



Royal Burgh of Crail and District Community Council

Draft Minutes of meeting held
Monday 26th November 2018
7.15pm Crail Town Hall

Present:

Max Taylor – MT (Chairman), John Wilson – JW (Treasurer), Heather Aird – HA (Deputy Secretary), Anne Williamson – AW, David Jerdan – DJ, Andrew Purves – AP, Jude Gallon-Fry – JGF, Paul Hutchison – PH, Sarah Mills – SM, Cllr. John Docherty – JD, Cllr. Lind Holt – LH, Cllr. Bill Porteous, Julie Middleton - JM (Secretary) and 5 members of the public.

Apologies:
None

Welcome:

MT welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of 29th October:

The minutes of proposed by PH and seconded by HA with the addition of a query from the floor regarding the future of the Community Hall. The Hall had recently been redecorated and the road & car park resurfaced, the Local Councillors were asked if this indicated Fife Council's commitment to keeping the Hall open.

Review of Action Summary:

Christmas Tree Liability: MT advised that Public Liability Insurance forbids alcohol being served. JW awaited a response from the Insurers regarding the premium that would have to be paid if Mulled Wine was served. Depending on the outcome, Spiced Apple Juice may be served instead and once a decision had been reached, JM would deal with provision of refreshments. Mr. Victor Reynolds advised that approximately 100 polystyrene cups had been left from last year, JM to source an additional supply. Mr. Jack Jarvis would supply mince pies & Mr. James Aird would supply Glow-Sticks. Three Marshalls would be required, AP, PH and VR volunteered.

Recycling Point: Cllr. BP reported that the matter was ongoing, it was proving difficult to identify a suitable location. JW suggested that small glass recycling bins could be located in several locations, Cllr. BP would keep up the momentum.

Children's Centre: JM advised that the current owners had finally been identified and a letter requesting adequate upkeep of the grounds had been sent. The cost of obtaining the information was £24.00

Speeding: MT reported that the matter was ongoing but that the Community Police Officer had made assurances that it was in the system.



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FOI - Travel Expenses: MT advised that following an enquiry from the floor, information had been provided on the process and the outcome was detailed. Cllr. BP reported that all Local Councillors' Expenses were available online.

Chairman's report:

Charrette: HA provided a detailed report on progress to date. Crail has been awarded £25,000.00 - the largest amount in Scotland. The report was now available and the process would be completed by the end of March 2019. A meeting would be held on Monday, 3rd December to discuss the outcome of the report and where Phases Two and Three would lead. Further meetings had been arranged for 19th January and for 23rd February. MT advised that the Business Committee would become involved and emphasised that these meetings would be open to all to aid transparency. Everyone, Local Groups and individuals, was encouraged to be involved in deciding Crail's future. Mr. Dennis Gowans would check to see if the application could be shared. MT thanked HA for her efforts with the press. The dead tree at Denburn Wood had been removed and work on the Cemetery wall could commence. The path would remain closed until the work had been completed. MT thanked everyone for their efforts for Remembrance Day, the Commemorative Bench had been well received and it was agreed that a record of the event, including photographs taken by Peter Salkeld, be produced and retained in the Museum. Rev. Peter Neilson, the Minister, would be written to thank him for the Service and it was agreed that a donation of £25.00 be made towards his retirement.

Treasurers Report:

JW Advised that £652.00 had been received from Common Good fund for the balance of WW1 commemorative bench

Expenditure £39.60 for gravel around bench, £20.00 contribution to Crail Parish Church for Remembrance Sunday expenses and £120 for painting railings. Steven Tillbrook and Derek Wood were commended for undertaking the work free of charge.

Current balance stood at £4309.00.

Secretary's Report:

JM reported that Aberdeenshire Council were recruiting Volunteer Snow Wardens. Wardens are local residents who give up their time to clear snow during bad weather. JM enquired if Fife Council should consider such a scheme. Establishing a volunteer snow warden scheme in a community, with direct support from the council, was one way to increase resilience to winter events, expected or not. The scheme followed the 'Adopt a Street' initiative however, volunteers were provided with: training, high-visibility vests, snow-clearing kits, grit and insurance by the Council.

Correspondence had been received enquiring about the possibility of floodlighting for the M.U.G.A. (Multi Use Games Area), as during winter months, football or basketball cannot be played due to lack of daylight. Cllr. BP advised that the courts at St. Monance had floodlights and would liaise with JGF regarding contacts within Fife Council who could advise.



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A meeting of ENCEPT took place on Wednesday, 21 November. The towns and villages within the East Neuk had all supplied Emergency Plans with key locations detailed. Fife Council had agreed to supply some information posters, Hi-Viz vests for volunteers and a sum of money would be available to purchase emergency packs. It was suggested that packs include torches, snow shovels, radios and enquiries are on-going for costing these packs. Costs had been obtained for an 0800 free phone number for use in emergency situations. It was agreed that an exercise to test efficiencies would take place early next year. Volunteers would be sought thereafter.

