Minutes

The Royal Burgh of Anstruther, Kilrenny & Cellardyke Community Council

Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm via ZOOM | Meeting called to order by Andy Peddie

# In Attendance

Andy Peddie, Gillian MacLaren, Daryl Wilson, Lorna Jones, Lindsay McKinstray, Ali McLeod, Gail Sorley, Louise McEwan, Susan Gay, Neil Anderson, Kelly Scott

Cllr Linda Holt, Harry Peddie, Alistair Busby, Cllr Bill Porteous, Cllr John Docherty

Apologies: Sean Blake

# Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes approved by Louise McEwan and seconded Susan Gay. Mo matters arising.

# Questions from the public

2 members of the public present. No questions forthcoming.

# Planning Matters

LMcK again emphasised our concern about the planning procedures in place whereby CC are unaware of community feelings, objectors, supporters etc. due to the new guidance. Cllr Holt stated the change in procedures never went to Committee and due to Covid, zoom meetings etc. it is a very valid point that the new procedures prohibit the community council to get a feel for the applications. Appropriate responses cannot be made in timely manner. Cllr Docherty advised applicants to send their comments to all on the planning committee if they feel strong about their application.

H Peddie in attendance to express thanks to Councillors for their input regarding the recent application he was interested in and appreciates the level of work undertaken by the Councillors.

# PAS Update – Consult Anstruther Transport Community Consultation

DW stated a public consultation is to take place on Monday 29th March via Zoom at 7pm to discuss all things transport that affect those living, working and visiting our area. This is an important and exciting opportunity to highlight and potentially change/fix issues in the area with Fife Council supporting the initiative and external funding available for potential changes that need to happen. Everyone encouraged to attend and pre-register at [www.consultanstruther.org](http://www.consultanstruther.org).uk or sign up via the facebook page Consult Anstruther Transport.

Working together with PAS ad Fife Council, lots of work has been undertaken to date, to achieve this opportunity for consultation and bring it together, offering a fantastic chance for community to influence the transport structure within the area.

Members of CC recently met with local man Bill Bruce who kindly undertook drone footage and video to highlight common transport issues in the town. The finished video will hopefully be published next week.

# RNLI Update – Tender Response

Previously sent out 3 tender forms to consultants. To date we have received 2 tenders, with a further due in by Wednesday 10th March. Andy, Daryl and Gillian then to review the tenders and select, before applying for funding for the feasibility study. Cost approx. £15K.

# Floral Beds at Milton Crescent

Fife Council covered the floral beds with turf in the Milton Crescent Area, Community Council complained to officer who is new in post and he promptly met with Andy to apologise and discuss moving forward. There is potential to get turf lifted and flowers replanted in collaboration with floral groups. Further discussion with floral group to establish way forward. It is anticipated we will collaborate further with the council officer for all areas of the town.

# Gap Site at Cellardyke Harbour – Community Initiative

Footprint East Neuk had intimated an interest in taking over this gap site, however email received today has subsequently retracted this offer.

Susan Gay is also interested in this site for a joint project with Oor Space and Mens Shed. Louise McEwan suggested it could be a fab place for a community food garden. Susan to progress this initiative working alongside Floral group. Cllr Docherty has previously worked in another community on a sensory garden, and he is more than happy to provide his skills. Gail suggested a children’s garden project. DW to send SG relevant email addresses to progress.

# Anstruther.info update

Daryl not progressed with this yet due to the time commitment given to PAS project. Only a further 2 businesses have signed up to the website since the previous meeting. GS stated East Neuk Now also experiencing low uptake at this present time from local businesses, understandable due to Covid restrictions and closures.

# Secretary’s Report

Email received from AIA to introduce Julia Priestley as new Community Development Worker.

Multi use path correspondence from residents and group members, more detail in Multi Use Section

Muir Homes responded to email after 4 weeks and have passed it to customer care for investigation, once all points investigated, they will offer a thorough response.

Renewed the Wix website domain for Anstruther.info website for further year. Also renewed domain name with midget squid

Email received 7 March re memorial benches. DW read email and AP suggested it could be easier to replace existing bench. GMcL and LMcE to have a walkabout to review location of current benches and report to Daryl who will answer email query. LJ suggested new bench could be cited next to CC boat at Toons Green.

