

**Minutes of the 421st Meeting of Crossford Community Council held at 7.15pm on Monday, 23rd June 2025 in Crossford Village Hall**

**PRESENT:**

 A Rintoul Secretary

 D Hay Chair

 D Quarm Vice Chair

 R Baxter

 A Hibbert

 V Carr

 S Ballinger

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

 2 members of the public

 Councillor Glen

**APOLOGIES:**

 Apologies were received from R Brougham and J Lauchlan.

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May and previously distributed, were agreed to be an accurate record, proposed for adoption by A Hibbert and seconded by V Carr.

**PRESENTATION BY HAGS RE PLAY AREAS**

Dawn from HAGS carried out a presentation regarding the Play Areas in the King George V Park. HAGS were responsible for carrying out the work on the Play Area last time it was refitted. She was introduced by V Carr, who will lead on this.

Dawn explained that she and her company – American owned, but with manufacturing facilities in Perth and Selby, Yorkshire - design and sell playground equipment. She has looked at the equipment, and although some of it is in good and serviceable condition, some is in need of replacement. She has provided V Carr with a link to an online presentation, which he will forward to members.

She has suggested various new items of equipment, including a number of new “inclusive” items, and “Uniplay” equipment, which incorporates different items of play equipment within one unit. She noted that there was a lifetime warranty on structural steelwork elements, and various other materials have a life of 10-15 years, with rubber items for two years.

The next stage is to put a proposition forward for Fife Council’s consideration. Dawn noted that there was Scottish Government funding for play areas which could assist, although it is not “match funding”, but Cllr Glen noted that Fife Council has its own Fife wide strategy. Kevin O’Kane is in the lead for the Council, and V Carr should speak to him. Cllr Glen also noted that we should look at and contact those responsible for the work at St Leonards Playpark, and he will provide contacts for this and another similar project to V Carr.

Dawn noted that she had put together a proposal for new equipment, which totalled £125,000. Essentially, though, this seems to be a starting point from which they would negotiate downwards. For example, just replacing the smaller children’s play area would be around £50,000. The lead time once an order was placed was eight weeks for construction and a further two weeks or so for installation.

Cllr Glen noted that this could only happen after a wide consultation with local residents, particularly those with young children who would be the users, and the Primary School would be an important source of views. V Carr agreed that this would be necessary, as we would need to know what equipment users would want. Dawn noted that the first choice of many was often a zipwire. V Carr also noted that we would need a draft design, once we knew what preferences were.

It was agreed that he would send a link to the presentation and other information, and once we are happy with the proposal we would involve the public in a consultation.

2. **POLICE REPORT**

Neither of the Community Police Officers were able to attend, due to other duties. However, they did provide a report for the period since the previous meeting.

“Since the last meeting we have to report as follows:

Between 12th May and 21st June 23 calls were made to Police via 101/999 or online “Contact-us”.

8 crimes were identified/recorded

Road Traffic Act x 6

Theft x 1

Attempt to pervert the course of justice x 1

There is nothing to report of concern regarding the community.”

 3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Pitconochie Proposal

D Hay noted that he and the Secretary, A Rintoul, were due to have a meeting with representatives of Barratt Homes the following day. After some discussion, it was agreed that they would raise the following issues:

1. Dust: will there be compensation for householders?
2. Piling: they have to keep below 70Db**;** are there noise monitors? Where?
3. Any dilapidations surveys to be carried out on houses?
4. Are they doing methane monitoring in the areas being piled?
5. What is happening with Gerry Gaffney’s newsewerage connection? What is it being connected to, temporarily and permanently? See Scottish Water document on “Conditional Technical Audit”.
6. Drainage: need them to confirm that drainage pipe is to go 500mm below the Ineos pipe, and whether this means that the surface water will have to be pumped
7. Can we see plan?
8. Can they ask lorries taking material down Waggon Rd to go more slowly – and what are they taking away?

Cllr Glen reported back on the Community Benefit. It had been queried whether the amount originally required for the traffic lights would be paid by the current owners. He reported that there were only two items of Community Benefit related to this development, and these were the two related to the schools.

