Minutes

The Royal Burgh of Kilrenny, Anstruther & Cellardyke Community Council

Monday 12 December 2022, 7:30pm at The Burgh Chambers | Meeting called to order by Andy Peddie

# In Attendance

Andy Peddie, Gillian MacLaren, Margaret Hellicar, Daryl Wilson, Ali Mcleod, Carl van der Lee

One members of public present

Apologies – Neil Anderson, Lindsay McKinstry, Susan Gay, Lorna Jones Cllr Sean Dillon, Cllr Fiona Corps

# Welcome & Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

# Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes approved by Gillian McLaren and seconded by Ali McLeod

The Santa parade went very well and thanks are due to all involved. Ali counted at least at least 350 spectators along the way and the parade was appreciated by the public. A total of £681.78 was collected, plus a late donation of £10 and so it was decided to round the figure up to £700. Donations to go to the RNLI and Cellardyke Tidal Pool. Thanks especially to Santa, Louise McEwan and Louse Lewis for helping.

The Christmas lights and tree were also put up successfully. Thanks are due again to the folk from The Waterfront for kindly donating the tree and helping with the lights. Extra lights have been purchased for next year.

# Questions from the public

KL -Any progress on paying in cheques to Fife Council for Common Good fund? Cllr Hayes was to follow up, but she was not at the meeting. We will add to the agenda for the next meeting.

KL - Asked for it to be minuted that the conduit for lighting on the cycle path has not been put in at construction stage of new parts of path despite Alan Mclean from FC assuring him it would be. However, Carl van der Lee confirmed that ducting for lighting cables has been put in on the new parts of the path to future proof. There may also be an option for solar lighting.
KL - Asked about Safety points previously raised re the crossing at Crail Rd. Cllr Hayes read out response from Fife Council at the last meeting.

KL to go to next meeting of MUP.

# Input re Multi Use Path (MUP)

CvdL reported that the new part of the path from the Coop to Queens Gardens is now open and looking good. The two routes between Anstruther and Pittenween are in with Fife Council Estates re permissions from landowners, which has been requested. The path may possibly go under the bridge at Dreelside, rather than turning up to the left before the bridge, but this is still to be finalised. Some lights on the path around Anstruther are not working and this has been reported.

MH brought up that the west end of the MUP along the A917 is now shown as going south and linking with Mayview. She is aware through a family member that this is of some concern to the residents of Mayview and Braehead, as they were not aware of this plan. It was agreed that this is down to Pittenweem CC rather than Anstruther. MH had attended a Pittenweem CC meeting where it was confirmed there would be consultation with the community.

# Planning/Licensing Matters

Lyndsay not present, but reported that there were no concerns with planning applications. She hoped Cllr Hayes may have an update re East Green application, but Cllr Hayes not present.

# RNLI / Transport Update

Still waiting for the Traffic Consultation from Myles McGregor. This was delayed due to family bereavement, but AP has written again with no reply so far. He may now telephone him to try and get an update. AP and DW will be going to a meeting with Donald Grant regarding an informal stage 1 application for community transfer of the old shed to see if viable. The RNLI still do not have the lease for the new shed from Fife Council. The CC had thought this had been sorted. However, FC now saying that due to holidays, the lease will not be complete until late January 2023. This means RNLI cannot put out to tender for the new shed, as they cannot do this until the new lease is confirmed. The RNLI are very frustrated at the continued delay with FC and it is at serious list of losing the project.

# Waid Community Library & Café

Meeting at Waid with:

Diamid Cotter (Head of Customer & Online Services), Annette Mizerny (libraries), Scott Duncan (Waid Head Teacher), Dawn Redman (Waid Business Manager), Peter Bathgate (FC catering), Karen McElhinney (FC catering), Andy Peddie, Gillian McLaren, Margaret Hellicar, Cllr. Fiona Corps, Cllr. Alycia Hayes.

