

Minutes of the 399th meeting of Crossford Community Council

held at 7.15pm on Monday, 20th February 2023 in Crossford Village Hall

PRESENT:

J Matson Vice-chair

S Ballinger Secretary

J Lauchlan Treasurer

S Gibbons Chronicle Editor

R Brougham

E Fearn

S Harris

A Rintoul

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor A Boubaker-Calder Fife Council

Councillor D Glen Fife Council

C Smith Chairman, Cairneyhill Community Council

PC C Lynch Police Scotland

PC A Morrison Police Scotland

5 members of the public

J Matson welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular the two new attendees and the two Police Constables.

J Matson then asked the Secretary to report any apologies for absence.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Leishman, D Hay, R Baxter and A Hibbert.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2023 and previously distributed, were

agreed to be an accurate record, proposed for adoption by J Lauchlan, seconded by A Rintoul and signed by J Matson.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Memorial Bench in King George V Park

J Matson read out to the meeting a resident's Email to D Hay and his reply, on the same day. The meeting agreed that D Hay’s reply was courteous and correct.

Continuing, J Matson a founder member of Crossford Community Council (CCC) said we are a group of volunteers who give of their time and interest for the benefit of Crossford. CCC from its outset had always done its best to welcome and encourage residents to attend meetings as it was not always possible to survey everyone in the village on every issue or decision.

In order to be helpful and considerate to anyone attending the meeting it was usual practice to greet them, ask if there was a particular issue they would like to discuss in order that we could adjust the agenda to suit their needs, as quite often people had to leave early due to their working or personal commitments.

J Matson explained the issue of the memorial bench to the Police constables, who urged residents to use the 101 telephone number if there was concern about noise or other disturbance to ensure that such matters were logged onto Police Scotland’s database.

In conclusion, the meeting decided the memorial bench would remain in its present position.

At the invitation of J Matson, PC Lynch said Police attendance was not always possible at community council meetings as being part of a response team the constabulary had to have a minimum number of officers in the area. A written report was usually provided.

J Matson thanked the constables for their contribution and they left the meeting.

Pitconochie Proposals

At the invitation of J Matson, A Rintoul reported on a recent meeting with Stewart Milne Homes (SMH) when its Development Director said the company considered that drainage and other planning conditions had been complied with and building work might start in 3-6 months time.

The owner (Mr Forrester) of the land over which drainage water might pass had not given permission for such work and it appeared that a legal dispute could be the next step. The Development Director, and both community councils would make further contact with Fife Council’s planning service.

J Matson enquired further about the route for any drainage discharge and confirmed the developer’s favoured direction was west over Mr Forrester’s land and into the Torry Burn.

S Gibbons asked about input from Scottish Water(SW) and A Rintoul replied that the developer or SW had a duty to provide water and sewerage facilities.

Continuing, A Rintoul said at the meeting a discussion took place about the planned traffic light upgrade in Crossford. SMH had input with this although a meeting between SMH and Fife Council about the upgrade had been cancelled at short notice.

SMH were informed that Fife Council was considering removal of the pedestrian refuge/traffic island to ease passage of large vehicles. At the meeting in February with SMH, D Hay said there had been no consultation with Crossford Community Council about this consideration, he hoped that Fife Council were ‘driving’ the works and not SMH.

The Secretary was instructed to write a suitable letter about the refuge/island to K Gourlay, Fife Council’s executive director of enterprise & environment.

Carnegie’s Way Update

No recent meeting to report.

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

No further report.

Refuse Bins

Bins previously requested for siting at the passageway between Cairn Grove and Waggon Road and also near the memorial bench in the King George V Park were not yet in position.

Waggon Road Footpath - Chicken Farm to Railway Bridge

It was confirmed that work would commence next financial year, 2023-2024 as long as there were no drainage issues.

Knockhouse to Milesmark Right of Way

A meeting had still to take place between interested parties and Fife Council’s Access Officer in an endeavour to resolve this long-standing problem.

3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

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Police Report

PC Lynch and PC Morrison community constables for this part of the policing area gave a report on recent activities in Crossford.

There were 14 calls received from Crossford to the constabulary using either the 101 non-emergency) or 999 (emergency) numbers during the month of January.

These included

* 3 information calls
* 2 concerned persons
* 1 road traffic accident (RTA)
* 2 for criminality
* 1 online

Youths congregating on Golf Club land caused occasional nuisance and residents were urged to report such instances for Police awareness and escalation where necessary.

J Matson thanked the constables for their contribution and they left the meeting.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer had provided a written report as at 18th February 2023 and this was accepted.

