



## ROYAL BURGH OF CRAIL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**7.15pm Crail Town Hall**

**Present:** Chair: John Wilson (JW), Erica Hollis (EH), Colin Morrison (CM), Andrew Purves (AP), John Wilson (JW), Dennis Gowans (DG) (for Crail Community Partnership)  
Councillors: Cllr Alycia Hayes (CAH)

**Apologies:** David Jerdan (DJ), Max Taylor (MT), Lynsey Watson (LW), Cllr Sean Dillon, Cllr Fiona Corps

No members of the public

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

### **Approval of last minutes:**

The minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> August meeting were approved

JW asked Cllr Alycia for her report first as she has to go on to the CC meeting at Anstruther.

Alycia continues to press Fife Council Social Care regarding the problem child but not getting any meaningful response, she will continue pressing them.

CM reported that he had met with the police on this issue but they are already doing all they legally can – attending calls and removing the child back to his legal guardian, submitting a crime report on each incident to Social Care, usually the next day, and attending the 4 weekly multi-disciplinary case reviews. Despite this, a Crail resident was given the impression that Social Care think the outcomes of these incidents were “not that bad”, which given the sometimes considerable expense the victims incur in repairing or replacing damaged property is not acceptable. Will Fife Council consider compensation for harm caused through apparent failure to take control of the problem?

Alycia reports that Stagecoach will continue with their proposed alterations to 95 timetable despite public outcry, especially on the removal of the early morning service. She will ask for the extension of the Go Flexi service to cover early mornings and to increase the number of buses/drivers that currently mean many would-be travellers are turned away. EH commented that without this it is driving up car usage – which Fife Council claim to be trying to reduce.

Lastly Alycia reports that the A917 will be closed for resurfacing between Pitmilly and Boarhills from 17<sup>th</sup> October to 10<sup>th</sup> November, but that the Colinsburgh roadworks are now completed. EH commented that these road closures with long diversions, including for cyclists and consequent bus delays, are yet another disincentive for people to use non-car routes to work.

Alycia then left to attend another meeting.

### **Action Summary:**

- **Promotion of Police Survey** – no update
- **Colinsburgh Bridge Repairs** – now complete.

- **First responders involvement in emergencies** - lifting issue now resolved; issue of which calls were deemed suitable (by the Ambulance Service) to pass to the First Responders is still ongoing

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

- The proposed application from Crail Primary school nursery for common good funding for a play slide, could not proceed, as they are not a registered body. Crail community partnership will help progress alternative funding.
- The 18 month trial 20mph speed limit throughout Crail is to proceed.
- DJ wrote to our Councillors to ask for an update on the fatality at the go kart track and the previous wheel incident at Crail raceway. The reply has been circulated.
- John Freeth will attend the next meeting to make a brief presentation on recycling, meantime people should try and fill in his survey using the link given in Crail Matters.

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

No expenditure this month, leaving reserved funds at £3021.13 and general funds £2489.37. Anticipated expenditure will be invoice for use of Town Hall for meetings and a wreath for Remembrance Day.

Councillors please note that Remembrance day on 13<sup>th</sup> November will commence at 10:45 at the Church gates for wreath laying to be followed by the Church Service at 11:15am.

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

- It is proposed to extend the car park in Beechwalk park, both up to the MUGA and over the grassy area previously utilised but now fallen out of use. The wooden hut belonging to Crail Festival (and previously moved from within the curtilage of the Community Hall for fire safety reasons) will be replaced by a steel storage unit which can be located within the curtilage to the north of the Community Hall. Fife council are happy with this but we need to consult the community – the Community councillors at the meeting are all in favour but due to the low turnout (only just quorate), suggest the wider community feeling be assessed by putting the idea in Crail Matters. Enlarging the carpark would enable a marquee to be used during weddings when, after the ceremony, guests need to be accommodated elsewhere while the hall is set up for the reception.
- Cycle parking – no progress to report so far.
- There will be another Open Day at the Community Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> October mainly to publish results of surveys on harbour and Kilminning but possibly also an informal assessment of the consequences of anti-social behaviour in Crail.

#### **Councillors reports**

covered at start of meeting – due to the Royal funeral last week, community council meetings of other East Neuk villages are, this month, on the same evening as Crail's.

#### **AOCB –**

- DG informed the meeting that the crabbing pool/boating pond/paddling pool needs some repair to the concrete retaining wall and drainage channel as the former is crumbling and the latter getting deeper and deeper leading to there being very little water retained in the pool at low tide. This needs more than a DIY repair but DG is unsure of whether this comes under Fife Coast and Countryside or another body. Being below high tide level it may come under Crown Estates – which in Scotland is now administered separately but not sure by whom. On this subject, it was noted that the winner of the crabbing competition during the festival caught 70 crabs in a single hour! So the pool is definitely a wild life resource also.

The meeting closed at 19:45.

**Date of next meeting and AGM: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 – 7:15pm in Crail Town Hall –**

JW thanked all for attending

**For Action:**

- AP – purchase of Remembrance day wreath
- Councillor AH – press Fife Council to extend the Go Flexi service to take up short fall in new Stagecoach timetable.
- DG – put Beechwalk Park carpark extension proposal in Crail Matters for comment.
- ?? to find out who should be approached regarding repairs to the crabbing pool.