

Minutes of the 394th meeting of Crossford Community Council

held at 7.15pm on Monday, 15th August 2022 in Crossford Village Hall

PRESENT:

J Matson Vice-chair

S Ballinger Secretary

J Lauchlan Treasurer

S Gibbons Chronicle Editor

R Baxter

R Brougham

E Fearn

S Harris

A Hibbert

A Rintoul

D Quarm Co-opted Member

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor A Boubaker-Calder Fife Council

Councillor D Glen Fife Council

C Smith Chairman, Cairneyhill Community Council

1 member of the public

J Matson welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the Secretary to report any apologies for absence.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence had been received from D Hay, Councillor Leishman and PC Lynch.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2022 and previously distributed, were agreed to be a correct record, proposed for adoption by E Fearn, seconded by J Lauchlan and signed by J Matson.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Pitconochie Proposals

A new list of Councillors on the planning committee had been forwarded by Councillor Glen for Crossford Community Council’s records.

J Matson said there was nothing further to report as a suitable drainage plan for the proposed development had still not been forwarded to Fife Council.

Carnegie’s Way - Crossford to Dunfermline

This would be discussed under item 6 .

Footpath Repairs (ROW FD55/ FC Core Paths 675 & 678)

Partial repair had been undertaken by J Wylie of Knockhouse Farm on the land west of that location, with more to be done in the Autumn after harvest time. Work was still required on the route east from the Urquhart/N.Urquhart junction to William Street.

All Weather Play Pitch/ Multi-use Games Area

Replacement of the remaining light units would take place in the near future.

Pitconochie House Development Application

A decision had taken place on this application (no. 21/01274/FULL) at Fife Council’s Central & West Area planning committee meeting on Wednesday, 29th June. The decision was for the premises to be used for storage only.

3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

J Matson said that her items for discussion would be covered under the agenda for this meeting. The community constable for the area had provided a written report.

Police Report

PC Lynch reported 13 calls from Crossford to the constabulary using either the 101 non-emergency) or 999 (emergency) numbers during the month of July.

* 6 of these calls related to road traffic matters.
* 1 crime of vandalism was recorded. Enquiry ongoing.

Speeding concerns on the Main Street and Lundin Road were being addressed. Hand-held speed detection devices would be utilised at various sites until the end of October.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer had provided a written report as at 15th August 2022 and this was accepted.

Bank of Scotland Opening Balance £10,060.29

Income

Chronicle Advertisements £ 105.00

Fife Council LCP Grant £4,800.00

Fife Council Community Council Grant £ 729.80

£5,634.80 £15,695.09

Expenditure

Secretary’s expenses £ 4.99

Retirement gift for A Stirling (rtd. Treasurer) £ 100.00

Scotways Membership Renewal (Annual) £ 20.00

CCTV Installation Scout Hall (West) £ 372.00

£ 496.99 £15,198.10

Monies Held in Trust

Dunfermline & West Fife Right of Way £2,890.91

Crossford Scouts £ 300.00

Woodland Walk Repairs £1,650.00

CREATE (MUGA Pitch Resurfacing) £2,309.46

Jubilee Trees £ 768.60

£7,918.97 -£7,918.97

£7,279.13

Community Council Balance = £7,279.13

Unpresented cheques

Gala Committee £2,000.00

Repairs to Village Noticeboard £ 40.92

5. PLANTING OF TREES IN KING GEORGE V PARK

A Hibbert spoke in detail about the quotation for £768.60 from Fairley’s for the 3 suitably sized, mature trees for planting as part of the Jubilee celebrations. Pre-meeting information about the Hornbeam, Whitebeam and Maple trees had been emailed to members for their consideration. D Quorn advised that £300 of funding from the Scouts would be donated for the trees.

The quotation was acceptable and October was the preferred planting time with use of a mini-digger/tractor required for driving in the stakes.

One possible planting site between the MUGA and footpath had been discussed at an earlier meeting; however, E Fearn was concerned about the safety aspect of the playing area following leaf fall in the Autumn due to the close proximity.

During discussion it was agreed that Fife Council would be unlikely to undertake leaf clearance due to funding constraints. One other suggested planting area was between the Scout Hall and the John Hamilton memorial bench.

A vote was taken with 6 in favour of a new site and 4 abstentions, a decision on a new site to be made at the September meeting.

Continuing, A Hibbert said that at the April meeting he had raised the possibility of planting a line of Cherry trees on the west side of the footpath south of the MUGA to enhance this open area. There could be 8 trees, setback 7 metres from the path and spaced 20 metres apart which would allow access by larger vehicles at Gala time.

He noted in his recent email to members that this suggestion was for further discussion.

