

Minutes of the 401st meeting of Crossford Community Council

held at 7.45pm on Monday, 8th May 2023 in Crossford Village Hall

PRESENT:

D Hay Chairman

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Boubaker-Calder Fife Council

Councillor Glen Fife Council

7 members of the public

D Hay welcomed those present to the meeting and asked the Secretary to report any apologies for absence.

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

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2023 and previously distributed, were

agreed to be a true record, proposed for adoption by J Matson, seconded by E Fearn and signed by D Hay.

The Police report and relevant matters were discussed next but minuted in chronological order under item 3.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Pitconochie Proposals

D Hay reported that S Milne, the potential developer, was withdrawing from the project for commercial reasons.

Carnegie’s Way Update

As part of the community engagement process an information stand would be at the Gala’s in Crossford, Cairneyhill & Dunfermline gathering survey data for our Sustrans application and also to further promote the project.

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

D Hay said the path improvement east towards William Street was progressing. Further work from the Keavil Hotel to Keavil Steadings was being explored along with the path in the woodlands walk down the west side of the King George V Park. A contractor is required

Woodland Walk

The recycled log for seating had collapsed and after receipt of costs for a replacement seat at the same location a decision was taken to progress this with Fife Council as part of the funding application from the Local Community Planning budget.

Refuse Bins

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

Councillor Boubaker-Calder confirmed that she had made this request to Fife Council and agreed to send a copy of that email to D Hay.

Knockhouse to Milesmark Right of Way

Notwithstanding several years of correspondence with Fife Council, including its chief executive and the involvement of various elected local councillors, there had been a lot of ‘warm words’ but a complete lack of action and any progress at all to resolve this problem.

Traffic Management Survey & Assessment

D Hay reported recent email correspondence with Jakob Witkowski, Fife Council’s official involved with the proposed traffic light improvement requesting possible installation of speed controlled traffic calming software in the system. The official said it was too late at this stage for such a measure and that not enough evidence existed that such measures were effective.

Continuing, D Hay said that traffic speed on this route would be a priority in Crossford Community Council’s Local Place Plan.

Discussion ensued and it was noted the last FC speed survey was in 2013.

Councillor Glen agreed to enquire about pop-up policemen. The Secretary had requested this measure of the Police a year or so ago; however, these figures had not been received.

The Treasurer noted that the existing vacancy for a ‘lollipop’ school crossing person was not included on the Fife Council list of vacancies.

D Hay spoke of a meeting that Councillor Boubaker-Calder had promised to arrange with Fife Council’s head of traffic management (Matthew Roberts) about traffic speed in the village.

3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

D Hay reported -

Police Report - 24 calls made to the Police using either 101 or 999 numbers.

7 Crimes identified.

2 Dishonesties, still being investigated.

3 Vandalisms to vehicles, detected. An isolated incident which should have no future repercussions.

1 Breach of the Peace.

1 Detected possession of Class B substance (personal use).

Community speedwatch deployments to continue.

Roadworks - The road resurfacing work for Crossford’s Main Street and major parts of Lundin Road had been completed with some white lining still to be finished.

Local Place Plan Preparation - List of priority projects -

* Safe Route (Walking, Cycling, Wheeling) from Crossford to Dunfermline – Carnegie’s Way.
* Expansion of Allotments & improvement of Path Network south of the village.
* An effective traffic management system along Main Street and Cairneyhill Road.
* Improvements to Primary School Infrastructure – especially Nursery provision.
* Leisure development of Links park.

The Local Place Plan would be an agenda item for forthcoming meetings.

Fife Council Grant Application - Application ready for submission.

Local Community Planning Budget Application - Application ready for submission.

This would be similar to last year although it was noted that lighting cost for the All Weather Play Pitch (MUGA) had reduced with the installation of the new LED lights.

Gala Committee - A discussion took place about insurance cover for the fireworks display. Cover for this was by an extension to Fife Council’s overall cover to community councils. Further discussion between Crossford Community Council and the Gala Committee was required to clarify the position for the future It was noted that a firework display in Pittencrieff Park will be held depending on the budget provided by the event strategy group.