Carnegie’s Way

A Hibbert noted that there would be an online meeting the following day with Holly Hunter and Alan McLean to discuss how this is going to be taken forward.

Footpath repairs

Woodland Walk: Ronnie Collins has dropped off pipes to D Hay for improving the drainage under the path to the burn, but this work is still to be carried out.

Targate Rd: It had previously been noted that proposals for the possible Milesmark Croft realignment will have to wait for agreement with Jim Wylie on the Wetlands footpath. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, who are “providing an Outdoor Access officer function” for Fife Council, have not yet responded to A Rintoul’s email on this, and he will follow up yet again with them, and attempt to get a telephone number so that we have a contact within that organisation.

R671 (Waggon Rd) footpath: This will also be discussed by D Hay with Jim Wylie in due course.

Gallowhill footpath: A Rintoul noted that he had informed Mark Burns of Fife Council that the Elgin Estate had finally given their consent for the Community Council and Fife Council to provide and lay surfacing materials at the Waggon Rd end of the footpath. Mark Burns is to arrange for it to be spread and tamped down through the “Community Payback” scheme, but unfortunately we still await a response from him, in spite of a number of emails. A Rintoul will follow up with a phone call to him.

A Rintoul will also provide copies of the Walks Leaflet to D Quarm.

Traffic Management Survey and Assessment:

A Rintoul contacted Lesley Craig, and the new speed limit signs were erected during the week beginning 16 June.

MUGA :

D Hay reported he was still waiting for Shaun Crosbie to confirm that the MUGA lease to CREATE had been cancelled. Cllr Glen was to ask Shaun Crosbie for a progress update. He understands that Shaun is waiting for legals to come back.

Cllr Glen will again contact Shaun Crosbie, and try to get confirmation.

The Orchard

With regard to the water leak, there has been no progress. A Hibbert had investigated enforcement regarding the water leak, and Scottish Water said that they would look at this, but they seem unconcerned by the loss of water, and have not issued a “Waste of Water Notice” under the Water (Scotland) Act.

Cllr Boubaker-Calder is dealing with the issue of the mediation required to deal with the condition of the road, and we await an update from her.

Morar Rd green area trees

 Cllr Boubaker-Calder had been informed by Wimpey that they have researched their records, and are of the view that the public open space was all handed over to Fife Council for maintenance purposes when the development was complete, and that it is therefore Fife Council’s responsibility.

A Rintoul has followed up with Fife Council on this, and awaits a response from them.

Cairn Grove lighting

Cllr Glen has been in touch with Transportation and it appears that this is not on this year’s programme, although they are now aware of it

Cairn Grove footpath tree root: Cllr Glen has been in touch with Paul McLelland, who will look at this, and again Cllr Glen will report back once Paul McLelland responds.

Bedding Plants: A Rintoul contacted Lady Helen Nurseries and arranged for the bedding plants to be delivered/collected. They were planted out by volunteers the week before the Gala. He noted that the price was substantially less than what we had previously been charged, and that Lady Helen Nurseries suggested that if we put in our order in September, then we can be sure of getting the range of plants and different colours which we want, and we would be able to get them earlier.

The owner of the house at the NE corner of Cairneyhill Rd and Douglas Dr has asked for the three tier planter to be moved, so that they can rebuild their garden wall. D Hay is to look at where it can go.

4. **TIME BANKING**

The Secretary, A Rintoul, has spoken to Morag Prince of the Rotary Club regarding this. She noted that the Rotary Club has put this on the back burner for the moment, so we can remove this from our Agenda. She also said that the Rotary Club are still keen to engage with Community Councils in the area, and help with any projects where they can.

5**. COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND**

D Hay reported that the work was mostly completed, and the invoice from Peter Duncan had been paid. The contractors are to come back to sort the problems with the gates which don’t close properly. D Hay has been provided with more details of the expenditure. Peter Duncan had had £55,000 paid, with the remaining £5,000 to be retained for signage etc.

