Minutes

The Royal Burgh of Kilrenny, Anstruther & Cellardyke Community Council

Monday 26th September 2022 7:30pm | Meeting called to order by Andy Peddie

# In Attendance

Community Council members: Susan Gay, LouiseMcEwan, Lorna Jones (Treasurer), Lindsay McKinstry, Margaret Hellicar, Sean, Andy Peddie (Chairperson), Daryl Wilson (Secretary), Ali McLeod, Ellis Jaffray, Neil Anderson

MUP Subgroup Representative – Carl Van Der Lee

Councillors: Alycia Hayes, Sean Dillon

Approx 30 members of the public

Apologies: Gillian MacLaren (Vice Chairperson), Cllr Fiona Corps

# Approval of Minutes / Declaration of interests

Minutes of previous meeting were approved by Lindsay and seconded by Ellis, no declaration of interest noted and no matters arising forthcoming.

# Questions from members of the public (out with Agenda)

Martin asked what progress has been made to finding permanent home for Post Office Van? What efforts for advertising have been undertaken? Even more important the town retains and utilises this service as St Monans Post Office has also closed. Is there anything being done to bring a more permanent solution for the East Neuk?

Cllr Dillon had email from Steven Grimmond (Fife Council) re meeting but no response to date. Publicity is a matter for the operator themselves and re closure of St Monans, an internal FC meeting to be held on Thursday this week – any outcome will be reported back from the Cllr.

Daryl advised still issue with the PO van being required by FC to remove all retail items - also heard potential site at Coop, but no information to back this up. Post Office system is broken, not an attractive option for businesses to have this in their premises.

Kev raised questions re crossing at Bankie Park, he is disappointed at new markings on crossing indicating children crossing – feels road markings are too close to crossing as upon them before it becomes relevant. As a member of the public, feels he has tried for 6 years to campaign for a safer crossing and feels this hasn’t been completed well. Carl explained do need further signs for kids crossing, although progress was made with anti-skid paint and speed bumps all installed. Carl invited mop to have a site visit with him to point out exactly what he wants. Also, Kev noted that the Cycle Path Signage not got timings - Carl responded as stating it is not standard to put timings on signs, but it could potentially be explored further. Mop feels it’s not been very innovative, Carl agreed to present progress on the path further.

# Input from Multi Use Path Group

Carl advised they now have agreement from Pittenweem to continue with the Core Path and the A917 paths, thanking Cllr Alycia Hayes who was very helpful in assisting the groups to reach a decision. Core Path - concerns expressed re new development at Milton Farm and cars using the road. Fife Council agreed to put a path to the south of the existing road, this negates the need for passing places etc. and means the path can continue regardless of the new development. Also had choice of using route A through Dreelside park - + will fix flooding issue, Shirley from Dreelside Park Group and CC preferred this route to route B. Agreed to Route A. Maintenance - commitment from Fife Council to utlise the community payback scheme to maintain the path also money from FC. A917 - path running along the north side, All subject to approval from Sea box and landowners and permissions.

Visual of both paths presented. Pedestrian crossing as you enter Pittenweem been agreed. Path to run towards the coastal path in Pittenweem. Safe route to school - issue on Station Road (always marked as unsafe route by schools due to traffic, narrow paths etc., however they did have lamps - now avoiding traffic with new route, 3.5 m wide, with kerbs and stopping places for when industrial places require access - will not have lamps at this present time, studs agreed but group will continue to pursue better lighting.

In conjunction with Sustainable Anstruther the group were asked for assistance on behalf of CC with identified issues as per consultation. £106K was budget, costs inflated to £200K due to price hikes - one success is Anstruther Primary School route, drainage improved also.

Wattery Butts improvement - path widened, still needs a bit lining to complete.

Improvement to Dreelside Park access for prams, wheelchairs, ramp built up. More dropped kerbs and snagging to be completed. Mitchell Place requires further dropped kerbs as too narrow for prams, wheelchairs. Station Road, also removal of barrier obstruction at Milton Crescent being investigated via housing department.

