Minutes

The Royal Burgh of Kilrenny, Anstruther & Cellardyke Community Council

Monday 13 February 2023, 7:30pm at The Burgh Chambers | Meeting called to order by Andy Peddie

# In Attendance

Andy Peddie, Gillian MacLaren, Margaret Hellicar, , Lorna Jones, Lindsay McKinstry, Ali Mcleod, Neil Anderson, Ellis Jaffray, Carl Van Der Lee, Cllr Alycia Hayes, Cllr Sean Dillon,

Two members of public present

Apologies –Daryl Wilson, Susan Gay Graham Ellery, Cllr Fiona Corps

# Welcome & Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

# Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes approved by NA and seconded LMcK

Dreelside Park – now open. Meeting at the end of month to discuss signage. Issue with FC re funding now resolved.

# Questions from the public

None

# Dreelside Woods Community Asset Transfer - updating report -Julia Cowie

Julia Cowie – Trustee of Footprint East Neuk gave a presentation. The Dreel Woods extend from north of the burn up to the back of Metaflake by the bridge and west of allotments to the bridge near the Dreel Taven. There is a footpath with two bridges. Fife Council proposed disposing of the site in July 2021. Initially, Anstruther & District Allotments first took up possibility of asset transfer to make an ‘edible walkway’. However, this was not possible as they are not a charity. Footprint EN then took this up and is now able to apply for Community Asset Transfer as they are a charitable organization (SCIO). The application has been approved for figure of £1. Community planning budget provided half the funds for conveyancing plus help from Thorntons and funding from the Kist. Other funding has also been sourced including from the Crown Estates. The vision for the Woods is Habitat management, Biodiversity, trees, woods, space to unwind, public footpath, wildlife corridor, meadow. Action to date - The meadow has been scythed - MLT funding for protective clothing (hogweed) and FCCT (Fife Coast & Countryside Trust) did training on scything. Some tree planting done and more planned – MLT funding for soil conditioner. There has also been litter picking – which will need to be ongoing. Next steps – conveyancing of transfer. Funding application in for design phase to improve access especially by the Dreel Tavern and the steps at old railway. They have a website, [https://www.footprinteastneuk.com](https://www.footprinteastneuk.com/) email address [footprinteastneuk@gmail.com](mailto:footprinteastneuk@gmail.com) and an Instagram account – Dreelside\_woods.

# Planning/Licensing Matters

Licensing application for The Ship – This seems straightforward, but outdoor seating and tables are mentioned LMcK to check if any increase.

Application for Change of use from public open space to private parking area at 1 Lindsay Berwick Place

LMcK has request for consultee status. Parking for four cars.

# Waid

1. **Reports of Violence**  
   Meeting with Scott Duncan HT, AP, GMcL and MH. HT said that after the horrific incident, the Police and Elected members were all informed. He assured us that a lot of work is being done within the school after a video of the incident was shared on social media, including a special assembly, workshops and Focus groups. The school nurse is doing full-day drop-ins and stronger links are being forged with the Police who are going to use their room at the school more often. Fife Council have been very supportive. Releasing of video was distressing especially as some children in it are identifiable and this puts them at risk. Information has been sent out to all parents, including those of P7 pupils. Any worried parents were telephoned. There has been no drop-off in attendance since the incident and the school is calm. The number of unpleasant comments on social media and direct contacts to the school, many from people with no connection to the school has been very upsetting to all involved, including clerical staff. It is felt that blighting the name of Waid has been unwarranted and the school is grateful for support from the community. The East Neuk has less access to resources and funding eg a minimum of 30 is needed for the college to come in and do a course which is not practical in a small school. To hire a mini-bus there are additional costs of £56 just to have it delivered and returned. Cll Hayes said that Council is looking at providing items of uniform free for schools. There is a blazer bank at the Waid. Free breakfasts have been provided at the school during prelims (donated by community organisations and businesses) and this has been very well received.

Cll Hayes was impressed by information sent by the school every day. The HT had confirmed that Waid does not have a no exclusion policy but it is often better if issues can be dealt with in school. Cll Hayes agreed that excluded children are often from troubled background and need education more than most to help them. Children can stay in school but be removed from peers. Cll Dillon said that the problem is across Scotland and UK, it is not just at the Waid. A report is coming to FC in March re violence in all schools in Fife.   
We (CC) will send letter of support to the school.

