



# ROYAL BURGH OF CRAIL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of 27th June 2022  
7.15pm Crail Town Hall**

**Present:** Chair: Erica Hollis (EH), Colin Morrison (CM), Lynsey Watson (LW), Dawn Wallace-Watson (DWW), Andrew Purves (AP), John Wilson (JW), Alan Hood (AH), Dennis Gowans (DG) and Will Cresswell (WC) (for Crail Community Partnership)  
Councillors: Cllr Sean Dillon (SD), Cllr Fiona Corps (FC) and Cllr Alycia Hayes (CAH)

**Apologies:** David Jerdan (DJ), Max Taylor (MT), Sonja Potjewijd (SP),

One member of the public and one speaker (Gillian) from First Responders

**Welcome:** JW opened the meeting and welcomed all

**Approval of last minutes:**

The minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> May meeting were approved

JW asked Gillian to speak first so she could get away.

In this first visit since 2018, Gillian wanted to update the community on a number of issues affecting the First Responders (FR). The good news is that they are back to full working capacity (since Covid) and covering events (like Crail Food Festival) in addition to calls via the Ambulance service. They are also in the process of replacing the cabinets housing the defibrillators as an issue has been identified with the originals supplied.

However they are still having problems with the Scottish Ambulance service (SAS) restricting the types of calls that are passed on. The restrictions originated from when there was insufficient training in place for some of the FR team but, since the training was all completed and despite many requests, the categories of calls passed on remains restricted. This means FR are not called to serious fractures, catastrophic bleeds or paediatric cardiac arrests despite the fact that these are some of the very issues that have best outcomes if treated as soon as possible – which the FR team are much more able to do than the over-stretched SAS. E.g. several times recently ALL the ambulances for our area have been stuck in queues at Victoria Hospital meaning 999 calls result in a despatch from Dundee or even Arbroath – with the consequent delays that entails. FR have met with Willie Rennie and Wendy Chamberlain (MSP and MP) and also Dr Claire Scott and our pharmacist Ian Rooney who are all of the strong opinion that SAS continuing to restrict calls is not acceptable and may cost lives (indeed may already have done so). Sometimes they are not even despatched to calls that are of their current permitted type and several investigations on these have never been concluded.

In response to Fife council's call for help with the Social care team especially around lifting fallen clients, FR have undergone lifting training and purchased equipment and volunteered to assist with this type of call but, at the last minute, Fife Council decided this might constitute a breach of GDPR and referred it to their legal team (this despite having written to all recipients of Social Care advising them of the involvement of FR and giving them a chance to opt out).

The meeting discussed how Crail Community Council could help and agreed to put together a template letter to the Scottish Health Secretary on the issues with the SAS calls, which could be distributed through Crail's social media channels for all members of the community to write direct as often it is volume of correspondence on a single issue that has more effect than either meetings or petitions. (Action AH and DWW)

On the second issue, our three councillors will continue to press for the assistance with social care to move forward. (Action SD, FC and CAH).

JW thanked Gillian and she left the meeting.

### **Action Summary:**

- **Cycle Parking** – SP did not attend this (which would be her last) meeting.
- **Stone and plaque for Queen's jubilee** – was erected in time for the jubilee weekend and looks very smart. Tarr has been laid on either side of the steps to tidy up the entrance.
- **Lobster release** – AP & DJ were unable to find the correct location for the payment to be made – investigation and then payment held over.
- **Climate and Ecological Emergencies Bill** – EH – the bill had its second reading in May but will not proceed any further in this session of parliament.
- **Playpark** – DWW met with the play park designers on site on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June (despite the designer injuring herself earlier in the day). The designers have done 5 other local playparks and will come up with a plan, costings and some options on types of equipment but a realistic timeline on Fife council actioning it is about 18 months. Apparently the St Monan's one is just being installed (CAH). In the short term more of the old equipment will have to be removed as LW witnessed a 5 year old boy trapping and badly cutting his legs on the see saw (Action: DWW)
- Local Place plan – covered in Chairman's report

