

Minutes of the 402nd meeting of Crossford Community Council

held at 7.15pm on Monday, 12th June 2023 in Crossford Village Hall

PRESENT:

D Hay Chairman

S Ballinger Secretary

J Lauchlan Treasurer

S Gibbons Chronicle Editor

R Baxter

R Brougham

E Fearn

S Harris

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Glen Fife Council

C Smith Chair, Cairneyhill Community Council

15 members of the public

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Leishman & Boubaker-Calder, PC Lynch and PC Morrison, J Matson, A Hibbert, D Quarm & A Rintoul.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2023 and previously distributed, were agreed to be a correct record, proposed for adoption by E Fearn, seconded by J Lauchlan and signed by D Hay.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Pitconochie Proposals

D Hay said that as reported in the May minutes, the potential developer had withdrawn from the project and a new developer might be forthcoming in the future.

Carnegie’s Way Update

As part of the community engagement process the information stand was at the Gala’s in Crossford and Cairneyhill and had attracted public interest in the project. The data gathered would be analysed to assist with the further stages of the Sustrans application.

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

D Hay said the path improvement work east towards William Street was progressing.

Woodland Walk

Information was awaited about the replacement seat and D Hay agreed to contact Fife Council’s Local Community Planning officer for an update.

Refuse Bins

The bins were **still not yet in position**. It was noted that Cllr Boubaker-Calder had forwarded correspondence with Council Officers in March, which confirmed that these are on their list, but there is a six month waiting list.

Knockhouse to Milesmark Right of Way

No further progress with the site visit from Sarah Johnston, Fife Council’s access officer.

Traffic Management Survey & Assessment

A survey had been requested along with a traffic assessment. D Hay said there was nothing to report relating to the proposed meeting with Fife Council’s head of traffic management (Matthew Roberts) about vehicle speed in the village.

Councillor Boubaker-Calder is still to arrange a meeting.

3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

D Hay reported -

Police Report - May Report for the Crossford ward area.17 calls made to the Police using either 101 or 999 numbers.

1 Crime recorded - attempted extortion (social media based) which is currently undetected.

Community Speed Watch

There had been 2 deployments in May where motorists were recorded driving over prescribed limits.

18/05/2023 - Main Street, 3 drivers over the speed limit.

31/05/2023 - Waggon Road, 4 drivers over the speed limit.

Warning letters were issued to the registered keepers of the subject vehicles.

Ukrainian Evacuation Scheme

D Hay had spoken with Val Husband, Fife Council’s resettlement officer about use of resources and said that people in this community wanted to help. Two ladies from Crossford, M Prince and M Ramage, wished to make the refugees welcome by acts of kindness and D Hay agreed to provide them with contact details for the resettlement officer.

Discussion followed and those present were rather surprised about the lack of basic information available to people in the community, the mix of children and adults was not known although new pupils would soon speak, play and make friends with existing pupils.

D Hay said it was early days for the Keavil and its occupants, who had access via the Fife Council resettlement officer, to all Fife Council services including language assistance and school places etc.

A resident spoke of a similar situation in the Aberdeen area where a lack of information was a concern to the local people who, like this village, only wished to help where possible. Local contact information as included in the Chronicle and Gala programmes would be useful to new people.

M Ramage mentioned basic practicalities, where required, such as residents offering lifts in cars.

The Secretary said that he had delivered spare Crossford Chronicles and Gala programmes to the Keavil House Hotel on Monday, 29th May when an initial group of refugees was being welcomed by its management.

Communities Recovery Fund and Block Grant Application

D Hay said that endeavours continued with the Crossford Allotments Extension and Wetland Park scheme and he reported a successful funding application to the Communities Recovery Fund, locally administered by Fife Council’s City of Dunfermline Area Committee, which would provide £60k.

A number of other funding sources had been approached to secure the additional funding required to allow successful change at the currently unused area of ground south of the existing allotments.

The total cost would be about £100k.

The Treasurer asked if there was shared use of the existing allotments and S Gibbons said that existed originally although the present situation was not known.

Continuing, S Gibbons said that when the allotments were established a few years ago objections were lodged about vehicle use of the privately owned access roadway.

In conclusion, D Hay said the aim was to have the area transformed and operational by the start of the 2024 season and for it to be a Fife Council hub for food production and supply.

Councillor Glen joined the meeting at 7.55pm.

D Hay said he intended to meet with the two local Rotary Clubs in the near future and he also reported submission of the Community Council’s application for its per capita block funding grant.

4. Local Place Plan

D Hay said the list of priority projects as minuted at the meeting in May is -

* Safe Route (Walking, Cycling, Wheeling) from Crossford to Dunfermline – Carnegie’sWay.
* 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.

These were aspirations for a safe village and Crossford Community Council’s intention was to submit the Plan prior to the October closing date.

The Treasurer spoke of improvement needed for the children's play area in the King George V Park. Councillor Glen said that Fife Council had re-classified all park play areas over the last 2/3 years and if a site needed a refurbishment it would be tagged as “improve”. Crossford will probably need equipment replaced and would be as it becomes due.

D Hay enquired where Crossford is placed on that classification list for replacement equipment.

Councillor Glen to enquire and report back.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer tabled a written report as at 11th June 2023 and this was accepted.

Opening Balance £8,522.36

Income

Chronicle Adverts Spring 2023 £115.00

£115.00 £8,637.36

Expenditure

Flower planters compost replacement £ 70.00

Paint for KGV bridge and planter repairs £ 16.00

£ 86.00 £8,551.36

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 £1,815.99

Community Council Balance = £1,815.99

Unpresented Cheques n/a

6. EDITOR’S REPORT

The Editor asked that copy and photographs for inclusion in the next publication of the Crossford Chronicle should be with her by early September to enable distribution later that month.

A good level of advertisements was noted which helped the viability of the publication.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received via e-mail was reported as follows –

Fife Council, West/Central Planning Service - Virtual meeting at 2pm on 7th June 2023.

Fife Council, Planning Service - Fife Development Plan.Have your sayon Fife’s Play & Open /access.

Fife Council, Economy, Tourism & Town Centres - Notification re Dunfermline City Conference in Glen Pavilion 9am-3.30pm on Tuesday, 27th June 2023, Chair + 1 other.

Fife Council, Executive Director Enterprise & Environment - Reply to CCC letter re water leak on Main Str. opposite Logie Lodge.

Fife Voluntary Action - News and weekly updates.

Fife Centre for Equalities - News & Events in weekly updates to 12th June.

Scottish Government (via Fife Council Planning Service) - Consultation on guidance for effective communication & engagement on local planning. Closes 13th September 2023.

Scottish Government - Public Consultation to 23rd August 2023 on Planning changes phase 3, Permitted Development Rights Review.

NHS Fife - Weekly update to 8th June 2023.

Scotways (Scottish Rights of Way Society) - Subscription renewal.

Boundaries Commission Scotland - 2nd Review of Scottish (MSP’s) Parliamentary Boundaries to reflect population density changes.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Applications registered

Date Reference Proposal Address

19/05/2023 23/01276/FULL Single storey ext. to side of house 25 Lundin Road

& erection of domestic garage.

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.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

D Hay said that he would check with the local community officer about CCC’s order for the new community seat to replace the recycled log bench on the woodland walkway.

10. NEXT MEETING

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

Monday, 14th August 2023 commencing at 7.15pm

Summary of Matters Arising from the meeting held on 12th June 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**. |