1. **Waid Cluster**

GMcL and MH attended presentation at the Waid on new proposals. The options for one HT for all eight Primary schools and the Waid (previous model B) and 2HTs – one for the Waid and one for the eight Primary schools (previous Model C) are now off the table as Councillors rejected these. Seven options have now been put forward, including Option 1, which is ‘make no change’. All parents and carers have been sent a letter with a link to a survey asking which options they prefer or other alternative options can be put forward. Responses have to be in by March 10. Each of the smaller Primary schools are only meant to get 0.3 FTE Leadership, but they currently get 0.5 – above entitlement and those presenting at the meeting indicated that this cannot continue. For this area, the options are Waid + Anstruther Primary – a 3-18 model. Or Waid + Anstruther + Crail. FC want the decision made by August but will be phased transition as there will be recruitment etc. At the meeting there was talk of attracting ‘better qualified and quality candidates’ by increasing the roll under each HT, and hence the salary. However, this suggests that the current incumbents are not this, which is not so. Also, it was suggested that HTs tend to move on from the EN because of lack of promotion opportunities. However, five out of nine HTs in the EN are local and would not want to move as it is likely they want to work locally.

# Coronation

Coronation is Sat May 6, so something could be planned for Sunday or Monday (BH).

Do we want to do anything? Possibly another picnic in the park – maybe Dreelside park and combine with opening of park. Ask Louise McEwan from the EN Centre if she is still willing to help even though not on the CC now. Combine with other groups like Footprint?

# Multi-Use Path (MUP)

Carl – Dreel Park to Coop complete now and well used. The group is hoping to publicise it. Next meeting 24th Feb. Pittenweem to Dreel Park is ongoing. Gerald Cooper is trying to arrange meeting with Trades Box etc. re purchase of the land.Coop to St Andrews Road, to the schools - Waiting on BT to move services by coop

Details of minor works received from Gerald re eg dropped kerbs.

Crail to Kilrenny - waiting on plan from FC.

# RNLI / Transport Update

Daryl and Andy did mock Community Asset Transfer application to Donald Grant see if in theory asset transfer could go ahead. This seems to be acceptable. Now need a Board of Trustees to take this on. This may be a challenge but there is interest.

# Information Boards

MH has had meeting with Martin Dibley and local artist Yolande Kenny re Information Boards. Yolande agreed to take on drawing the new map and MH distributed the current version to members of the CC. All were happy with the map but the consensus was to not include symbols for restaurants as these are not ‘future proof’. The QR code that will be on the board will link to current information.

# Secretary’s Report

Emailed Louise McEwan asking her to put CC **meetings in diary for Burgh Chambers** as we decided to stick with this venue unless large attendance anticipated.

Community Council **Insurance renewal form** completed and sent.

Email from **Harbour Master** 9 January– harbour user asking when Christmas tree to be taken down. Removed 12 January.

**Suggestions for roads/pavements** needing work from Members of Public on Face Book forwarded to Cll Dillon by Gillian. We have now received the Local Community Plan, which indicates that repairs will be carried out on the full length of the pavement in East Forth street and the road at Burnside Terrace.

**Seaweed** – The ‘fresh’ seaweed was meant to be removed week beginning 23 January but I checked and it was still there. Resources were not available that week but they are now aiming to use contractors they currently have on site for drainage works. John Kinninmonth now says they are intending to remove it week beginning 20 February.

**Anstruther Info** – we need to renew Domain Name for the next year - £25.

**Police Report** for January:

Anstruther 34 calls 10 crimes recorded

Cellardyke 22 calls 2 crimes recorded

Kilrenny 3 calls 0 crimes recorded

# Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report .

Bank statement end of January : £96,547.24

Money in :

Money out : ENCT hall hire for three invoices £49.10

Cheques written for £500 to Common Good Fund , £350 to RNLI, £350 to Cellardyke Tidal

Pool.

Poppy Scotland : Total collected was £1,116.40 after £3.30 added for digital donations.

# Councillors’ Reports

Cll Dillon:

**The Waid Academy Cluster Leadership Consultation:**

- Following approval of the seven proposals at the council’s Cabinet

Committee on the 12th of January, the Education department are now

carrying out a consultation with parents & concerned individuals. Last

week, there were several meetings across the catchment and if anyone

was unable to attend or has more to add an online consultation is being

carried out. This can be accessed using the link below:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=L6Vp-

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**Recent Incidents at The Waid Academy**:

- Following the recent sharing of footage showing violent behaviour at The

Waid Academy, I have called on a report to be brought before the

council’s Education Scrutiny Committee on violence in schools and asked

that it cover a range of areas including incidents over the last five years

and support for victims, staff &amp; witnesses. This report is due to be brought

before the committee in March.

