

**Royal Burgh of Crail & District Community Council**  
**Meeting on Monday 27th October 2025**  
**Crail Town Hall at 7.30pm**



**Minutes**

**1. Welcome & Apologies**

**Present.** Gerry O'Neill GO (Chair), Linda Sneddon (LS)  
Fiona Budd (FB,) Jenni Brittain (JB), Jacqui Salkeld (JS), Cllr Alycia Hayes (Cllr AH)  
Andrew Purves (AP)

20 Members of the public

**Apologies;** Cllr Fiona Corps, Cllr Sean Dillon, Colin Morrison (CM) Catriona Mann (CM),

**2. Minutes** of meeting held on 6th October 2025 were approved

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- No change to since last month
- Request for funds for Christmas tree lighting and cost of electricity for tree. Both approved.

**4. CCP Report**

- Community Summit a success, Community projects well represented.
- Grant available to repeat the summit annually if wanted.
- Work commencing on Community Hall imminently to windows using recent grant.
- Future of Crail Kirk should be discussed by all parties as a matter of urgency.
- Minute - CCC to have open discussion as an agenda item at next meeting.

**5. Chairman's Report**

Minutes available in summary form in Crail Matters and full minutes available on the Community Council website and Facebook page

Raceway Activity Monitoring

- The annual limit for licensed events is 28.
- As of 28.20.25, without counting the night before, 29 and including 2 more planned events
- PSR Experience days (2 per annum) are not organised by Raceway

- GO will write to the planners this week with the evidence spreadsheet.
- A member of Public asked if the mid-week meetings were being monitored. GO to follow up. Without photographic evidence all that can be done is monitor the meetings and keep notes. As of the start of 2026 we will extend monitoring to include date and time stamped photos.
- Cllr Hayes aware and ready to intercede if evidence forthcoming

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

- Originally informed that we would use the funds for a development officer shared with Anstruther.
- The more recent update was to ring-fence Crail's money and part fund a Crail Development Officer. CCP are working on new sources of money to supplement this but that wouldn't be available till at the earliest April 2026.
- It was decided that Year 1 funds would be available for local projects and revisit the use of funds in years 2 and 3
- David Jerdan outlined an idea to develop the Old Gas Works into a water sports centre. Monies from NGG could be used to carry out a feasibility study.
- CCC Agreed to this proposal.
- GO to email Malcolm and propose this use and ensure the MOU reflected this
- Other follow up are
  - To provide a copy of the local place plan citing the harbour as an area the community want to develop
  - More detail on who we will use as consultants, deliverables and cost, Value for money assessment
  - Number of quotes will depend on value of contract – targeting 3
  - Once all this is in place the money can be transferred from NGG to CCC.

#### SEPA Beach Pipe Inspection

- SEPA have formally notified.
- An inspection had taken place with Scottish Water. SEPA Officer responsible for this on hols till 3rd Nov
- SEPA will contact GO on his return with outcome.

## **6. Agenda Items**

#### Update on LBA and planning application activities for the airfield

Planning application still on books. Expected decision at NE Fife Planning on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Harbour café planning application – still on the books, again a decision is expected soon.

The Old Garden Centre – recent meeting with developer was productive. The developer is keen to engage with community and has agreed to have a public meeting to discuss plans and take feedback. Date and time tbc\*

*\*Meeting since been confirmed as 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 10-12 Crail Community small Hall.*

#### Coastal Path Update

- Gerry, Linda and Jacqueline met and reviewed progress to date.
- The starting point is getting commitment to a repairs and maintenance fund for this piece of the coastal path. Grow the fund over the initial years and then as repair work happens this becomes a sinking fund.
- At the meeting £300 per house per annum was floated. If all 32 households participated this would generate ~ £10k per annum
- Even with this in place there is no guarantee of raising capital, but without it there is no chance.
- Letter drafted to individual houses - final review this week and then door drop next.
- There is a real mix of primary residences, 2nd homes and lets; no search of land registry been done - the belief is some properties will own their slice of the path, others don't.
- Negative sentiment at the meeting several months ago.
- We need closure on this one way or another

#### Harbour Maintenance – escalate to NEFC area committee

Cllr Dillion supports this. On CM's return we will arrange a meeting to further escalate CCC dissatisfaction with the state of Crail harbour given its historical and cultural importance.

Crail Golf Club Coastal Change Management Plan - Brian Boyter gave a succinct overview of the plans for maintenance and partial replacement of coastal defences initially covering 15<sup>th</sup> tee/ 17<sup>th</sup> green to the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee.

The links have been impacted by coastal erosion they are currently looking to implement a 5-year coastal change management plan.

The work will include soft nature-based solutions to hard engineering solutions for rock baskets and additional rocks/boulders.

Timeline

Stage 1 - Nov 2025 – March 2026

Stage 2 - 2027-28

A member of the public asked what can CCC learn from this work? Brian/Crail Golf Club keen to work with the community.

Suggestions for communication with the University/NEF co-ordinated work for funding and research.

This work includes removing commercial waste. (6 industrial skips worth) This is on Wendy Chamberlain's radar.

Water quality? No testing but engagement with relevant parties ongoing.

## **7. Fife Councillors Report Cllr Hayes**

Arborist set to take out the Willow tree in Denburn soon.  
Pruning work in park will get picked up asap.

“No Dog” sign at the park not happening. - FC post ‘general signage’ rather than individual signs ie “no dogs”.

Proposed reconfiguring of Parking signage in Crail and new barriers /double yellow lines at The Beehive. There is a considerable backlog with sign works. Fallen signage is a huge problem across Fife. Signage in general to be reduced. Completion of works hoped to be done by the end of the financial year.

Supporting material for Fife Partnership Public performance report can be found at

[www.our.fife.scot/plan4fife/progress](http://www.our.fife.scot/plan4fife/progress)

This report sets out to focus on tackling the root causes of poverty and inequality, strengthening local economy and addressing the impact of climate change.

The Scottish Government Report from the independent working group for anti-social behaviour is now available. It covers housing strategy and homeless as well as anti-social behaviour.

Pavement parking ban – new ban has caused some difficulty – hasn’t always been enforced and has caused some neighbourly conflict because of insufficient bodies to police. If you think your street should be exempt. Go online and register at <https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/roads,-travel-and-parking/parking-and-car-parks/pavements-parking-ban/potential-exempted-streets>.

Citizens Advice and Rights Fife (CARF) - Since Covid Advise Services has been exclusively online and on the phone, this week, an office has been reopened in Cupar for face-to-face meetings. For office locations and phone numbers see [www.cabfife.org.uk](http://www.cabfife.org.uk)

Repair and clean to bus shelters not been done – in progress

### **AOCB**

- Designated space lines in Carparks are not visible – Marketgate and Nethergate. Action AH
- Drain opposite Golf Hotel – despite being cleaned floods ever time. Blockage or bigger problem? Action AH
- After resurfacing corner of St Andrews Rd, request for bollards to be replaced. Action AH

- Tolbooth Wynd – work to be finished March 2026. All cordoned off but no work happening. Information requested. Action AH
- Dropped curbs – was discussed quite a while ago audit has been done. This will be forwarded to Cllr Hayes.
- No progress on requested crossing at school. 20mh limit negates the need for an additional crossing. No further action
- Lost one of the recently planted trees– request made to buy another tree to replace. Approved.

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