### **Chairman's Report:**

- A joint meeting of members of Crail Community Council and Trustees of Crail Community partnership was held on 13<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the Local Place Plan. Virtually all the Crail Community Council members were in attendance. A joint sub committee of Dawn Wallace, Lynsey Watson, David Brown, David Mann & Will Cresswell will consider the various matters that need to be addressed to update our existing local place plan based on the outcome of the Charrette, and report back. This will include plans for a public consultation.
- I wrote to our Fife Councillors regarding the temporary traffic lights on the A917 before Colinsburgh, and the disappointing response from Fife traffic dept has been circulated. Update from CAH the traffic lights are to prevent further damage to the bridge before repairs can start – probably in July.
- The priority signage at Denburn narrows has been partially completed at time of writing. We await a timetable for the proposed 20mph speed limit. See AOB for discussion.
- Sonja Potjewijd is stepping down from our Council tonight as she and her family are moving to St. Andrews. Sonja has been a valuable and active member of our Community Council and we are sorry to lose her.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

There is no change to the accounts since the last meeting but there is an anticipated spend of £175 on the lobster release program (AP).

### **Update - Crail Community Partnership (CCP):**

- DG reported that the harbour survey is going well, it finishes on 10<sup>th</sup> July and still needs some responses from the fishermen. Due to holidays this will not be analysed until August.
- August will probably also be the time for a public meeting on the Roome Bay responses.

Two requests for Common Good funds from the CCP

- firstly for £2000 towards replacing the lead flashing on the Community Hall Roof which it leaking again (DG) This can be passed without going to full committee as under £5000.
- second for £10000 towards further Natural environment improvements at Kilminning. WC is securing funding from a number of sources (including donations from a local craft group, wildlife groups and crowdfunding), in order to go ahead with lifting the tarmac and releasing the burn(s) to form a wetland.

The meeting unanimously supported both applications. SD will seek a copy of the current balance sheet of Crail Common Good fund for both CCC and CCP.

### **Councillors reports**

CAH nothing to report other than that they had attended a planning committee but the Sauchope links plans were not discussed.

FC – nothing to report

SD – nothing to report as they are still at the stage of organising committees.

### **AOCB –**

- EH and a member of the public raised the issue that the work that has so far been done to improve Denburn Narrows has, in fact, made matters worse. EH has seen 2 instances of cars going towards the golf club pulling round the new island straight into the path of oncoming cars and the member of the public finds it is now difficult to turn a car and trailer into Kirk Wynd as he has to swing out round the island then in again to get sufficient room to turn without hitting the garden wall (and also to spot any vehicles coming the wrong way up Kirk Wynd – which EH has also witnessed recently). With the give way lines at the golf club end of the narrows faded away to almost invisible (as are the repeat 20mph signs on the road) and no real indication of when one should give way in any case since both ends have give way lines but there is room to pass in the middle. CM and CAH are going to try and find out whether the traffic engineer can come and take another look and perhaps also when the rest of the work will be done.
- LW commented that bad parking in the High Street was causing large vehicle and those with trailers to weave around with the potential for clipping badly parked cars. Possible solutions suggested were more frequent visits by traffic wardens – and not on fixed days (Action CAH), more parking outwith the centre (DG to take up with sustrans), more yellow lines (but the current ones are ignored so little point) or marked parking bays to try and persuade people to line up better (but more markings/signs not desirable in conservation area)
- AP pointed out that actions on missing and damaged street signs and the possibility of getting “Royal Burgh” and town crest on signs at entries to the village had never been concluded by previous councillors. SD will progress this if AP sends him a list of the signage issues. DG pointed out that CCP have the artwork for the crest available.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

**Date of next meeting and AGM: Monday 29th August 2022 – 7:15pm in Crail Town Hall –**  
No meeting in July.

JW thanked all for attending

**For Action:**

Lobster release – AP

Template letter re First responders – AH

Circulation of template letter – DWW

First responders and social care lifting team issue – all 3 councillors

Prompting Fife council to remove or make safe the see saw in the playpark by the school - DWW

Denburn Narrows – CM & CAH

Parking wardens – CAH

Signage – AP and SD