

**Minutes of the 404th Meeting of Crossford Community Council held at 7.15pm on Monday, 18th September 2023 in Crossford Village Hall**

**PRESENT:**

A Rintoul Secretary

R Baxter

R Brougham

E Fearn

S Gibbons Chronicle Editor

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor Glen Fife Council

Councillor Boubaker-Calder

4 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:**

Apologies for absence had been received from S Ballinger, S Harris, D Hay, A Hibbert, J Lauchlan

As agreed at the previous meeting, in the absence of the Chairman, D Hay, the Secretary, A. Rintoul, chaired the meeting and S Gibbons took the Minutes.

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th August and previously distributed, were agreed to be an accurate record, proposed for adoption by E Fearn seconded by R Brougham.

2. **LOCAL PLACE PLAN** (with overview of LPPs by Chiara Fingland of FC)

Chiara Fingland is Environmental Strategy Officer at Fife Council (Climate Change and zero waste team). She is Climate Action Fife`s public sector engagement officer, supporting communities to embed climate action in their plans and strategies. She explained that an LPP is to be a community led plan to inform the next Local Development Plan. She emphasised that it was to be spatial in that it was concerned with land use, and suggested that climate action should be introduced as a priority.

Although land included in the LPP is to be identified, no full plans for it are necessary at this stage.

The LPP must be submitted to FC by 24th January 2024 for it to be included in the LDP. An Information Notice is to be sent 28 days prior to this and will be forwarded to adjacent Community Councils and Councillors. She pointed out that National Planning Framework 4 should be used to justify our proposals and that cooperation with adjacent Community Councils would lead to a stronger application.

A Rintoul and D Hay will draw up the CCC plan and forward it to CCC members for their comments.

It is still the intention of the CC to hold a public meeting in November to gather residents`opinions. A Rintoul emphasised that the plan should be completed by the end of November.

S Gibbons asked if it would be possible to include suggestions for the land use within the future Pitconochie development and Councillor Glen said that this would be an appropriate example.

At this point Chiara Fingland was thanked for her contribution and she left the meeting.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

Pitconochie Proposal.

No further information has been received. The land is believed l still to be owned by the Alfred Stewart Trust. Councillor Glen informed the meeting that the original planning consent runs for three years. Any new developers would still have to resolve the drainage issue.

Carnegie’s Way Discussions continue between Sustrans, Stantec and Fife Council on the proposed route. It appears unlikely that the farmer and the landowner will be willing to sell any required land. Negotiations on this matter are in the hands of Fife Council.

Footpath repairs

Gallowhill Path: The Broomhall Factor has been contacted about the flooding at the Waggon Road access. Network Rail has indicated that any request for remedial action by them must come from Broomhall estate.

Woodland Walk: The meeting expressed disappointment that there was to be no bench on the Woodland Walk itself. The present proposal to site a new bench on the park side of the burn is in no way a replacement for a seat on the Woodland Walk itself. Councillor Boubaker-Calder said she would contact Stephen Duffy to discuss this further. S Gibbons will contact a member of West Fife Woodlands to ask for their advice.

Knockhouse to Milesmark Right of Way: Councillor Glen reported that Sara Johnston, Fife Council`s Access Officer has stated that she does not regard this as a priority.

Traffic Management Survey and Assessment:

A Rintoul`s letter to Inspector Neil McGurk about speeding through the village has been passed to Sergeant Ross Crawford, who will consider siting a pop-up policeman at an entrance to the village. Inspector McGurk to contact Secretary once he returns from holiday. Councillor Boubaker-Calder met the head of transportation to discuss other possible forms of action. The meeting discussed the possibility of reducing the speed limit between Crossford and Cairneyhill to 40mph.

R Baxter said that in discussion with other residents, he had found no support for speed bumps on the A994 (Cairneyhill Rd/Main St). As the average speed of traffic leaving the village to the west had been measured higher than that entering the village, a suggestion was made that a speed indicator sign west of the park may slow traffic leaving the village.

The A985 Junction:

A Rintoul is to meet with a representative of BEAR Scotland to discuss the points raised at the last CCC.

Potholes: It was reported that the areas on Arkaig Drive, at the junction of Mochrum Drive/Venachar Place and Dunvegan Court/Rannoch Drive have been resurfaced. Councillor Boubaker-Calder was thanked for her persistence in ensuring this work was done.

