



Royal Burgh of Crail and District Community Council

Minutes 28th March 2022

7.15pm Crail Town Hall

Present: Chair: David Jerdan (DJ), Cllr John Docherty (JD), Cllr Bill Porteous (BP), Alan Hood (AH), Erica Hollis (EH), Colin Morrison (CM), Sonja Potjewijd (SP), Andrew Purves (AP), Dawn Wallace-Watson (DWW), Max Taylor (MT),

Three members of the public

Apologies:

John Wilson (JW), Lynsey Watson (LW), Cllr Linda Holt (LH)

Welcome: DJ opened the meeting and welcomed all.

JD announced had an announcement – he has not been re-selected as SNP candidate for council elections in May but will stand as an independent.

Approval of last minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th February were approved. It was noted that they had not yet been published on the website due to not being yet approved. It was agreed that in future minutes would be published in draft form as soon as they had been initially approved by community councillors who are asked to review the draft minutes and had a chance to make corrections. Action – all community councillors to respond to draft minutes with any corrections that they wish to make within 5 days.

Action Summary:

- **Signs** – JD had been told there would be an inspection of signage but has had no word that this has happened. JD will keep pressure on.
- **Web Portal** – AH there is concern that there is very little public interaction with the website (e.g. 3 views and 1 visit today). The meeting discussed how to improve this by either (a) adding more regular content than just minutes and agendas; (b) joining forces with either Crail.info or Crail Matters. Crail.info would be a better fit but there is an issue of ownership since Crail.info is managed by Crail Community Partnership (although Dennis Gowans of CPP says there is already a link to CCC website but it is not a tab. Crail matters is independent but does have the greatest footfall. Other discussions around perhaps publishing planning applications weekly on CCC website might improve popularity – BP noted that this must be via a link to Fife council website not a download as planning applications can change dynamically (or be withdrawn). DW noted that Crail community in particular was very active on Facebook, AH thought we had lost control of CCC facebook page but EH updated him on the fact that ownership had been tracked down and the page deleted.

Actions – communications subcommittee to explore further either linking with Crail.info or other re-instate facebook page.

- **Jubilee celebrations** – there were very few responses to the questionnaire so it was felt our community is not very enthusiastic about events to mark the jubilee other than the tree planting already organised. JW had asked whether he should withdraw the funding application in this case so that other communities could benefit instead. The meeting agreed this application should be withdrawn.
- **Cycle parking** – this item carried over to next meeting as SP is due to have a walk around the village tomorrow to identify potential site(s).
- **Children’s activities in community hall** – this refers to Cafe.inc who provide free lunches and holiday activities for underprivileged families during school holidays – currently active in St Monans and Anstruther. SP had been in contact with them and they do not yet have the staff to provide in Crail for Easter Holidays but hope to have something in place for the summer.
- **Kerb at Dan’s Goods** – Has been reported (LH) but no feedback or action yet.

Chairman’s Report:

- The bollards in High St, adjacent to Penmans were finally replaced earlier this month. These are however, too widely spaced. We complained that vehicles would be able to pass between them however the decision was taken to continue to instal. This has now been reviewed by Fife Council and supplementary bollards are to be installed.
- The pavement widening in St.Andrew’s Road was completed and the barriers finally removed. This a definite improvement.
- Colin and I both wrote to Lesley Craig of Traffic management about an update on progress following fresh concerns at Denburn narrows. This will be discussed as an agenda item.
- Congratulations to Will & Sue Cresswell and Crail Community Partnership on the successful planting of 2,500 trees and 1,000 pieces of hedging at Kilminning. A fantastic volunteer response with over 150 attending to help. Well done all. The meeting would also like to thank Footprint East Neuk for sourcing trees and equipment and to Crown Estates Scotland for funding.
- Noted that largo Leisure have sold their interest in Sauchope Leisure Park to Limestone Capital (Venture capitalists).

Treasurer’s Report:

- AP reported only one transaction of £143 to renew Zoom licence for a further year.. This leaves us with restricted funds of £3,016.13 and general funds of £2746.57 totalling £5762.70.

Update - Crail Community Partnership (CCP):

- Dennis Gowans (DG) reported that there were more than 230 responses to the Roome Bay survey but these had yet to be analysed. However CCP have begun a Community Asset Transfer for the Roome Bay toilets as a means of bringing it to Fife Council’s attention.
- The funding days awarded by the Scottish Government will be used to run a mini-charette for the harbour area. It was noted that the late Bernie’s family are hanging onto the last wooden fishing vessel from Crail in case the community would like it as an exhibit (The

Fisheries Museum do not want it already having its sister ship and the cost of maintenance).

- CCP have published a complete list of music events taking place in the Community Hall over the next year. DG noted that yesterday's Jazz orchestra event was very good indeed and sorry that only about 30 attendees. However on the plus side one of the family groups was Ukrainian refugees giving them a good welcome.

Agenda Items for Discussion

- **Crail to St Andrews Cycle Route** – SP current actions are getting all landowners on board. There has been some difficulty determining the route of the core path near Hammer Inn/ Chance Inn. Chris Broome is the best person to ask. There was a comment that the path in question was not a core path. [Note: since the meeting EH has sent SP a link to the core paths maps and the path in question is core path no. 075].
- **Traffic calming** – DJ has already circulated information about Denburn narrows – signage is being fabricated, white lining will be refreshed and it is likely the crossing point will be enhance by a raised bed. Since circulating the Denburn information we have been informed of problems at Orchard Park where residents have no option but to park on the road and cars coming round the corner at speed have caused a number of incidents including two write-offs. Although the 20mph Experimental traffic order is being progressed it is very unlikely to be actioned prior to the council election in May. In any case speed limit signs alone will not deter those who are already exceeding the 30mph. DJ will ask Lesley Craig of Fife council to take a look and do a speed survey at this location.
- **Common Good application for water supply** – the application for £2,562 is to cover investigation and planning. Matching amount will be raised by Crail Festival (for the putting green) and CCP (for Victoria Gardens). SP asked whether perhaps a single standpipe would suffice for both but the number of watering cans needed if planting during a dry spell (as happened last year - AP) would be enormous. It would be dangerous to keep crossing the main road and the putting green needs a more constant supply to provide pleasure to many thousands over the summer months (DG). Application approved. JD & BP asked to be emailed about this so they can chase it through.

Fife Councillors Reports:

JD has nothing to add

BP congratulates us on community actions and was grateful for the opportunity to have worked with us. This was seconded by JD.

AOCB –

- Crail Museum no longer wish to retain the notice board on the Town Hall but AH suggests we retain it until a better solution is arrived at when we could possibly sell it on. This will be held over to next month for discussion.
- MT asked if CCC wished to be associated with a hustings that Crail Matters would sponsor. The meeting agreed to host this event at the community hall on a date to be negotiated. Mid week is easier to book the hall but we also need to fit round similar events in other East Neuk communities.
- AP asked what was happening re the playpark – DWW says this has stalled but she will try and kickstart it again.
- DJ thanked the outgoing councillors – although they may still attend the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th April 2022 – 7:15pm in Crail Town Hall

DJ thanked all for attending

For Action:

Signs – JD

Web portal – communications sub committee

Traffic calming at Orchard Park - DJ/CM

Agenda Items

Cycle parking - SP