**Crossford Community Council**

**Local Place Plan Consultation**

Local Place Plans were introduced by the Scottish Government in 2019 in order to improve communities’ engagement in Planning, and empower them to play a more proactive role in planning the future use and development of land in their communities. Those things in a Local Place Plan should be primarily to do with the use and development of land, including things like active travel and open space, and Fife Council would have to consider putting them into the Local Development Plan (and if they didn’t, they would have to explain why not). If something is in the Local Development Plan, then there is much more likelihood of it happening.

Our Community Council is putting together a Local Place Plan (LPP), and needs your views on the various items which it is considering putting in it, as we have to be able to demonstrate that what we propose has the support of our community.

Please complete this questionnaire and return to the Secretary, Crossford Community Council (Archie Rintoul) at either 20 Kirkwood Cres (hard copy) or:

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The items which we are considering including, and on which we would like your views, are as follows:

1. **Allotments extension:** Fife Council has agreed funding for an extension to Crossford Allotments, just to the South of the Keavil steadings, including areas for community growing, and also involving a restoration of the area to the south of the allotments as a wetland park, restoring and enhancing the wildlife habitats. We hope that the funding set aside for this will be sufficient, but we want to put this into the LPP to make it more likely that sufficient funding is allocated now and in the future.

*Do you support the proposal for the allotment extension and community growing proposals?*

**Yes/No** (delete as Appropriate)

*Do you support the wetland and wildlife habitat restoration?*

**Yes/No** (delete as appropriate)

*Do you have any other comments or suggestions on this topic?*

*Please comment below*

1. **Footpath extension and improvements:** Related to the Allotments project, is a proposal to construct new footpaths, connecting the reed beds just to the south of the golf course, through the woodland strip to the east of the golf course practice area, eastwards through what will be the wetland restoration area, and connect to the existing Core Path R670, which goes from the east of Keavil Steadings, south to East Lodge on the Pitliver track.

The Community Council is also working to improve the Waggon Rd access to the Gallowhill Ridge footpath; the surface of the footpath from Knockhouse farm to William St; and improve the northern part of the footpath from Knockhouse farm to Milesmark, by diverting the path around the existing stables.

*Do you agree with the proposals to form new footpaths from the reed beds to Core Path R670?*

***Yes/No*** (delete as appropriate)

*Do you agree with the proposals to improve the other footpaths mentioned above?*

***Yes/No*** (delete as appropriate)

*Do you have any other comments regarding footpaths, or do you know of any other footpaths which need to be improved?*

Please note that although Carnegie’s Way (the proposed footpath/cyclepath from Crossford to Pittencrieff Park) will be included in the Local Place Plan, we have done extensive consultation on this already, and don’t need to do any more.

1. **Links Park:** Links Park is the grass area to the north of Cairneyhill Rd, just as you go out of Crossford towards Cairneyhill, currently maintained by Fife Council. It has been sitting there as a grassed area for decades, and appears to be underused. The Community Council would like this to be developed as a community facility, but we are open to any suggestions from the community for use of this area. It might be used for a small children’s play area, or planted with trees and shrubs as a garden area with seating, or you might prefer it left as it is, but we would like to hear your views on what should be done with it.

*Do you agree that Links Park should be developed as a community facility?*

***Yes/No*** *(delete as appropriate)*

*Please give us your ideas for its use below*

1. **Green corridor at west of Crossford, between the proposed new development and the existing houses, through the Pitconochie farm woodland strip, to the Pilgrims’ Way:** There might be an opportunity to get this if a new developer applies for a variation to the existing planning permission. This is something which the Community Council suggested at the time of the planning discussions, but did not have any evidence of community support for this.

*Do you agree that it would be beneficial to have a green corridor like this, connecting the western part of Crossford to the Pilgrims’ Way?*

***Yes/No*** *(delete as appropriate)*

*Do you have any further comments regarding this?*

1. **New Nursery School building:** The nursery at Crossford Primary has been located in what was a temporary building for decades now, and it would not meet modern requirements in terms of nursery provision or energy efficiency. The Community Council believes that a new Nursery building is needed.

*Do you agree with this proposal?*

***Yes/No*** *(delete as appropriate)*

*Do you have any further comments on this proposal?*

1. **Traffic Management:** We have had considerable problems over the years with traffic speeding through Crossford, and a recent Fife Council found that the average speed between the western part of the village and the pedestrian lights at the Scout Hall was approaching 40mph. This is clearly unsatisfactory. The Community Council is looking at ways of reducing speeds. We would like your views on the following:

*Should the speed limit between Cairneyhill and Crossford be reduced from 60mph to 40mph?*

***Yes/No*** *(delete as appropriate)*

*Should the 30mph speed limit signs in both directions be move further back to allow more time to reduce speed?*

**Yes/No** (delete as appropriate)

*Should there be a more extensive traffic light-controlled traffic management system to reduce speeds?*

***Yes/No*** *(delete as appropriate)*

*Is there anything else which you think could be done to reduce traffic speeds through Crossford? Please note below*

1. **Anything else?** Do you have any other comments, or is there anything else which you think we should also include?