Grass area at Mochrum Drive:

Councillor Boubaker-Calder asked for pictures to be sent, if possible, the next time this was cut. She has had several complaints about this area and will continue to urge action.

R Baxter also raised concern about the area known as The Rosie. Other concerns were expressed about the mess left after the grass had been cut.

It was suggested that members could further consider Councillor Glen’s suggestion as noted in last month`s minutes, that the Community Council, in a Local Place Plan, could identify areas suitable for rewilding, and areas not identified for rewilding should be cut.

Refuse Bins:

The bin on the footpath from Waggon Rd should be replaced by the end of September but no sign of this by the date of the meeting. Cllr Boubaker-Calder to follow up.

Police Report :

No police report has been received this month. A Rintoul will contact them about this omission.

Ukraine Evacuation Scheme:

A report was provided by Morag Prince. Moira Ramage is to meet the council this week about the proposed information event to discuss whether this is in fact necessary.

M Ramage is suggesting that walk leaders be found, from within the village, willing to offer guided walks around the area for the residents at the Keavil Hotel.

**4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Community Recovery Fund - Allotments:

S. Gibbons reported that she had attended a meeting of the Allotment Association on !7th August at which P. Duncan, the Allotments Officer, had spoken at great length on the proposed extension to the allotments and the creation of a wetland area and paths on the adjacent field.

He reported that a grant totalling £97 500 had been received, £37500 of which was to be used for the allotment extension, with the remaining £60 000 having been transferred to the CCC account. This was to be used by the CC to contract Fife Council to carry out the proposed work on the field.

S. Gibbons contacted J. Lauchlan who confirmed the money was now in the CCC account.

Concern was expressed that information had not been fully shared with CC members over the preceding months, considering that the full plans and details of the Proposal to the Recovery Fund had been circulated to members of the Allotment Association on June 20th but not circulated to CC members until 19 August.

It was agreed that this subject would be addressed at the next meeting, and it would now be a separate item on the Agenda, and the Chairman would be asked to provide a detailed update at the next meeting regarding the funding and the discussions held with the various parties, and the timescale and process for the carrying out of the work.

Memorial Bench:

No more action has been taken about this since the last meeting.

Garden Maintenance (formerly CREATE) :

As yet nobody has come forward to assume responsibility for the running of this. A. Little stated that, although unable to do gardening work herself she was willing to continue to organize work parties online.

**5 TREASURER`S REPORT**

Funds at 17th September 2023

Opening Balance £13,921.47

Income

Grant for Village Allotment Improvements £60,000.00

Community Council Annual Grant £725.96

£60,725.96

£74,647.43

Expenditure

Fairley’s Garden Centre, Compost & Plants £118.75

Gratuity for Ex-Secretary’s Retirement £100.00

Chronicle Printing Autumn ’23 £662.00

Water Bowser Battery Replacement £19.90

-£900.65

£73,746.78

Monies Held in Trust

Village Allotment Improvements\* £60,000.00

Dunfermline & West Fife Rights of Way £2,890.91

Woodland Walk Repairs £1,535.00

CREATE (MUGA Pitch Repairs) £2,309.46

£66,735.37

£7,011.41

**Community Council Balance = £7011.41**

Unpresented Cheques N/A

**6. EDITOR`S REPORT**

The editor apologised to Stephen Ballinger for the incorrect information in the last edition. He has served 33 years on the Community Council and not 27 as appeared in the last edition.