Member of public asked if ducting will be between Pittenweem and Anstruther? - Carl said no as policy is no lighting in countryside - Kev advised he has been told by FC they would install ducting - Carl will ask FC representative the question.

Member of the public asked if dropped kerbs are being matched up? e.g., across from each other so users can easily and directly cross safely - very important for safety issues. Carl keen to work with lady to utilise her experiences to ensure the work meets the needs of users. DW to forward details to link and explore further. **Action: Carl**

# Planning/Licensing Matters

No applications flagged up. No forward movement on previous applications re Kilrenny wedding venue and Lindsay Berwick greenspace to garden spare **- LMcK** to send email to planning **to follow up**

# RNLI – Transport Update

As per previous meeting - Myles McGregor still completing consultation and this is required in evidence to help Council remove demolition order on the building. **Action: Andy to follow up**

# AGM Arrangements

AGM - to be held on Monday 14th November – closed session of meeting determined venue unavailable and alternative venue agreed for AGM for The Burgh Chambers, Anstruther Town Hall.

No October meeting will be held due to large number of Community Councillors being unavailable due to holidays.

# Secretary’s Report

11/8 Email to Fife Council (FC) re 2 sets of temporary traffic lights causing chaos within Central Anstruther, attaching photos of long queues along Shore Street. Response received 16/8 from Ian Jones (Lead Consultant) to advise works were undertaken by statutory undertakers and therefore they do not require FC permission, although they do liaise with FC as the road’s authority. The BT lights were meant to be manually operated and Ian agreed to explore further and advise what went wrong and how this can be avoided in the future – to date no further response.

11/8 – Correspondence with Diarmuid Cotter (FC) re broken self-service machine in Waid Community Campus Library, he is to meet with FCT to resolve this issue and will advise us on progress – to date no further response received.

19/8 – Local Place Plan training on offer to all community councillors, further to circulation, no members have attended this session.

23/8 –Email received from Peter Lomas (Balmullo CC) re participation request re St Andrews Community Hospital – read info to all and unanimously agreed to support this request. **DW to follow up**

28/8 – Email to Fife Council (Sunday morning) to advise Anstruther Toilet Block remains locked with visitors frequenting local restaurant. Response received and call out team sent to open the facility within a couple of hours.

31/8 – Footpath to close between Pittenweem Road and Garden Avenue from 17/10-05/12 to allow rebuilding of boundary wall to be carried out safely.

01/09 – Community Police report for August 2022 circulated to members.

04/09 – Communication with Ken Gourlay (FC) re mobile post office van. FC to hold an internal meeting on

05/09 Email received from Julie Cowie to advise the submission of the CAT application t FC re Dreelside Woods. Request that CC submit letter of support, unfortunately deadline now passed as of 21/09

14/9 – Evening Roadworks on High Street planned for 19/9 – 23/9 now cancelled

16/09 – Email received from John, FC Harbours Team to advise FC preparing for contractors to remove excess seaweed from Cellardyke Harbour and Anstruther Beach. Due to outsourcing this work and tidal times, it will likely be undertaken week commencing 26/09

23/9 – Further email to Ross and Liddell, factors for Silverdykes Park to seek answers re continued park closure – have been advised via The Courier reporter the park will re-open on Thursday 29th September.

# Treasurer’s Report

Bank statement end of August: £96,331.03

Money in £2,000 donation from Helen Main Trust for Dreelside swing park, £906.88 from

FC for CC’s 2022-23 grant.

Money out: £107 to ENCT for hall hire for Jubilee Party and CC meeting, £240 for floral

basket watering, £35.15 to FVA for independent examination of accounts

Margaret Smith has collected £1,043.16 and Elizabeth Gordon (the Kist) has donated £1,000

for the floral fund

Total cost for the Queen’s Jubilee Party was £2,463.39. The CC received donations of £3,000

for the party. Louise has suggested the CC donate the leftover money to the First

Responders – unanimously agreed Action **- Lorna**

# Councillor’s Report

Cllr Dillon reported he has clarified there will be a daycare facility in the new Ladywalk House

Council carrying out review of capacity of graveyards - reporting in Autumn

STL legislation passed at cabinet last week.

