



ROYAL BURGH OF CRAIL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of 30th May 2022 7.20pm Crail Town Hall

Present: Chair: David Jerdan (DJ), Erica Hollis (EH), Colin Morrison (CM), Lynsey Watson (LW), Andrew Purves (AP), Max Taylor (MT), John Wilson (JW), Alan Hood (AH)
New councillors: Cllr Sean Dillon (SD), Cllr Fiona Corps (FC) and Cllr Alicia Hayes (CAH)

Apologies: Dawn Wallace-Watson (DWW), Sonja Potjewijd (SP), Dennis Gowans (for Crail Community Partnership)

Two members of the public

Welcome: DJ opened the meeting and welcomed all, especially our three new councillors.

Approval of last minutes:

The minutes of the 25th April meeting were approved

Action Summary:

- **Cycle Parking** – SP – In SP's absence this action is held over
- **Ecological report and appropriate objection for Sauchope plans** – DJ has submitted on behalf of CCC.
- **Stone and plaque for Queen's jubilee** – JW – the A4 plaque was too large so has been swapped for an A5 version. Many thanks to Watson stonemasons for providing a suitable stone and attaching the plaque at very reasonable price. DJ will get the stone put in place and cemented in before the end of the week for Jubilee weekend.
- **Lobster release** – AP still needs some payment details to action this.
- **Climate and Ecological Emergencies Bill** – EH – CCC support added.
- **Playpark** – DWW -the survey generated 107 responses which were shared with Iain Wilson (Fife council contact), who passed them on to one of their play park designers. The group is meeting with the play park designers on site on Thursday 16th June. An application to the Co-op community fund was submitted on 29th May.

Chairman's Report:

- A successful hustings meeting was held in the Community Hall on 27 April. This was well supported by 7 of the 8 candidates and 36 members of the public. Thanks to Crab Publishing/Crail Matters for hosting this.
- Speed calming measures are being installed in Anstruther next month. I have written to Lesley Craig of Fife Council traffic management to ask for an update on the proposed works at Denburn narrows and for further action on speed calming measures at both entrances to Crail. Lesley has replied that there is now a works order number for this but no date yet.
- Many thanks to all the volunteers who help to maintain our valued green spaces and floral displays. This includes cutting the grass at the putting green, the floral tubs, Victoria Gardens and Denburn Wood.

Treasurer's Report:

AP reported a single expenditure of £72.24. This leaves us with restricted funds of £3021.13 and general funds of £2664.37 totalling £5685.50. The restricted funds are committed to paying for the new gate when they are eventually installed.

Update - Crail Community Partnership (CCP):

- DJ reported that CCP is very pleased with the way bookings for the Community Hall are going, engaging with music promoters is having a very beneficial effect.
- CAH commented that if we forward details of events to her and fellow councillors they can help publicise events.

Agenda Items for Discussion

1. Local Place Plan – DJ asked David Brown (DB) from CCP to speak on this and suggested a subcommittee of interested parties from both CCP and CCC. DB outlined the history, the Scottish parliament introduced legislation in 2019 allowing local communities to prepare a local place plan which, if registered with the local authority, must be taken account of in the overall development plan for the authority's area. In our case Fife Council take informal account of the outcome of Crail's charrette so we need to make formal registration of our local place plan. To do this the current plan needs to (a) have the community views on not just Crail North but also the harbour and airfield areas and any other potential development areas; (b) demonstrate community consultation and (c) check that our local place plan fits within the existing planning legislation.

To do this we need to update the charrette and go back to the community with the views of both CCC and CCP.

The question was asked if Crail North was still "Live" – it is and so apparently is Pinkerton Farm phase II despite the fact that was completed several years ago – maybe this is simply an admin "glitch". The next step on Crail North would be a detailed plan, including access roads, from the developers.

Local place plans need to be registered by October so we need to make a clear start on consultations. It was proposed the a date is fixed in next 2 weeks for Crail community councillors and CCP trustees to meet to look at the documents already drawn up by DB and David Mann. AH was asked to facilitate this.

2. Mara Seaweed proposal – Although there is a public meeting on this tomorrow, Crail fishermen have declined to attend it, partly because Mara failed to show up for a previous meeting. Their problem seems to be that while they may avoid the designated area when setting their creels, creels do move and could therefore end up be inaccessible to lift. As creel fishing is an important industry in Crail, we as a council need to show support and take part in the public consultation (which should not just be this single short notice meeting). CAH volunteered to look into the legislation surrounding sea weed farms. Mara already have a license from Crown Estates for seaweed harvesting on 40km of East Neuk coast line. EH pointed out that the proposal area was well offshore and therefore presented a different nature.

Fife Councillors Reports:

SD informed the meeting that a consultation on bus routes between St Andrews and Kirkcaldy started today and runs into July. Anyone interested should try and complete the survey. MT will publicise in Crail Matters. EH asked if the survey would include questions on the state of the actual buses not just the routes and apparently it does.

AOCB –

- A member of the public asked if CCC had a view on short term let legislation. DJ commented that it wasn't something we had discussed but perhaps it should be a discussion item for the future as there are vested interests on both sides, both those who make a living from holiday lets and those who want/need to live here but are priced out by those buying holiday homes, or inconvenienced by being surrounded by short term lets. This should perhaps be best addressed in the local place plan.

The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Date of next meeting and AGM: Monday 27th June 2022 – 7:15pm in Crail Town Hall – apologies in advance from DJ who will be away but the meeting will be chaired in his absence by MT.

DJ thanked all for attending

For Action:

Cycle Parking - SP

Jubilee plaque/stone to be put in place – DJ

Lobster release – DJ to provide payment details to AP for to make CCC's contribution

Climate and Ecological Emergencies Bill – EH

Playpark – DWW

Local Place plan meeting - AH