She suggested that the request to residents to trim their hedges to improve sightlines would be better placed on the Crossford residents Facebook page. Discussion is ongoing with Limekilns Church of The Chronicle being printed by them as previously.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Fife Planning Update 140823
2. Fife Centre for Equalities weekly digest 140823
3. Common Goods Policy statement.FC.160823
4. Fife Voluntary Action newsletter 180823
5. weekly update planning applications 200823
6. Fife Centre for Equalities weekly update.210823
7. Fife Voluntary Action e-letter 220823
8. Fife Voluntary Action Employability e-letter 240823
9. Weekly update of development applications 270823
10. West Fife Rotary offer of funding help for allotments 270823
11. Places for Everyone August Newsletter 280823
12. Fife Centre for Equalities August Newsletter 280823
13. Fife Voluntary Action newsletter 290823
14. Email re Dolly Parton Memorial Library.300823
15. Email FC re extension to Community Council elections.310823
16. Fife Voluntary Action newsletter 010923
17. Equalities Monthly 010923
18. Damage to MUGA 030923
19. Weekly planning update 030923
20. Equalities weekly digest 040923
21. My Place Awards 040923
22. Complimentary online conference places 040923
23. Email bench arrived 040923
24. Email re alcohol in public parks.040923
25. Fife Climate Action newsletter 050923
26. FC Funding e-bulletin 090923
27. Weekly planning update 100923
28. Equalities Digest Weekly 110923
29. Fife Voluntary Action Weekly 110923
30. FVA children young People and Families bulletin 120923
31. Community Council election results.120923
32. FVA Employabilitry.130923
33. Email from Insp McGurk re speeding.130923
34. Debbie Cassells, FC – Insurance renewal details from 010423.150923
35. FVA Newsletter.150923
36. Weekly planning update.170923
37. Meeting email with BEAR re A985.180923
38. Fife Centre for Equalities weekly newsletter.180923

**8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Applications registered

Date Reference Proposal Address

14/08/2023 23/02116/FULL Single storey ext. to rear of house 15 Bogwood Dr

04/09/2023 23/02424/FULL Front Porch extension 50 Main St

07/09/2023 23/02232/FULL Single Storey rear extension 1 Kilburn Rd

13/09/2023 23/02583/FULL Certificate of lawfulness for extn to 7 Anderson Ave

Rear and side.

Applications Determined

Decision Date Reference/Decision Proposal Address

07/09/2023 23/02086/FULL; permitted 1 storey extension to side 34 Katrine Dr

with conditions

13/09/2023 23/02116/FULL; permitted 1 storey extension to rear 15 Bogwood Dr

With conditions

15/09/2023 23/02583/CLP; permitted 1 storey extension to 7 Anderson Ave

Rear and side

Work Commenced

Reference Date Commenced Proposal Address

None

Work Completed

Reference Date Completed Proposal Address

None.

**9. AOB**

i) D Quarm explained that the section of the MUGA which had fallen down had been accidentally caused. It was quickly mended by Fife Council.

ii) R Brougham asked that the cones and barriers left at the Waggon Road junction since work was carried out on the lights should be removed as they were an obstruction and were collecting rubbish. A Boubaker-Calder said she would take action on this.

iii) A question was asked about the length of time the traffic lights would be in place at the Keavil entrance. SGN were investigating a gas leak. A Boubaker-Calder will pursue this matter.

iv) It was announced that 11 applications having been received by Fife Council for the new Community Council no election would be required and those 11 would form the new Council.

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

The inaugural meeting for Crossford Community Council will take place on

**Monday, 23rd October, 2023 at 7.15pm in Crossford Village Hall, Crossford.**

Summary of Matters Arising from the meeting held on 18th September 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. |
|  | Ukrainian Refugees | CCC | M Ramage and M Prince to continue liaising with FC. Cllr Glen to liaise with FC Community Engagement Team re Information Event | Work in Progress |
| **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 |
|  | Local Place Plan | CCC | A Rintoul to confirm Village Hall free on 18 November for special meeting on LPP.  ABR and DH to begin work on LPP. | .Work in Progress |
|  | Re-alignment of ROW to west of Milesmark Croft. | Fife Council | Councillor Glen raised with FC, awaiting visit by Access Officer. Cllr Glen to ask Access Officer to contact Secretary or Chairman | Work in progress. Site meeting still to be arranged. |
|  | Traffic Management - Main Street/Cairneyhill Road. | Fife Council | Cllr BC to liaise with residents on Cairneyhill Rd, and contact Committee to discuss speed limitation measures. Secretary to await Inspr McGurk’s response | Work in Progress |

Additional Action Points

1. Councillor B-C to contact Stephen Duffy re placement of Woodland Walk bench
2. S Gibbons to contact member of West Fife Woodlands for advice re placement
3. A Rintoul to meet with representative of BEAR Scotland re A985 issues
4. Councillor B-C to follow up re refuse bins
5. A Rintoul to contact Police Scotland re lack of Police Report
6. D Hay to provide detailed update on allotments at next meeting
7. Editor to discuss printing of Chronicle with Limekilns Church
8. Councillor B-C to take action on cones etc left at Waggon Rd junction
9. Councillor B-C to discuss works at pedestrian crossing with SGN