registered and affiliated with the SFA – couple of months
- On completion we can get 1 -2 pitches lined and they will then have access to an online booking system
- No planning permission or local formal notice required
- Suggest we get them to write a piece for Crail Matters
- Likely for friendlies this season and to join a league in the 2026/7 season
- Longer term plan for changing facilities
- They are looking for short-term storage

#### Bell Tower repairs

- Notice outside Town Hall of repairs to the Bell Tower
- Fife Council have a service contract in place to maintain the Bell Tower
- Structural Survey completed which highlighted the need for the work
- To be funded within the Corporate Planned Maintenance budget
- No impact on Common Good fund confirmed

#### Kilrenny to Crail Cycle Feasibility Report

- Email from Gerald Cooper Chair of the Anstruther Shared Use Path Group.
- However, I am making contact with you, because if there is a proposed planning application for the garden centre site (or even elsewhere), this would be a once and forever opportunity to make provision for a Shared Use Path for cyclists and pedestrians. As a Community Council, you could ask for the development to acknowledge the requirement for such a facility and ideally safeguard, say, a 5m strip to accommodate a path and/or seek a financial contribution to a future path in that locality.

#### Crail Town Map

- Martin Dibley email ....various people have input comments on writing to add to the map
- Have requested an updated map to review but yet to arrive

Traffic Incident outside the Beehive

- CM raised this after bus crash
- Real bottleneck
- Question is do we ask Fife Council to come up with options to reduce congestion

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Update on planning application activities for the airfield**

- Group from CCC monitoring application.
- 3 current active applications
- Objections still stand as in the past because of traffic access to the site.
- Planning procedures
- GO submitted copy of CCC comment to be published in Crail Matters
- Representation date (??)
- Formal thanks minuted to Neil, Sarah, Max, Stuart for their hard work on this matter.

**Note from CCC** - No one against the development of airfield but developers must follow proper planning procedures. There must a full development plan in line with Fife Plan and expanded access to Crail North.

Developers have been invited to ask the landowner who could help with access.

#### **Use of NGG Community Fund allocated to Crail**

- Administrator meetings
- 5 towns in East Neuk offered £54,000 annually (each town gets one fifth), index linked for 3 years
- Crail and Anstruther have formally stated to use funds to partly fund a development officer for community development. This is formally minuted by CCC.
- Pittenweem, St Monans and Elie are taking the cash

#### **Coastal path update**

- Ongoing – no progress since last CCC meeting

#### **Harbour maintenance works**

- Contractors to get on with scope of work
- Old pegs at the back of the wall have been done
- Watch this space
- Fishermen have been billed for harbour use
- Outlet pipe coming from fields very unsightly and
- Has it got a SEPA discharge consent? GO/CLlr Hayes to contact Enviromental Health Officer and report a potential environmental hazard

#### **Crail Church Building**

- Linkage with other churches in area to go ahead
- Continued worship within the church building has been rejected by presbytery after 2026
- Building possibility could be for sale by late 2026/27
- Crail Preservation Society working with DTAS on options

## **AOCB**

- Delegated authority to the sub-group dealing with airfield planning applications will extend to the next CCC meeting
- Hazardous wire on fencing at Castle Wall, small potential hazard – was noted
- Member of Public flagged lack of Cllrs at meeting. There is not a requirement to attend all meetings but an expectation that each Cllr would attend several in any given year. CCC would like to minute and express it's thanks to Cllr Hayes who regularly attends the meetings and is diligent in following up Crail issues with Fife Council.
- CCC to contact MSP Willie Rennie to express their dissatisfaction with the lack of support from Cllrs Fiona Corps and Sean Dillion – action with GO
- Tourist info sign blown down by the old bank and needs cleared.
- Bus shelters need cleaned and mended – action with Cllr H
- Planning application for extension to harbour café and retrospective planning application. CCC will issue an objection (based on CCC member feedback). A retrospective planning application will still go through due process – action with GO and Neil McKay
- This meeting would like to thank the organisers of Crail Festival, putting green, for their time and effort - to go into Crail Matters MT
- Harbour Traffic – Cllr Hayes to follow up.
- Better signage Cllr Hayes has action
- No dogs in School swing park. Request for replacement signage.
- Weeds at side of school to be dealt with – action with Cllr H
- Upgrades to 20mph speed signs painfully slow. On going

**DONM 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 \*\*\* Note Change\*\*\*\***