

Minutes of the 392nd meeting of Crossford Community Council

held at 7.45pm on Monday, 16th May 2022 in Crossford Village Hall

PRESENT:

D Hay Chairman

J Matson Vice-chair

S Ballinger Secretary

S Gibbons Chronicle Editor

R Baxter

R Brougham

E Fearn

S Harris

A Rintoul

D Quarm Co-opted Member

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor A Boubaker-Calder Fife Council

Councillor D Glen Fife Council

Y Kendall Gala Committee

B Duncan Gala Committee

6 members of the public

D Hay welcomed all to the meeting, congratulated Councillor Glen on his re-election and Councillor Boubaker- Calder on her election to Fife Council. He then asked the Secretary to report any apologies for absence.

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence had been received from A Hibbert.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held online on 4th April 2022 and previously distributed, were confirmed as an accurate record, proposed for adoption by A Rintoul, seconded by E Fearn and signed by D Hay.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Pitconochie Proposals

D Hay said that Crossford Community Council had objected to the developer’s submission on drainage as the material conditions were incorrect and had not been met. There was a possibility the application might be considered at the next meeting of the Central & West Fife planning committee in June or August.

Councillor Glen said the next meeting of Fife Council would take place on Thursday, 19th May.

J Matson asked Councillor Glen to inform her about the next planning meeting and if it was still possible to attend as an observer in view of the Community Council’s close interest in this application.

D Hay said he did not envisage further progress until the matter of drainage was resolved and a suitable plan lodged and approved with Fife Council.

A Rintoul commented on the proposed SUDS scheme and the exit pipe to the west which could have been routed south. D Hay said the objection by the landowner west of Hilton Road had not yet been resolved.

Carnegie’s Way - Crossford to Dunfermline

Further information about the line of the route was expected from Fife Council’s external consultant and political support for the route had been received from D Chapman MP.

A submission of stages 0-2 to Sustrans by 23rd August should be possible and A MacLean, Fife Council’s lead consultant plans to make a submission of stages 3-4 by 8th October.

Current details about Carnegie’s Way are on the website.

Councillor Glen said the project was being explored further by Alan Caldwell, Fife Council’s Green Space Strategy consultant and Gillian Taylor, Chief Executive Officer of the

Carnegie Dunfermline & Hero Fund Trust.

Footpath Repairs

No further information was available about the route east from the Urquhart/N.Urquhart junction to William Street.

D Hay said a local resident had cut back some of the overgrown vegetation bordering the path through the trees from the Wimpey housing scheme south towards the Lyne Burn.

The Right of Way (ROW FD56) between Milesmark Croft & Knockhouse Farm

This ongoing problem at the stables, dating back three decades, was again discussed. J Matson said that Fife Council had a duty to keep this Scottish Right of Way FD56 open for pedestrians walking this route and yet again demanded that it took the action that it could.

A footpath diversion order had been suggested by A Rintoul, however this was blocked by the local landowner.

D Hay said a resolution was needed and that legal advice was required from Fife Council.

All Weather Play Pitch/ Multi-use Games Area

D Hay said the light unit on the north-west column had been replaced with an LED unit by Fife Council’s electrical contractor. It was reported that light output (Lumens) for that one unit should be equivalent to two of the type removed.

Replacement of the other 3 units was being attended to by A Gallacher, Fife Council’s local community manager.

Pitconochie Farm Development Application

D Hay described the possible use and noted concerns by residents and Crossford Community Council that use as a distribution point could cause problems in the locality. A resident pointed out that as there were several complaints about the application it would be considered by Fife Council’s area committee.

J Matson reiterated previous comments and recalled earlier experience that change of use could then result in different uses at a later date.

Tree Planting in King George V Park

This subject had been discussed with the local Scout group and a suggestion made for 3 trees to be planted. One each by the Community Council, Scouts and Guide unit. Substantial, well secured saplings were required and could be Maple, Hornbeam or perhaps Whitebeam.

One possible site was on the ground to the east of the MUGA and as the planting would be to recognise Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee a suitable plaque should be placed at the location.

3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Local Community Planning Budget

An application had been written to cover Crossford Community Council’s work over the current financial year. As discussed at the previous meeting this would include request for -

Floral Enhancement - £1,200

Multi Use Games Area - £ 850

Multi Use Games Area Lease - £ 100

Crossford Chronicle - £ 700

Crossford Children’s Gala - £2,000

D Hay said that A Gallacher, Fife Council’s local community manager had been invited to the meeting; however, due to a holiday he would attend at a later date.

Police Report

A written report for March detailed 17 calls from Crossford to the constabulary. These included 3 crimes -

* 1 domestic (detected and reported to the Procurator Fiscal)
* 1 assault (detected and reported to the Procurator Fiscal)
* 1 telecoms offence (ongoing)

Gala Update

Y Kendall said that organisation of the Children’s Gala was well underway and the 7 members in total were working as a team. There would be a Right Royal Gala theme.