**Roads Programme 2023/24:**

- The final draft of the Roads Programme has been published ahead of the

NE Fife Area Committee on the 15th of February. In Anstruther, the roads &

footpaths put before councillors are:

B9131 – Spalefield to Anstruther

Burnside Terrace

East Forth St Footpath

- This is clearly a reduction compared to the previous draft and I, and I

hope my fellow East Neuk Councillors, will be questioning the removal of

other roads and the failure to address the suggestions put forward by the

CC.

**Buckie House Corner Road Markings:**

- Over the Christmas period, I was made aware that since the last

resurfacing of the Buckie House Corner, there have been a lack of road

markings. After conversations with officers, these will be reinstated as

part of the High St/ Elizabeth Pl resurfacing works being carried out for 5

days from the 27th of March.

**Post Office:**

- Having requested an update regarding the future of the Post Office, I can

confirm that no progress has yet been announced.

**Cash Access:**

- Following a recent piece on the BBC, I have been looking into the LINK

Group’s financial access programme. Having contacted them, I have been

asked to provide specific towns/villages, streets, or postcodes, which

would be consider central to the community. If anyone has any

suggestions of anywhere that fits that description or any businesses that

would be willing to have an ATM, please contact me at

[cllr.sean.dillon@fife.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.sean.dillon@fife.gov.uk)

**Refill Water Tap:**

- Scottish Water have announced plans to install a refill water tap on the

promenade across from the chip shop. This site was selected due to

meeting the following criteria:

- Situated close to the Scottish Water network supply

- Does not pose a hazard either during installation or operational use

- Does not pose any Health &amp; Safety risks to the public when in use

- Has a high footfall of potential consumers

- Should encourage the use of refillable bottles and reduce litter.

**Cemeteries:**

- Fife Council is carrying out a consultation over the future of our

cemeteries. On current trends, Anstruther Cemetery is the only one in the

ward with capacity for the next 50 years, however, this consultation may

result in it becoming the East Neuk’s central cemetery. Anyone interested

in taking part should use the link below:

https://www.fife.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-diaries/future-

provision-of-cemeteries-in-fife

**Bulky Uplifts:**

- From April 2023, the council will be removing the charge for domestic

bulky uplifts of items including, but not limited to, fridge freezers,

mattresses, and sofas after growing concerns over illegal dumping.

Cll Hayes:

**Signage budget** – this budget has been spent so no improvement in signage will happen until the next financial year. No agreement has been reached with Scottish power so there will be a delay of 6 months for repairs for electrical repairs such as street lighting.

**Common Good Fund Policy** going to council on Wednesday 15 February. The accounts were previously withdrawn as Cll Hayes objected as they were incorrect. Money for repairs to Common Good property is meant to be charged to the Common Good fund but then reimbursed by Council, but this has not been happening. However, Fife Council have brought the accounts back unchanged so Cll Hayes will object again. FC have a new Auditor and 13 errors in processing audits have been found, 6 substantial.

A Common Good Policy Statement has been issued by the Council. This property belongs to council and they have a duty to maintain it. Some Common Good property is ‘inalienable’ and can only be sold by the Council with the consent of the Sheriff or the Court of Session. However, some CG property can be sold off if it is of greater benefit to the community and the funds credited to the CGF. If CG assets are to be sold to the community, this is done by Community Asset Transfer and can be at less than the market value.

# Representation from other groups

FLORAL – FC Planting Fuchsia at Milton Road this week. Still not got date for the coop to fund raise.

MURRAY LIBRARY TRUST (MLT)-

Murray Library Trustees

At the trustees meeting on 10th February the trustees awarded a grant to a member of the

public who had asked for a grant to pay for a story telling afternoon at Waid Academy on

World Book Day the 3rd of March.

The trust’s APM (annual public meeting) will take place on Tuesday 14th March at 7pm in the

Murray Library Hostel.

SKATEPARK STAKEHOLDER GROUP -

No update – next meeting this Thursday 7:30pm

# AOCB

Cellardyke swings – adult got in touch with CC via FB. The catch came loose on the swing and she was injured. DW reported to FC – Craig Balfour. Seat has now been replaced.

DW – now have the CC flag to put up at the Harbour Master’s.

Julia Cowie asked about the strip of land at the back of Waid, alongside the road. Would it be possible to develop as part of the edible walkway? She has tried to contact Peter Duncan re this. Alycia thinks it is not part of PPE and will follow up with peter Duncan. School could maybe get involved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13 MARCH 2023 BURGH CHAMBERS