To date there has been no response re road ownership at Cellardyke Caravan Park

Cllr Alycia Hayes advised despite consultation; Stagecoach are to make cuts to the 95 bus service which serves this area. Cllrs to take this up with FC to act with Stagecoach to ensure there is adequate cover for our area.

A previous question was raised re telephone mast at Cellardyke Harbour area – Cllr Fiona Corps investigating

# Input re Potential Street Market – D Sommerville

Andy welcomed Darren Sommerville aka local businessman - The Muffin Man from St Monans Bass Rock Industrial Estate to the meeting and gave him the floor.

Darren organises and operates artisan farmers markets in whole of Fife and beyond. He has been approached by residents & harbour festival organisers to bring market to Anstruther – he is here to gauge support, viability of this. Mindful of what is already trading at present and try not to replicate this. Many different producers and he tries to get local producers. To be held on Folly area, how often? Monthly suggested. Currently do Kingsbarns, Dalgety Bay etc. - what is the thoughts of frequency? Mop queried selling bread, Saturday morning an ideal time, good idea, monthly. Show of hands proved good support. DW will send details to Darren for Fife Council Harbours contact, as they will require permissions from Harbours as they own the Folly area and will need to ensure all licensed accordingly. Question - Can we have limited number of information stalls for local projects? - yes, open to community groups to have stalls also. Darren wants to work alongside the community to benefit all. Aimed at small producers. Like to start with a trial market, then come back to cc for feedback - if all went well could make a long-term plan. No objections from Community Council to trial a market.

# Representation from other groups

FLORAL - Baskets now coming to the end of their life. No response from Men's Shed rebuilding of tubs -SG advised they are still chipping away; deadline would be helpful. Offer of bulbs that need planted, will decant older flowers, and replace with bulbs. Try to take baskets down within the next 3-4 weeks **– Action – Andy** to organise

MLT - The trust now has 8 trustees as the three councillors have joined us and Heather

Greenwood has been appointed as the representative for Anstruther Primary.

Painting of the front of the building will start on 3 rd October – weather permitting.

Scaffolding will be erected to facilitate this.

Photos of the Snooker Hall (taken by Roy MacIntosh) have been donated to the KABC. The

trustees were delighted to hear this as it was thought no photos existed of this room in the

ML.

# Input from Keep Bankie Park Green Again – Graham Ellery

Andy welcomed Graham to the floor – written information packs distributed by Graham to all CC members and Councillors.

Graham explained the KBPG group is a cooperative group with common interest to keep Bankie Park green. Objective of group is to keep genuine green open public space in the public park. He explained they believe there are a number of impacts from Skatepark proposal - concrete not env friendly, not good for climate change and meadows would have detrimental impact - not good for nature, strong bird feeding area around bottom of park. Believe potential disruption to bat roosts, mating area. Flooding issues have been acknowledged and feel this would be exacerbated by run off from skatepark. Neighbours big impact is noise and visual situation. They believe a skatepark would attract anti-social behaviours and effectively urbanising the park with concrete. Lifestyle impact for neighbours - e.g., loss of amenity, loss of car parking, exercise freely in park. Graham said they have identified no other skatepark in Fife can be found surrounded by housing. Terms of park users in group - loss of, or fragmentation of free play spaces for children, exercise, dog walking, quiet space, detrimental impact on event space - impact on football pitch. Risk will be a no-go area for seniors as too much open space is developed. They believe these groups are already impacted in our community and reduced exercise space will lead to poorer mental health.

Graham advised the history of park – in 2011 substantive survey of all homes in Anstruther - from that consultation it was determined that Bankie Park was not favoured as a skatepark location. The 2018 campaign from KBPG which saw the threat of nursing home being built within the park (which was rejected) identified noise disruption from MUGA, increased anti-social behaviour. Greenspace access is between 59-60% Fife average and feel it will reduce further as an example, loss of beach for RNLI shed. July group did audit on skatepark consultation, large percentage of consultation were not aware of proposals if not on social media, some neighbours were not aware of skatepark proposals

Actions undertaken to date -In July 360 objection flyers distributed by group - good return rate, September saw a further 500 objection flyers distributed and in October to follow same and all completed objections will be presented to FC before any decision is undertaken on location of skateboard park location.