Apologies: Daryl Wilson

All acknowledged things with the library and café had not been great last couple of years and the building does not suit all users, but we have to move on. Scott Duncan said that the school no longer has its own library and there are concerns about toddlers wandering into classrooms as the route cannot be closed off. He said there were also problems also at exam time with noise. Ideally, the mezzanine level could be screened off with glass and also at present just ribbon separates school from public area so a door is needed. The CC suggested that maybe the library/café hours could be altered in the summer to accommodate closure during exams. There was also the suggestion of having an outside catering unit in the summer. The catering staff were very keen to try different options, including evening opening and promote these. They explained the problems they have with having to stick with the Scottish Government guidelines on school catering and also the challenge of boisterous toddlers. We were concerned that Annette suggested that the hours staff spent at Waid may be better used in Methil as the usage is lower at the Waid. However, we had figures from FC saying there were 20000 users a year at Waid. We asked if the staff were engaging with customers at the Waid and there needs to be better communications with the public about events and the facilities. If staffing is a problem, we suggested the use of volunteers to help and this will be considered. We also suggested that the area could more welcoming and open to use in the evening. We want to get back to the levels of use of the library and café pre-Covid.

Overall, the meeting seemed quite positive with good discussion. We will meet again in 6 months time.

# Secretary’s Report

MH thanked Daryl for spending about 3 hours passing over information and helping get her set up with the emails, Facebook etc.

Forms were sent in to Fife Council for Santa Parade.

An email was received form Toby Anstruther giving us the contact name for ‘Fields in Trust’. Andy hopes to meet with Ewan Gillies in January to discuss the various threats to green spaces in our area.

Complaint from member of the public re the saltire flag at the harbour being at ‘half-mast’. Andy corrected this. Going forward we would like to use the flag with the Burgh coat of arms. As the original can’t be located, Daryl will order a new one.

Gerald Cooper has sent us copies of emails sent to landowners/tenants affected by the Pittenweem-Anstruther Shared Use Path.

Scottish Community Councils Newsletter, NHS Fife update and Community Policing Team report circulated.

East Neuk centre is not available on Mondays now because of a block booking, this is why we are in the Burgh Chambers. Louise has suggested using the Lower Town Hall. We agreed to use LTH if we are having presentations as it is larger but will check the difference in cost. Next meeting to be in the Burgh Chambers.

# Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report sent in by LJ.

Bank statement end of November : £97,055.93

Money in : £67.40 from church for their poppy wreaths

Money out : £537 donation to EN First Responders, £134.00 for poppy wreaths, £386.82 to

Daryl for Christmas lights

Cash collected in the poppy collection tins was £1,113.10. Some of the tins had QR codes on

them so more money may have been collected. I will be informed of this later.

She has bought 1200 bulbs from Garden Direct for £26.95.

She has £184.05 at home waiting to be banked which was collected recently from the floral

tins.

# Councillor’s Report

No Councillors present.

# Representation from other groups

FLORAL – Message from Lindsay: There was due to be an online meeting to discuss the issues regarding Beautiful Fife 2023, however it was cancelled and another date is to be arranged. Lorna had a good bulb deal via email so she ordered a quantity which Lindsay now has; some have already been distributed to volunteers.

MURRAY LIBRARY TRUSTEES - Jen McBride has moved from studio 4 to studio 6 as studio 6 is slightly larger. Liam Dickson has moved into studio 4.

The hostel has been experiencing difficulties with its heating system. The plumber eventually decided that the boiler would be very expensive to repair. A new boiler has been fitted.

SKATEPARK STAKEHOLDER GROUP – 2nd Meeting held. It was agreed park should not be within 50m of houses and the land has to be available. Some sites ruled out on this basis. Pittenweem, Waid and Bankie are left as possibilities. Discussion has been constructive.

# AOCB

DW said that the new equipment in Dreelside Park failed the safety inspection. There were manufacturing faults on two pieces of equipment: Slide and swings. These have to be replaced - we think at the manufacturer’s cost. The replacement should be getting done this week and hopefully will reopen by Christmas. Need to add signage giving details of funding. We may have an event at Dreel Halls once the park is open, or possibly a picnic in park in spring?

Fife Environmental Trust have asked if we received money from Helen Main Trust, if so, FET may reduce their contribution. However, we did not get all we asked for originally so hopefully the amount will not be reduced.

NEXT MEETING: 9 JANUARY 2023