Opening Balance £10,143.06

Income

Chronicle Adverts £45.00

£45.00 £10,188.06

Expenditure

Village Flowers Deposit CAA 2023 season) £395.00

Village Defibrillator Maintenance £237.60

Fife Council MUGA Lease 2023 £100.00

Secretary expenses £ 41.00

CCTV Data Protection Fee Renewal £ 40.00

-£813.60 £9,374.46

Monies Held in Trust

Dunfermline & West Fife Rights of Way £2,890.91

Woodland Walk Repairs £1,535.00

CREATE (MUGA Pitch Repairs) £2,309.46

Village Flowers £ 155.92 £6,891.29 -£6,891.29

£2,483.17

Community Council Balance = £2,483.17

Unpresented Cheques

MUGA Electricity 2022 £341.25

The Treasurer said the flower contribution for the forthcoming season was the first of two parts.

J Matson questioned the expenditure for the lease for land which belonged to residents in this village.

Councillor Boubaker-Calder and CouncillorGlen said they would speak with A Gallacher, Fife Council’s community manager about this long standing issue.

5. EDITOR’S REPORT

The Editor said the Winter edition (Issue 179) of Crossford Chronicle had been distributed throughout the community.

Copy for the next publication was needed by the 10th March to ensure compilation, printing and distribution by Easter. The posties were thanked for their time and effort.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received via e-mail was reported as follows –

Fife Council, Area Committee - Virtual meeting on 7th February 2023.

Fife Council, roads/Transportation South - Consultation for South Fife Supported bus services. Replies to fife.gov.uk/bussurvey. In particular for the 89 & 89A service.

Fife Council - Consultation on future provision of cemeteries in Fife.

Fife Council, Finance Service - Details re crowdfunding online training.

Fife Council, Finance Service - Renewal of block insurance policy (incl. CC’s).

Fife Council, Finance Service - Funding e-bulletin.

Fife Council, Greenspaces - Play spaces categorisation. Equipment is replaced as required.

Fife Council, Children’s Panel - Panel practice adviser recruitment.

Fife Council, Lord Lieutenant’s Office - Coronation celebration details.

Fife Voluntary Action - News and weekly updates.

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

NHS Fife - Weekly update to 17th February 2023.

Scottish Government Improvement Service for CC’s - Webinar re Community Map Scotland to assist with Local Place Plans.

Bear Scotland - Information re forthcoming work to Kincardine Bridge’s south viaduct, supported by steel props since 1992. This is a 2 year project and a temporary 2 lane carriageway will be built alongside the old viaduct, all starting summer 2023.

Information Commissioner’s Office - CCC’s data protection registration renewal fee for the year commencing 1st March 2023.

Councillor Glen - Various local issues.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Applications registered

Date Reference Proposal Address

31/1/2023 23/00200/CLP Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) 8 Knowehead Road

for erection of single storey garage

extension to side of dwellinghouse.

06/02/2023 21/01697/NMV Erection of one & half storey domestic 20 Keavil Place

garage to side of dwellinghouse ( Non-

Material Variation to 21/01697/FULL for

amendments to windows.

07/02/2023 23/00246/FULL Porch extension to front of 4 Pitfirrane Park

dwellinghouse.

Applications Determined

Decision Date Reference/Decision Proposal Address

09/02/2023 21/01697/NMV1 Erection of one & half storey 20 Keavil Place

domestic garage to side of dwellinghouse

(Non-Material Variation to 21/01697/FULL for

amendments to windows.

09/02/2023 23/00200/CLP Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) 8 Knowehead Road

for erection of single storey garage

extension to side of dwellinghouse.

19/01/2023 22/03579/FULL Formation of a raised platform to 26 Knowehead Road

rear of dwellinghouse.

Work Commenced

Reference Date Commenced Proposal Address

None.

Work Completed

Reference Date Completed Proposal Address

None.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following issues were raised and discussed -

* Collapsed recycled log bench on woodland walk. Secretary to enquire of Fife Council
* Damage to raised bed in community garden. Secretary to enquire of Fife Council.
* Resident enquired about recent lack of buses on Wimpey scheme on certain days. Councillor Boubaker-Calder to enquire further. Probably due to Keir telecommunications works.
* S Gibbons enquired about a start date for Main Street road resurfacing. The Secretary reported a start date of 20th March for the Main Street’s Meadowend to the King George V Park.

Patching work on Lundin Road was scheduled to commence on 27th March.

9. NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting dates will be as shown below and take place in the Village Hall

Monday, 3rd April 2023 commencing at 7.15pm

Monday, 15th May 2023 commencing at 7.15pm (AGM)

Summary of Matters Arising from the meeting held on 20th February 2023

| **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. Meeting sought with him. | Work in progress |
|  | Use of CCC ROW funds for path repairs. | CCC | Ongoing | Work in progress |
|  | Lamppost litter bin, Waggon Rd. to Arkaig Dr. | CCC | Earlier request | No action. |
|  | Re-alignment of ROW to west of Milesmark Croft. | Fife Council | Councillor Glen raised with FC, awaiting visit by Access Officer | Work in progress. Site meeting to be arranged. |
|  | Traffic Management - Main Street/Cairneyhill Road. | Fife Council | Request for survey & assessment. | Work in progress. |