



Royal Burgh of Crail and District

Community Council

Draft Minutes of meeting held
Monday 29th October 2018
7.15pm Crail Town Hall

Present:

Heather Aird – HA (Deputy Secretary), Max Taylor – MT (Chairman), John Wilson – JW (Treasurer), Jude Gallon-Fry – JGF, Paul Hutchison – PH, Sarah Mills – SM, Cllr. John Docherty – JD, Cllr. Lind Holt – LH, Cllr. Bill Porteous – BP. Community Police Officer Gillian and 12 members of the public.

Apologies:

Julie Middleton, Andrew Purves, David Jerdan, Anne Williamson

Welcome:

MT welcomed all to the first meeting of the newly elected community council.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of 24th September could not be approved as that community council does not exist anymore. The minutes of inaugural meeting of new community council held on 9th October were proposed by PH and seconded by JGF.

Update by Community Police Officer:

There has been an isolated break in in Crail where items were taken. At present the police are waiting for forensic items to be returned. Gillian advised members of the public to keep their doors and cars locked and to keep valuables out of sight. She also advised that any suspicious activity be reported to 101 and asked for members of the public to keep an eye out for those vulnerable in the community.

There has also been an incident of socks lit and posted though a letterbox on a nearby farm, which is suspected to be children, Gillian advised that any children messing around, or causing damage (NOT playing) be reported to 101.

Gillian also advised the public to take caution as there is black ice on roads as we approach winter.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising as this is a new community council.



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Standing Business Committee:

A standing business committee was established to help the community council move issues on. The standing business committee approved a common good application made by Crail Preservation Society. MT is to look into who has public liability for the Christmas tree lighting event. The standing business committee has received another intention of use proposal for the town hall.

Out of Hours in St Andrews:

HA advised the community council that since the meeting at Waid Academy on 20th September, Crail and Anstruther Community Council have collected 2208 objection cards in addition to Willie Rennie's petition of over 6000. On 18th October the cards were presented to Fife Health & Social Care Partnership (FH&SCP). Local community councils have also written letters that have been sent to Michael Kellet, the director of FH&SCP, however the letter has not been acknowledged, nor by our MP. However MSP has acknowledged as is in support of the view of Crail Community Council. However the fight is still not over as a final decision is not due till December so there is a new action group being established that comprises, all North East Fife councilors, Willie Rennie, St Andrews University, local GP's and all Community Councils in North East Fife. This aims to further pressure FH&SCP before final decision is made.

LH advised that there was a special North East Fife area meeting to address Out of Hours Closure with representation from FH&SCP. There was letter from local doctors at the meeting stating that there would be a death as a result of the closure and local GP's have seen an increase in the number of early morning appointment requests. LH also stressed that the current situation is not what is proposed to happen, at present the service is closed from midnight – 6am, however the plan is to completely close the service during, days, nights and weekends so that out of hours nor minor injuries will be at St Andrews Hospital. She also advised that due to the nature of FH&SCP's report, the results are skewed as averages are taken which include Glenrothes so for example the average travel time I calculated at 20mins. She advised that there has also been a cross party debate in Holyrood where the consensus is that the situation is unacceptable. GP's were not consulted on this matter. The IJB refused to employ local GP's to cover just St Andrews as the contract would mean that they had to work in Kirkcaldy, which many GP's were not willing to do, however this has seen fife GP's going to Dundee to do Out of Hours as the contract terms and conditions are better.

JD advised that FH&SCP report of the population of St Andrews did not include the students. Also an equality impact assessment should have been carried out on each closure and proposal which it has not.



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LH & BP thanked Crail Community Council for their input to the current issues and in particular thanked HA for her efforts towards the campaign.