A discussion took place about lack of bunting, purchase of which had been previously agreed by Fife Council for use at local events. Councillors Boubaker-Calder/Glen would investigate further.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer tabled a written report as at 7th May 2023 and this was accepted.

Opening Balance £9,405.53

Income

Chronicle Adverts Spring 2023 £230.00

£230.00 £9,635.53

Expenditure

MUGA Electricity 2022 £341.25

Chronicle Printing Spring 2023 £489.00

Compost Cube £127.00

Village Flowers £155.92

£1,113.17 £8,522.36

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 £6,735.37 £1,786.99

Community Council Balance = £1,786.99

Unpresented Cheques

N/a

5. EDITOR’S REPORT

The Editor reported a request from the Dunfermline & West Fife Rotary to distribute one of their information sheets with the next edition of the Crossford Chronicle. This was agreed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received via e-mail was reported as follows –

Fife Council, Parks Department- Grounds maintenance, confirmation of agreement to repair path from Keavil Driveway to Park.

Fife Council, West/Central Planning Service - Virtual meeting at 2pm on 12th April 2023.

Fife Council, Planning Service - Planning update, Spring 2023.

Fife Council, Legal & Democratic Service - Community Council elections on 28th September.

Fife Council, Legal & Democratic Service - Grant applications open on 1st May 2023.

Fife Council, Transportation Service - Reply to CCC enquiry re request for speed related traffic light software for new traffic lights.

Fife Council, Finance Service - Funding e-bulletin.

Fife Council, City of Dunfermline area Committee - Meeting on 25th April 2023, consideration of Community Recovery Fund applications.

Fife Voluntary Action - News and weekly updates.

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

NHS Fife - Weekly update to 21st April 2023.

S A Somerville MSP - Newsletter.

Police Scotland - Confirmation that Lundin Road car vandal apprehended and charged.

Police Report - See item 3.

Bear Scotland South-East - Newsletter, Spring 2023.

Bear Scotland South-East - Reply to request for reflective junction signs at Waggon/Kincardine Road intersection.

Bear Scotland South-East - Info. re resurfacing work scheduled for 2nd May 2023 in Kincardine village.

Scottish Water - Reply to CCC letter about water leaking onto road opposite entrance to Logie Estate. NB not our water, no Chlorine content. Passed to Fife Council for investigation.

West Lothian Joint Forum of CC’s - Invitation to join online Scottish Conference of CC’s for Democracy Matters conference on 10th June 2023.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Applications registered

Date Reference Proposal Address

None.

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.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following matters were raised and noted or discussed -

* Ukraine Evacuation Scheme. D Hay and the Secretary met with the Keavil Hotel’s general manager about the forthcoming placement of some refugees at the hotel. Councillor Glen said this is a work in progress and Fife Council has a resettlement officer involved with this UK Government scheme.

D Hay said that co-ordination of needs would be with Fife Council in due course.

9. NEXT MEETINGS

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

Monday, 12th June 2023 commencing at 7.15pm

Summary of Matters Arising from the meeting held on 8th May 2023

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| **MINUTE**  **AREA** | **ACTION REQUIRED** | **OWNER** | **ACTION TAKEN** | **STATUS/COMPLETION DATE** |
| **Chairman’s Report** | Pitconochie proposals. | CCC | None required at present. | SMH withdrawn, replacement not yet known. |
|  | Letter to Police requesting a presence at 11-11.30am for Gala parade on 3rd June | CCC | Letter posted. | No reply. |
| **Matters Arising** | Footpath improvement needed from Crossford to Dunfermline. | CCC steering group. | Recent discussion with Sustrans and FC Lead Consultant. Funding agreed for stages 0-2. | Work in progress |
|  | Use of CCC ROW funds for path repairs. | CCC | Ongoing | Work in progress |
|  | Lamppost litter bin, Waggon Rd. to Cairn Grove. | CCC | Earlier request | **No action**. Cllr BB to provide D Hay with a copy of email request to fife Council. |
|  | 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. Cllr BB called to request a meeting with Matthew Roberts. | **No action**. |