Graham stated, 53 people preferred Bankie to 51 people preferring Waid as he read it from the Skatepark group consultation results. Community divided by 2 votes if you break down Cellardyke v Anstruther residents, overall numbers were 101 prefer Bankie 86 Waid.

The group have 132 objections received and a meeting planned with Councillors next week to verify information. KBPG asking CC to not support development of Skatepark in Bankie or have any further discussions on the matter as they believe the community doesn’t want it and suggest CC instead concentrate on Waid Campus site with the skatepark group as it meets requirements and is more popular in their view with the wider community.

Member of public asked if environmental impact if located at Waid was not also a consideration? - Graham answered yes but it’s not already publicly usable space. Any loss of greenspace not desirable to the KBPG group.

MOP struggling to understand logic behind a tennis court sized skatepark having such a large impact on residents etc. – KBPG believe it will destroy fabric of the park. It was suggested by a member of the public the KBPG group hold a negative view of skateparks which is contributing towards their views. Member of public stated “we all meet and share space, all one community why having a new resource stop others from using it?”. This was answered by a member of the public, using examples of an autistic child who may struggle with boundary issue and run into path of skateboards, people with mental health issues will struggle. kids swearing already exists and a skate park wouldn’t change that was the option of one member of the public.

MOP stated how unfair the KBPG campaign is when comparing the skatepark campaign - if skatepark sent out one question “do you want it in Bankie Park?” sure they would have significant numbers of supporters.

Andy concluded by stating as a community we need to find a way forward. A stakeholder group can be formed to try and iron out potential issues to identify location of park.

Graham asked again “We are directly asking CC to stop all communication re Bankie Park” - Chairperson stated we are not ruling anything out at this stage. Member of the public asked Who decides who gets into Stakeholders group? Stating everyone who gets into CC cannot all be on the group - it needs to be impartial – Chairperson agreed and advised not all community councillors will participate – a small group is required in order for the group to be manageable and make progress. Everyone wants a skatepark - the KBPG are not against a skatepark. Other points raised included, where is the vision for a large thriving community? 5/6 locations identified, need a vehicle to come to a decision. No one group has right to dictate, park is an asset to whole town and every generation who lives there - important stakeholder group reflect that. Discussion re Waid as a potential site and possible pro's, minuses.

Andy advised he will chair the stakeholder group as Community Council are trying to find a way forward which includes all parties who have demonstrated an interest in the potential location of a skatepark and the community council will discuss this further in their closed session re who is to be represented.

# AOCB

No other business

# Closed Session – Community Council

All 4 proposals raised by the ASG at the public consultation were discussed.

1. Accept the consultation results as valid
2. Support further work to look at viability of potential sites. This will use criteria including safety, noise, biodiversity, visual impact, ownership, ease of access, value for money and neighbour impact
3. Recommend to FC officers that they continue to work on the finer detail in collaboration with the ASP
4. Set up a community stakeholder group to advance the delivery of a skatepark

The Community Council supported all 4 proposals and agreed to facilitate the stakeholder group. Agreed Andy Peddie should chair the group and names and organisations were considered as potential members of the group – trying to achieve a balanced view.

A full list of names will be published as soon as an agreement has been reached with those involved.

We also considered a letter of objection from Anstruther Bowling Club and a constructive email from Martin Dibley – Chair of the East Neuk Community Council Forum.

The Community Councillors were invited to share their views on dealing with such a polarizing issue in the community.

Remembrance Sunday – Daryl will organise with local church and apply for street closures and invite representative from armed forces and local organisations. Lorna to order 4 poppy wreaths.

Halloween – Cheryl Brown willing to organise a Halloween event and would welcome any support from Community Councillors – anyone interested to contact Cheryl direct.

Louise McEwan advised of her resignation due to home move – Andy thanked her on behalf of community council, for all she has contributed in the past 4 years and was happy to know we would continue to work with her via her paid employment in the future.