D Hay also reported that a site walk around the Reed Beds had taken place with the Mining Remediation Authority which he had attended, and found interesting. One half of the reed beds had been switched off for six months and had now been turned back on again. The other half would have to be dealt with in the next few years.

**6. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

D Hay reported that he had been in touch with Paul McLelland regarding the outstanding works in the King George V Park, and would do so again.

**7. TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer was unable to be present, but provided his Report:

**Funds at 22nd June 2025**

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| **Opening Balance** |  | **£67,846.69** |
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| **Income** |  |  |
| **N/A** | **£0.00** |  |
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| **Expenditure** |  |  |
| **Bank of Scotland Account Service Charge (2 month)** | **£8.50** |  |
| **Fife Council CRF (Allotment & Wetland Park Project)** | **£55,000.00** |  |
| **Paint for Bridge @ King George V Park** | **£20.00** |  |
| **Gardening Services for Village Flower Beds** | **£80.00** |  |
| **Village Flowers & Compost @ Fairley’s** | **£272.37** |  |
| **Village Flowers** | **£353.20** |  |
|  | **-£55,734.07** | **£12,112.62** |
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| **Monies Held in Trust** |  |  |
| **Fife Council CRF (Allotment & Wetland Park Project)** | **£5,000.00** |  |
| **Dunfermline & West Fife Rights of Way** | **£2,890.91** |  |
| **CREATE (Funds for Surface Renewal)** | **£2,309.46** |  |
| **Rotary Donation for Bird & Bat boxes** | **£500.00** |  |
| **Crossford Chronicle Printing** | **£600.00** |  |
|  | **-£11,300.37** | **£812.25** |
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| **Community Council Balance** | **=** | **£812.25** |
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| **Unpresented Cheques** |  |  |
| **N/A** | **£0.00** |  |
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**8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE**

J Lauchlan reported that he has added AGM Minutes to the website.

**9. LOCAL PLACE PLAN**

A Rintoul will keep working on the Local Place Plan, and hopes to have carried out some additional work by the time of the next meeting.

J Lauchlan will set up a meeting with the School PTA so that something can be included about a permanent replacement Nursery building.

**10. CROSSFORD CHRONICLE REPORT**

 D Quarm will reach out to contacts and see whether he can arrange for an issue to go out. He will co-ordinate with the Gala Committee.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. FVA Children etc newsletter 130525
2. SEPA email re consultation on Performance Assessment.130525
3. FVA Newsletter 160525
4. FVA Health and Social Care bulletin.190525
5. Jamie Penman to ABR re Barratt.200525
6. FVA Newsletter.230525
7. FVA Young People etc.260525
8. Consultation on draft Fife Woodland Strategy.280525
9. Planning to ABR re Asbestos report re Barratt site.280525
10. FVA Newsletter.300525
11. Derek Glen re Planning Obligations.300525
12. Fife Planning Update.300525
13. Weekly List.010625
14. FVA Newsletter.020625
15. FVA Children etc.060625
16. Weekly List.080625
17. Parish Online newsletter.110625
18. Planning re Short-Term Letting Control Areas.130625
19. FVA Newsletter.130625
20. Weekly List 150625
21. FVA Health and Social Care.160625
22. SEPA EPAS Consultation.170625
23. Fife Planning Update.170625
24. Cllr Glen re ICO.190625
25. Fife Funding Bulletin.190625
26. Morag Prince re Time Banking.190625
27. FVA Newsletter.200625
28. Weekly List 220625

**12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

*Applications registered*

Date Reference Proposal Address

21/05/25 25/00575/ADV Display of free standing signs Land to the west of

 And 4 flag signs Crossford

17/06/25 25/01618/FULL Extension to side and rear of 9 Miller Ave

 Dwellinghouse, and raised Crossford

 platform

*Applications Determined*

Decision Date Reference/Decision Proposal Address

None

*Work Commenced*

Reference Date Commenced Proposal Address

None

*Work Completed*

Reference Date Completed Proposal Address

None.

A Rintoul reported that an objection had been submitted to Fife Council regarding the proposed stables development, amd he will forward this to all Community Council members.

