

Royal Burgh of Crail and District Community Council



Meeting on Monday 23rd February 2026 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)

19 Members of the public

Apologies - Neil Mackay

2. Minutes of meeting held on 26th January 2026 and matters arising. Approved

3. Finance Report

Balance £2,292.27

General £1,292.27

Restricted £1,000

No transactions, still waiting for the invoice for the use of town hall.

4. CCP Report

Kirk achieved crowd funding target. Invites gone out to consultants to bid for tenders
Survey turning over nicely (through Crail Matters)

Next 16th March Organ recital (Michael Portillo will be there , his family donated the organ)

Food festival money went to buy 60 chairs and storage container is in process.

Development coordinator starts next money, funded by Crail common good fund.

5. Chairman's Report

- Formal minute of £1,000 of the Year 1 NNG fund to be allocated to barking shed project
- Raceway activity – 15th Jan cancelled. Acknowledged the number of days are restricted and activity is being monitored.

- Airfield diggers, earth being moved- Fife Council have responded saying the activity is 'de minimus'
- CCC are looking for new members. Currently 7 members would like to get back to 10
- Arborist has now completed the work (3 projects) in the village.

6. Agenda Items

- Crail Harbour - Crane, barking shed & recent meeting with FC Harbour Maintenance & Repairs Team
- Waiting on final approval from FC for planning permission. Interpretation panels around the harbour. Preserving the history of the harbour.
- £20,000 required to make the crane safe and get rid of the barriers. This is being funded by FC
- £70,000 needed to fully repair the crane. Third party funding needed for this. Will explore options with Kirsty Freeman
- Dredging is a separate budget. Crail harbour dredge is being prioritised after Pittenweem
- Beacon out- note to go to
- Alycia has arranged a meeting between Crail and Alastair Hamilton a senior member of the FC planning team. Need to impress how to work together and we need to be clear on our asks from FC.
- The Crail map has been upgraded. CCC will look at the rewording for this new map. A draft new map was on display at the meeting. Feedback was given by members of the public. CCC members will liaise with the museum for wording on the map. Linda Sneddon to take the lead.
- Gardens Centre development
 - Formal planning application has been submitted; it is the same as was presented at the meeting. The developed has taken into account feedback from the meeting and made some amendments to the plan.
 - Closing date for individual comment is 26th Feb 2026.
 - All points raised at the meeting have been addressed.
 - Feedback requested from the community.
 - CCC to remain neutral.
 - GO to ask for more time for individuals to express views via the Planning Portal.
- Coastal Path Door-drop letter to be distributed in advance of the next meeting.
- Primary School PE challenges. Asked for hall for free to do PE during the winter months. Community hall runs at a loss and couldn't support this. Pressure needs to be brought to FC should fund the facilities for the kids. Happy for hall to be used if funded by FC Cllr Hayes very supportive

7. Fife Councillors reports

- Flooding reported at Bank corner and Penmans.
- Asked for clarity on what funding is available for Christmas lighting.
- 5% Council tax rise for Fife for the new Financial Year
- Roads - depending on budget £3 million revenue for improvements. Or use the money as capital spending which would raise £8 million. Watch this space.
- Requests for costs for barriers and temporary barriers outside Beehive.
- Bollards on order for the roundabout at the Golf Hotel
- Assessor and tourist information business rates for tourism. Assessment formula doesn't fit most of the businesses in East Neuk.

8. AOCB

- ENCEPT – team there to support emergency services.
- List required of all key holders for all halls.
- Network coverage in Crail on going raising of awareness.
- Need to put out information, through Crail Matters, on issues caused by power cuts once all phones are wi-fi.
- Dangerous trip hazard outside the Old Bank building
- Condition of fencing along Roome Bay was raised
- Who was planting trees by Beech Walk Park?

DONM Monday 30th March at 7.30pm