The Gala programmes were available for delivery and S Ballinger said he would contact the 28 Chronicle posties to see if they would assist with this task. This was agreed.

Continuing, Y Kendall said that insurance cover had been purchased, at considerable cost, and D Hay said that Fife Council regarded Crossford Community Council as the ‘umbrella’ organisation for village groups therefore its block insurance cover should be possible for Gala activities as had pertained in the past with the Gala’s bonfire and firework display.

Councillor Glen said he would look into this matter with Fife Council.

The Gala Treasurer said that lock-up facilities were being used to store equipment and were costing £21 every 2 weeks, although a reduction had been requested.

Councillor Boubaker- Calder said she would endeavour to assist.

Scouts

The Scouts said that a steel storage container was to be sited in the car park adjacent to their garage.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

On behalf of the Treasurer (now retired) who had provided a written report, the Secretary reported the financial position as at 16th May 2022 and this was accepted.

Bank of Scotland Opening Balance £9,897.65

Income

Chronicle Advertisements £160.00

CREATE ( to be shown as held in trust £2,309.46

on next statement) £2,469.46 £12,367.11

Expenditure

Colliers Quarrying (purchase of stone) £625.87

Secretary’s expenses £143.13

Auditors Gratuity (2 sets of accounts) £ 69.98

Chronicle expenses £ 19.94

Printing of March Chronicle £468.00

£1,326.82 £11,040.29

Monies Held in Trust

Dunfermline & West Fife Right of Way £2,890.91

Lottery Grant (Reserved for Sleigh) £1,000.00

Crossford Scouts £ 300.00

Woodland Walk Repairs £1,650.00

£5,840.91 - £5,840.91 £5,199.38

Community Council Balance = £5,199.38

Unpresented cheques

Crossford Gala (repairs to sleigh) £1,000.00

D Quarm had suggested at the previous meeting that the £300 held in trust for Crossford Scouts could be allocated to the budget for the Scout Group camp in August. As an alternative P Doggett, Group Scout Leader said the money could be used for purchase of trees in the King George V Park.

5. PLANTING OF TREES IN KING GEORGE V PARK

This item was discussed as part of agenda item 2.

6. EDITOR’S REPORT

The Editor requested copy for the Autumn edition by the end of August.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received via e-mail was reported as follows –

Fife Council, C & W Planning Service - Notice of online mtg 13th April at 2pm, 2022.

Fife Voluntary Action - News and weekly updates.

Fife Voluntary Action - Volunteer recruitment & management bulletin April 2022.

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

NHS Fife - Weekly updates.

NHS Share - Scottish Health Research Register. Request for volunteers.

SA Somerville MSP - Newsletter, April 2022.

Police Report - March 2022.

Fife Council, Community Investment Team - May e-bulletin.

Fife Council - Fife Violence against Women Partnership, introductory email.

Fife Health & Social Care Partnership.(via FC) - Well newsletter, mental health issues..

Scottish Water - Newsletter, Spring 2022.

National Pride (company), St Ninians - 2 dat Platinum Jubilee Youth Spectacular 18-19th June.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Applications registered

Date Reference Proposal Address

10/05/2022 22/01332/CLP Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) 7 Abbey View

for relocation of external doorway

& installation of air vents.

Applications Decided

Decision Date Reference/Decision Proposal Address

None

Work Commenced

Reference Date Commenced Proposal Address

None.

Work Completed

Reference Date Completed Proposal Address

None.

It was noted that a further For Sale notice had been placed on the land with the 5 protected trees at the end of Western Avenue.

Discussion followed about the site and J Matson reported that auctioneering companies had codes of conduct whereby all details about such a site should be made known to prospective buyers.

The Secretary was then instructed to write a suitable letter to the company, Future Property Auctions.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

E Fearn Requested a lamppost litter bin for the lamppost in the middle of the footpath from Waggon Road through to Cairn Grove.

The Councillors agreed to assist.

S Gibbons raised the problem of hogweed south of the allotment area and subsequently intimated that Alan Lowes is the current allotments chairman.

A resident requested that 2 flower tubs be placed at the end of Hunt Place and D Hay agreed to assist.

A resident spoke of the Scottish Government’s register for land purchases and the importance of registering an interest for possible future purchase. A good story for use and maintenance. A Rintoul said he would investigate further.

Residents were concerned about speeding vehicles in Crossford and D Hay noted measures available such as the one highlighted at the last meeting. which might be incorporated in new traffic lights on Main Street.

The number of local potholes and the state of local roads were criticised at some length.

10. NEXT MEETINGS

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

Monday, 13th June 2022 commencing at 7.15pm

Monday, 15th August 2022 commencing at 7.15pm

Summary of Matters Arising from the meeting held on 16th May 2022

| **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 | Work in progress |
|  | 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 |