Royal Burgh of Crail & District Community Council
meeting on Monday 26 October 2026, 7.30pm, Town Hall

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

   Present: Gerry O'Neill (Chair), Andrew Purves (Treasurer), Caroline Rodger (Secretary), Linda Sneddon, Jacquie Salkeld, Fiona Budd, Katie Freeth, Neil MacKay

   Apologies: Rona Williamson, Councillor Alycia Hayes,

   23 members of the public

2. **Declarations of Interest -** none

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September were approved.**

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

   Unrestricted Funds – £1,072.27
   Restricted Funds - Playpark £1,000, Indigo £3,836.28. Total £4,836.28
   Total Funds £5,908.55

5. **Preservation Society:**

   100 cyclists passing through Crail will visit the Mort House.

6. **Partnership Report**

   Denburn - the storm has damaged trees in Denburn.

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   Car Park at Beech Walk Park - the partnership will write to those who contacted Fife Council to agree or disagree with the proposed plans.

   Request for a donation - the partnership asked the Community Council for £300 to pay for refreshments at the community summit day in November. We will check Fife Council's rules for donating community council funds.

   (separate to the above Partnership request, Fiona asked that, if the community council has funds to spare, could it be used towards the purchase of the town christmas tree. Jimmy Aird has paid for this himself for many years, but the cost of trees has risen significantly)

7. Chairman's Report

Welcome to Rona Williamson, who has joined the community council.
We now have 9 members out of a possible 10.

Fife Council has arranged an online training session to present proposed changes to the planning portal and the way comments can be submitted.

We are awaiting the remaining £1,100 from the NnG windfarm money, which will be used to pay for the story boards at the harbour.

Next year's windfarm donation to Crail will be £10,800. The Community Council will determine the criteria for local groups to apply for some of these funds and will announce the process at its November meeting.

The Scottish Forum of Community Councils will hold an online conference on 9th November to discuss proposed local government reforms.

Bike rack in the high street – no area has been identified, as it has to be on council-owned land.

8. Agenda Items

Harbour – the crane has been made safe, with a chain barrier installed. A cost for repairing the crane is being obtained for (a) remaining as it is now and (b) for bringing it back into service. The crane is owned by Fife Council.

Coastal Path – one more door drop is planned for the houses in Nethergate that back onto the path, to ask if they will contribute towards funds for repair. The short-term let register identified one property that is rented.

The community consultation event about various projects was well attended. Neil will prepare a summary of the findings and advise at the next CC meeting.

9. Fife Councillor's Report

Street lights at Back Dykes/Bowling Green Place – repair work will begin on Wednesday 28 October. SPEN will excavate the Footway. The work will be completed by 10 November.

The request for storage for Crail United football club is ongoing.

With regards to the comment at last month's meeting about a potential road safety concern on St Andrews road at the new co-op site, Fife Council will not consider possibilities or hypothetical situations at this early stage.

The Bus Consultation closes on November 8th, so there's still time to have your say about the 95 and flexibus service, times, etc. You can complete the survey here bus survey

Fife Council is considering a change to the way comments are submitted for planning applications, to have them submitted by post rather than online. This has been challenged by Cllr Hayes.

The new local development plan, into which the local place plans feed, is currently 2 years behind schedule and won't be ready until 2029.

Visitor Levy - the Government has decided to proceed to the next level of public consultation.

10. Any other business

Roadworks at Tolbooth Wynd – still ongoing.

Little Free Library – a Crail resident has everything needed to start an outdoor library, and a location is being sourced. As the putting green is common good land, the library can be there if so desired.

Questions were raised about the 'behind closed doors' decisions made by other groups, such as the Partnership etc. It was asked if the Community Council could work with these groups to ensure that their decisions were not made autonomously. One question asked why is the Partnership a closed group, that doesn't allow members of the community to attend meetings. And why are their minutes not published timeously.

The Partnership representatives replied by saying that there is a public meeting once a year that everyone is allowed to attend. Apart from that, the meetings are only for their committee members. The minutes are published after approval at the next meeting.

[note that some members of the community council are also members of the Partnership and the Preservation groups – but these groups are completely separate from the Community Council, which is affiliated to Fife Council]

Questions from the public were raised about what is going to happen at the harbour, and about consultation with the fishing community.

11. Date of next meeting

Monday 30 November, at 7.30pm