6. CARNEGIE’S WAY UPDATE.

A Hibbert reported that an Expression of Interest recognised by Fife Council had been submitted to Sustrans Places for Everyone programme which provided funding for active travel infrastructure. Sustrans is supported by Transport Scotland, part of the Scottish Government.

Fife Council had seen 2 routes as suggested by the external consultant. The first going directly east to the Glen Gates and the second using the farm road south and then east to Lovers Loan.

Continuing, A Hibbert said that Fife Council’s lead consultant involved with this project appears to favour the southern route which pointed towards the railway station. Crossford Community Council favoured the direct route east and into Dunfermline’s central area. A route adjacent to Urquhart Cut was not considered feasible due to incline and cost.

Landowner consideration and farm vehicle traffic were future matters for the decision makers.

J Matson recalled previous experiences with landowners on proposed developments and said that people needed to support public consultation which would take place as a requirement for provision of funding.

At this point the Secretary suggested that A Hibbert might like to comment on the long awaited Western Distributor Road (WDR) which would link the Pitreavie roundabout with Limekilns Road.

A Hibbert said that enquiry had indicated that construction of the WDR link could be 5-10 years into the future.

7. EDITOR’S REPORT

The Editor requested copy for the Autumn edition of the Chronicle by 27th August. An earlier copy of Crossford Groups’ contacts would be updated.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received via e-mail was reported as follows –

Fife Council, Central & West Planning Service - Planning Committee Meeting online, 29th June 2022.

Fife Council, Communities & Neighbourhoods Service - Funding ebulletin August 2022.

Fife Council, Communities & Neighbourhoods Service - Crowdfunder/FC partnership. Local projects <£2k.

Fife Council, Community Council Service - Alcohol Focus Scotland is updating its Alcohol Licence toolkit.

Fife Council - Elected Members poster.

Fife Voluntary Action - News and weekly updates.

Fife Centre for Equalities - News & Events in weekly updates.

NHS Fife - Weekly update.

SA Somerville MSP - Newsletter, Sumer 2022.

Friends of Pittencrieff Park - Letter of thanks re CCC water bowser demonstration.

Scotways (Rights of Way Society) - Newsletter, Summer 2022.

Scottish Water - Annual consultative meeting, 30th August at Novotel, Edinburgh.

Bear Scotland - Newsletter, Summer 2022.

New Economy Law on behalf of Shieldhill & California CC - Info. about the new consultation by Sco. Gov. re its plans for developing an onshore oil & gas policy.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Applications registered

Date Reference Proposal Address

22/06/2022 22/01981/FULL Single storey extension to rear of 6 Lundin Road

dwellinghouse & formation of raised platform.

28/07/2022 22/02104CLP Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for 10 Kilburn Road

installation of rooflight & patio doors

Applications Determined

Decision Date Reference/Decision Proposal Address

30/06/2022 21/01274/FULL Change of use of existing agricultural Pitconochie Ho.

Permitted with conditions. building to provide storage for

plant and machinery.

Work Commenced

Reference Date Commenced Proposal Address

None.

Work Completed

Reference Date Completed Proposal Address

18/00241/FULL 09/08/2022 External alterations to shop front. Wm. Stephen (Bakers) Ltd.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

C Smith said that he would be closely monitoring details for the next Fife Council Planning Committee meeting relating to the S Milne development application west of Crossford.

Councillor Boubaker-Calder referred to recent and ongoing discussions about the poor condition of the area's roads and said that Fife Council’s roads policy was now based on risk assessment.

The Secretary complimented Scottish Water on its repair to the leaking water supply and reinstatement of the road surface at the Main Street end of the Orchard following earlier notification.

11. NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting dates will be as undernoted and **take place in the Village Hall** -

Monday, 19th September 2022 commencing at 7.15pm

Monday, 24th October 2022 commencing at 7.15pm

Summary of Matters Arising from the meeting held on 15th August 2022

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| **MINUTE**  **AREA** | **ACTION REQUIRED** | **OWNER** | **ACTION TAKEN** | **STATUS/COMPLETION DATE** |
| **Chairman’s Report** | Pitconochie proposals. | CCC | CCC response to detailed planning application. | Ongoing |
| **Matters Arising** | Footpath improvement needed from Crossford to Dunfermline. | CCC working group. | Discussions with Sustrans and FC Lead Consultant. | Work in progress |
|  | Pitconochie Ho.  Change of use of existing agricultural unit to Class 6 (Storage & Distribution)  Ref.21/01274/  FULL. | Fife Council planning dept. | Ongoing | Completed 29/6/22 |
|  | Use of CCC ROW funds for path repairs. | CCC | Ongoing | Work in progress |
|  | Lights on MUGA. | CCC | Ongoing | Work in progress |
|  | Tree Planting in KGV | CCC | Ongoing | Work in progress |