1. **13. AOCB**
	1. S Ballinger raised the issue of Cllr Boubaker-Calder’s non-attendance at our meetings; it was noted that she has not attended since October 2024. A Rintoul will draft a letter for D Hay regarding her non-attendance.
	2. The issue of Pavement Parking was discussed again. Fife Council have agreed to implement the national Pavement Parking ban on 1st September. Cllr Glen confirmed that this would be the case, and that between now and implementation, there will be a series of discussions and workshops with Councillors and officials to discuss this. He understands that there will be no new enforcement officers. Although there is no formal process by which Community Councils can propose streets for exemption, Cllr Glen proposed that the best way to deal with this would be if the Community Council provided him with a list of streets which they believed should be exempt. It would be helpful if this list could be with him by early August as he has a meeting at the end of the first week in August regarding Pavement Parking where he could propose these streets for exemption. An exemption will only be considered if the footway is wide enough to maintain a clear 1.5 metre space when a vehicle is partially or fully parked on it; or the carriageway adjacent to the footway is wide enough for emergency vehicles to pass, but this access would be blocked if a vehicle is parked there. It was agreed that the bus route through Crossford would be an appropriate route to look at. Cllr Glen will forward a statement which he has released to A Rintoul, who will use this to prepare a document on this subject which will be put onto the Crossford Residents’ Facebook page, and onto our website, and in hard copy into the Notice Board.
	3. A Hibbert has produced a QR code which when scanned takes the

user to the Community Council website. D Quarm will take this and laminate it, and pass to A Rintoul who will put it in the Notice Board.

* 1. S Ballinger raised the question of the bunting, which had not been put out this year. D Hay stated that he understood that the Gala Committee did not want to meet the cost of putting it up.

**13. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**.

The next meeting for Crossford Community Council will take place on **Monday, 11th August**

 **2025, at 7.15pm in Crossford Village Hall, Crossford**

**ADDITIONAL ACTION POINTS**

1. Cllr Glen to provide contacts details of those involved in other projects in Dunfermline.
2. V Carr to send on link to Playpark presentation to other Community Council members
3. V Carr to contact Kevin O’Kane of Fife Council re Playparks.
4. A Rintoul and D Hay to meet representatives of Barratt and report back.
5. A Rintoul to follow up again with Fife Coast and Countryside Trust re Targate Rd footpath.
6. A Rintoul to contact Mark Burns again to ask him to arrange for the work to be carried out on the Gallowhill footpath.
7. D Hay to discuss R671 (Waggon Rd) path and Targate Rd path with Jim Wylie, once path through wetlands agreed and completed satisfactorily.
8. Cllr Glen to contact Shaun Crosbie again regarding the MUGA.
9. D Hay to organise removal of three tier planter at corner of Douglas Dr and Cairneyhill Rd, to allow the owner to have front wall rebuilt.
10. Cllr Boubaker-Calder to report back on progress re The Orchard mediation.
11. A Rintoul to contact Fife Council again re trees at Morar Rd green space, as Wimpey have said that they believe that Fife Council are responsible for maintenance.
12. D Quarm to arrange meeting with interested parties regarding the production of the next edition of the Crossford Chronicle.
13. A Rintoul to continue drafting Local Place Plan
14. J Lauchlan to set up meeting with School PTA re information for Local Place Plan
15. A Hibbert to note on Crossford Residents’ Page on Facebook that the Community Council website now has copies of all Community Council AGM and Meetings Minutes, as well as a copy of the Draft Local Place Plan, and J Lauchlan to put note re website into next issue of Crossford Chronicle.
16. A Rintoul to provide Community Council members with a copy of our Objection to the Stables planning application adjacent to Woodhill Grove.
17. Community Council members led by D Hay and A Rintoul to provide Cllr Glen with proposals for the streets which we would want to see exempted from the Pavement Parking rules, by end July/beginning of August, in time for his August meeting on this.
18. A Rintoul to draft document for putting on Community Council website, Crossford Residents Page, and Notice Board, informing residents of new Pavement Parking rules.