Correspondence had been received regarding the section of the road between Brownhills and the Castle Golf Course which had remained untouched following the recent road resurfacing programme.

Cllr. BP was thanked for his assistance in having grit bins restored at Fife Ness.

Out of Hours in St Andrews:

HA advised that the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) had held meetings in Anstruther and in St. Andrews with over 100 attendees at each but only 480 responses had been received from across Fife to the online consultation. Local GP's from North East Fife had constructed a Rota for out of hours cover however, the IJB remained insistent that the service at St Andrews must close. Some Community Councils had raised official complaints about the closures, HA had submitted a written complaint only to be advised that this would not be recognised as Community Councils are not 'members of the public'. HA had resent the complaint as an individual, a response was awaited. Further meetings of the IJB would take place 27th November and 20th December and Chairman of the IJB, Michael Kellett, had agreed to consider the North East Fife option.

Cllr. LH reported that a Participation Request had been submitted to the IJB, which comprises of Fife Council & Fife Health Board, however it was apparent that this was the first time such a request had been made and the Board did not know how to deal with it.

JD advised some patients presenting at the Out of Hours Service at King's Cross Hospital in Dundee had been turned away due to lack of capacity. North East Fife now had the highest proportion in Scotland of residents over 90 years old.

MT thanked HA for her efforts with the Press.

Charrette:

Dealt with under Chairman's Report.

Hen's Ladder/Bankhead Brae:

Cllr. JD reported that Fife Council had to take responsibility for the leakage, not Scottish Water as this was not on their network. Murray Scott from Fife Council has reviewed the issue and this should be addressed by the end of December. JM had previously contacted both Fife Council and Scottish Water. Scottish Water had allocated a complaint number, cancelled this 4 weeks later, issued another complaint number which had also been cancelled.



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Councillor's Reports:

Cllr. Docherty:

Cllr. JD advised that this had been included in the Out of Hours Service and Hen's Ladder/Bankhead Brae. Contact details for M.U.G.A. lighting were supplied to JGF.

Cllr. Linda Holt:

Cllr. LH reported that 'speed strips' had been booked for the Golf Club Road and that following a Ward Meeting, £5,000.00 remained in the Budget. Applications could be made for funding from this, not necessarily from a constituted group.

Mr. Jack Jarvis had attended a meeting as a representative of the Town Hall Management Committee and provided a presentation. The Community Wind Turbine had a deficit of £650,000.00 and a Community Asset Transfer request for the Town Hall would soon be made.

Funding was still available for un-adopted roads. Kirkmay Road was scheduled for resurfacing by end of March 2019. £51,000.00 had been set aside for resurfacing Shoregate. As it was not clear which area this involved, LH would send the map to MT.

Cllr. LH had received reports of the number 95 buses being very cold, no issues were noted.

Cllr. Bill Porteous:

Cllr. BP advised that the issue of streetlights not working was on going. The Crail Charrette was praised. The biomass plant at Guardbridge was highly efficient when it was working and the redevelopment of the site would enhance budding business through funding by Tay City cash.

AOCB:

A planning application for the former Harbour Office had been received and an Asset Transfer Request was being considered. No consultation had been made; the issue was similar to that of the Town Hall.

JW advised that no business plan had yet been submitted, this would be essential for any asset transfer along with Community Council involvement. MT suggested that the matter be formally referred to the Charrette as this body could garner public views. The proposal was seconded by DJ and agreed.

There were issues with structures and processes and it was important that these are followed correctly and should everyone agree with the proposals, fine. Community Council would invite representatives of local groups to attend meetings to be kept up to date on progress.

From the floor, it was suggested that as the Community Hall had been recently painted and the road & car park resurfaced from the Common Good Fund, did this indicate that Fife Council were committed to retaining the hall? JW advised that money from the Fund had been set aside 5-6 years previously for resurfacing. Cllr. LH reported that there were no current plans to sell but that a survey of all properties, including schools, was planned. The Charrette could impact on this.

Mr. Victor Reynolds reported loose kerb stone at 34 Marketgate; a section of fence between Victoria Gardens and the School was broken and required repair.



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JW advised that the Play Park upgrade was waiting for the result of an application made by Mr. Jack Jarvis to Fife Environmental Trust for funding.

From the floor, Mrs. Jenny Gowans enquired if planning permission would be required for the galvanized gate which had been removed from the Do'cot to be installed at the Putting Green. The Preservation Society would donate the gate. Planning approval would be required.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:55.

There would be no meeting in December, the next meeting would be held at 19:15, Monday 28th January 2019.

Action Summary

Recycling Point – Cllr.BP

Speeding – MT/Community Police

Floodlighting of M.U.G.A. – Cllr. BP