Chairman's report:

MT advised that there is still allocation needed for a recycling point in Crail, proposed sites in Crail are at the back of the East Neuk Hotel and at the Car Park of the Community Hall (which was established not suitable as the Lorries cannot access the site). Other areas suggested by members of the public include – waste ground at end of Kirkmay Road and the School Car Park, where it used to be. There was also a suggestion of getting smaller bins like Kilrenny and Boarhills have. PH concluded that in general the public seem to want a recycling point as long as it's nowhere near them. BP advised that he would look into smaller bins.

MT had received an invite for a member of Crail Community council to attend an official service of remembrance at Dunfermline to mark centenary of WW1. Victor Reynold (previous Community Council member) is to attend on our behalf.

The Kirk wall refurbishment plan will go ahead in the spring.

MT advised that the Remembrance service plan is organized, HA advised that children would read out the names and ages of the 44 men who died in WW1 and where possible these children will have a connection with the men. The service will start at 10.45am on Sunday 11th at the Church Gates with the memorial bench being unveiled by Jenny Brett. The service will then continue inside the church with readings by a serviceman from Leuchars Scots dragoon guards and the other by Waid Pupils. There will be soup and sandwiches served in the Kirk hall after the service for all.

Treasurers Report:

There was small costs for the final community council meeting, printer inks and the rent of legion hall. There was a cost of £355 for gravel for the coastal path and Dunburn which was paid and ½ of this was paid by the Preservation Society.

The current balance is: The current balance is £13758.96, however £10,000 of this is a grant from the Helen Main Trust which is for the new play park.

Victor Reynolds advised that more gravel is needed for the dip outside church at a cost of £39.60

Andrew Purvis will replace Victor Reynolds as one of the three people authorised to sign cheques (Others being Max Taylor and John Wilson).



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Secretary's Report:

There was nothing to report apart from JM is still looking into the ownership of Children's Centre.

Town Hall:

The community council has received planning application for the lower floor of the town hall. Jack Jarvis (JJ), Town Hall Management Committee advised that the proposals were to allow the lower floor to be used for the community and the only way to fund this was to have revenue coming in from retail space in the plans. The plan is to reduce the size of the library area and rent this out as retail space and to increase the size of the office space for a community hub. However there is not a known way of funding this yet. JJ advised that income is an issue as hall rentals don't even cover the utilities cost and 47% of this is covered by the coffee mornings held in the town hall. Over the weekend JJ sought approval from members of the community and concludes that members of the public thought it is unfortunate not to see the space used. He hopes the rental space would generate £2500 - £3000 per annum. He is in touch with Janice Laird who advised him to speak to the community council about his proposals.

MT responded to this, stating that the community council strongly objects to the way in which the town hall lease was continued without consultation and strongly objects to the way in which JJ has carried the process and did not voluntarily tell the community of the extended lease. MT advised that the whole process is wrong and that the proposed plan constitutes a material change, for which Fife Council building services has to be consulted upon, which they have not. He also noted that the community council has received intention of another use for the town hall which cannot be shared at this stage.

JJ stated that no lease for the ground floor of the Town Hall had been signed (although a planning application had been submitted) and this lease would not be a fully repairing lease, but wind and watertight lease. MT advised that the community council will consider a statutory right to object to the plans and the matter will be referred to the planning subcommittee for review which PH will take control over. MT advised that the community council is only an agency which will ensure that there is community agreement and response to any proposal.

AOCB:

A member of the public asked why the common good fund is paying for areas that are owned by Fife Council, should it not be the council that pays for these repairs and maintenance? In particular the MUGA.

A Freedom of Information request from member of the public is sought as follows – "Request for figure from Fife Councils total annual expenditure on travel and allied expenses for employees and councilors over the past 4 years".



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Several members of public raised the issue of speeding and asked if there was not more that could be done about it. In particular Lorries, tractors and buses were speeding as well as cars along Marketgate and Balcomie. MT will email Community Police Officer to enquire what measures could be put in place. There was also issue raised with the co-op lorry parking on road and causing obstruction.

Action Summary

Christmas tree Liability – MT

Recycling Point - BP

Children's Centre – JM

Speeding – MT/Community Police