Royal Burgh of Crail & District Community Council
Meeting on Monday 28 September 2026
Crail Town Hall at 7.30pm

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

   Present: Gerry O'Neill, Chair (GO), Neil MacKay, Vice-Chair (NMcK), Andrew Purves, Treasurer (AP), Linda Sneddon (LS), Jacquie Salkeld (JS), Fiona Budd (FB), Caroline Rodger (CR), Councillor Alycia Hayes (AH)

   26 members of the public

   Apologies: Katie Freeth

2. **Declarations of Interest - none**

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 31 August were approved.**

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

   Unrestricted Funds – £1,072.27
   Transactions since 31 August: Lady Haig Poppy Factory, for wreath (£48)

   Restricted Funds - Playpark £1,000, Indigo £3,856.28. Total £4,856.28

   Total Funds £5,928.55

5. **Partnership Report:**

   Car park at Beech Walk Park – the acquisition application has been made. Fife Council is likely to decide in February/March next year. Plans will be shown at a consultation event on 17 & 26 October (see item 7 below) - it's not too late to have your say.

   On 21 November, last year's voluntary organisation presentation will be repeated.

   Wedding bookings for 2027 – only 4 so far (5 in 2026). Unfortunately, the hall is running at a loss and a financial report will be available in October.

6. Chairman's Report

Bollards: a new bollard at the Beehive has been knocked down, as has one further along (there is a photo of the culprit, which is with the Police). New bollards are on order.

Cycle rack in the high street – where will it go? Gerry and Neil will meet with Andy Burns to discuss.

7. Agenda Items

Community Council AGM – the Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Monday 26 October, before the scheduled CCC meeting.

A **community consultation** event will be held in the Community Hall on 17 October from 10am until 12 noon. It was felt that two hours on a Saturday morning wasn't sufficient, so the display will move to the Town Hall on Monday 26 October, between 5.00 & 7.15pm.

Included in the presentation will be (1) the proposed gasworks project, (2) new signage at the harbour and around town, (3) the harbour master's office, (4) the new development at the former garden centre, (5) car park at the public park, and acquiring common good land to extend the car park, (6) parking restrictions around Crail.

All residents are encouraged to attend and comment on the proposals.

Recent house attack – as per the article in Crail Matters on 25 September, incidents and concerns can be reported to safercommunities.team@fife.gov.uk , or your housing provider, or the Police on 101.

Planning Updates:

Garden Centre planning permission has been granted for a Co-Op, commercial units and 11 houses. Amongst other requirements, Fife Council stipulated the hours that deliveries could be made, that there should be a footpath along St Andrews Road, and that there should be 20 parking spaces at the new Co-Op.

Dennis Gowans asked about traffic calming on that stretch of road as he is concerned about extra traffic. Cllr Hayes said Fife Council usually wait to see if there are problems, but she will visit the road with a rep from the Council.

Sauchope development – assurances given that all is above board.

Airfield – re-roofing of 5 buildings. Procedural issues have been raised, but no response yet.

Coastal Path - Robbie Blyth from Fife Coast & Countryside Trust clarified that it's the sea wall that has been breached (which has caused damage to the path). The path is a right of way, under multiple ownership, and ultimate responsibility is that of the landowner. Spending public money on private land needs caveats, and permission from a host of authorities, including any service providers. He feels that repairs on a piecemeal basis is a waste of money, as the sea is brutal and will destroy the patch-repairs. Various points were raised, which will be investigated. An option is to do nothing – but the tides will destroy the sea wall, the path, and start eroding the adjacent gardens.

Public Sector Proposals for merging Councils in Scotland was briefly discussed, but a decision will take a long time.

Harbour: Crane: a chain link barrier will be erected mid-October.
Gas Works: awaiting architect plans – the proposals will be included at the public display on 17 & 26 October. Storyboards on the history of fishing in Crail will also be on display at the two October consultation events.

8. **Fife Councillor's Report**

Fife Council is looking at options for a container for the football team kit.

Dog Fouling – report incidents to Fife Council online Safer Communities

Benches – the Rotary Club has inspected their two benches (East of Kilminning Car Park and West of the Golf Hotel) and found them to be sound.

Fife Council launched a survey for the bus services they support in NE Fife, including the 95. Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey - Bus Survey

Mould legislation is being introduced on 6 October to address damp and mould in council properties. Reports of mould will be investigated within 10 days, with 3 days to issue a report, and 5 days to begin repairs.

Pets in council houses – Fife Council are going to be stricter with this and occupants will need written permission to keep up to two animals in a council house.

Both Shoregate and Kirk Wynd will be closed on 1 October for repairs.

A reminder to please encourage children to wear helmets whilst cycling.

Plastic bollard at Richardson's Corner – the footpath failed, and a steel plate was installed and tarred over. It's safe for pedestrians but cannot take the weight of vehicles. Fife Council is working on a solution, as well as at another section on Tolbooth Wynd, hopefully starting work in early 2027.

9. **Any other business**

Dog fouling – report to Fife Council, as per section 8 of these minutes.

Post Van location – the van sometimes blocks the junction at the side of Shell's shop as there is nowhere to park. Solution to be considered at the community consultation on 17 & 26 October.

Beech Walk Park - cost being obtained for a changing hut and toilets, including an accessible changing places facility (likely to be situated where the old pavilion was).

Complaint received that FCCT bins are unsightly as they are bright blue and should be green. FCCT has noted the suggestion.

FCCT is changing their way-markers and signage along the coastal path.

Benches at Castle Walk are in a state of disrepair and need attention.

Sundial on Castle Walk needs attention. The company repairing the old graves will be asked to look at it.

Seagull feeding – as per last month's minutes, there is currently no bylaw to stop this. Nature Scot can help with removal of empty seagull nests.

Signage on way to harbour – the pole is corroded. Cllr Hayes will speak to Fife Council.

How can the community council engage with Crail residents more effectively?
This was also the subject of editorial commentary in *Crail Matters*.

As well as the Crail Community Council facebook page, the agenda and minutes are displayed on noticeboards and in shops.

However, we realise that not everyone can attend meetings. Please use the Town Hall letterbox to post issues, suggestions and comments. Community Council members are also encouraged to engage with the community.

There are other ways for the community council to engage, so please let us know how you would like to be kept up to date and how you would like to raise issues

The meeting concluded. Date of next meeting Monday 26 October at 7.30pm