# Treasurer’s Report

Bank statement end of February:  £70,756.57

Money in £40 for 2 subscriptions to anstruther.info

There is no guidance in the constitution for CCs regarding holding funds for other local groups or applying for grants from FET. Fc aware we hold lots of funds for other groups presently so must be ok

£106.48 paid DW to reimburse Wix website costs.

# Councillor’s Report

Cllr Holt has started public petition regarding potholes and state of Fife Council Roads. Petition has now attracted over 1500 signatures. Cllr Holt saddened that a petition is necessary for Fife Council to take issue seriously, however history has proven petitions as a useful tool to highlight the severity of the problem. She hopes this publicity will bring the attention to Fife Councils attention when considering the forthcoming budget allocations.

Cllr Docherty continues to press regarding opening of recycling centre and inadequacy of Fife Council telephone helpline number.

Cllr Porteous also acknowledged budget meeting on Thursday and hopes more money will be allocated to transport. Bathing water standards (highest quality of water in beaches and rivers). Bill asking for the community to consider this as the standard we should aspire to for our communities. National Park project – speaker to attend the East Neuk Forum to discuss this possibility.

# Representatives from other groups

**FLORAL** – LMcK awaiting clarification from FC regarding Beautiful Fife Competition and if it is to proceed in 2021. Gardner Avenue boat in situ and received compost from CC. Also compost to be given to The Watsons for area on Windmill Road. Also, to follow up replacement tubs at Windmill. Require budget for site opposite Barnetts, Cellardyke display, new volunteers keen to take this area forward. Money in account presently, however, need to factor in watering costs. AP suggested £100. Cllrs acknowledged the efforts of the community throughout the pandemic looking after the floral arrangements. GS asked if McCarthy & Stone are to be approached for the upkeep of the baskets at their area and will there be opportunity for others to sponsor baskets? LMcK stated Margaret Smith was fundraising last year and did a fabulous job, re McCarthy & Stone there was no response last year, however they have now pulled out of building in Scotland so its not looking very positive but will try again this year.

**MURRAY LIBRARY TRUSTEES** - The tenant in studio 4 is vacating her studio at the end of March. A new tenant (a photographer) is moving in on 1st April. Annual Public Meeting to be held on 25th March at 7:30pm via Zoom and Anstruther Skate Park Group will provide a short presentation.

**SLC** - Bankie Park bench and picnic tables have been ordered and will be in place in the near future.

Replacement slide and accessible swing seat should be in place at Cellardyke park by end of April.

Repairs to the two flights of stone steps and the diagonal path at the Toon’s Green/braes will be starting soon.

The last tranche (£100,000) of the section 75 money has now been paid by Muir Homes to Fife Council. The SLC are now asking the local community for proposals for spending this money. Details of how to submit a proposal can be found on Anstruther.info. The deadline for proposals is 1st July 2021.

**MULTI USE PATH** – Meeting of ENCAP group (look at Earlsferry to Pittenweem section) was held recently. Continues to be a sticking point for the route between Anstruther and Pittenweem, still awaiting Pittenweem to carry out further consultation. Some Anstruther residents have recently realised the path will pass their houses and have some cause for concern. CC met with MLT and shared the concerns with the group and action plan in place to speak to the residents concerned.

# AOCB

AMcL has meeting next week with Richard Weymms, AIA, Footprint East Neuk regarding future tree planting. Historically trees were cut down in this area, there is a significant shortfall in the number of trees in comparison to other areas. Cllr Holt very keen to be involved in this project.

KS asked if there is any further progress with the demolition of the flats at Mayview. Cllr P said to date there is no date planned, however he will pursue again. SG suggested there may be a practical reason that the demolition date has not been set, this will be asked by Cllr P.

Cllr Holt meeting Wednesday 6pm on Zoom re Digital Fife, enhancing broadband services digitally. Very successful project in Cupar and anticipated if enough support it could happen in the East Neuk. Sign up details to be published on facebook page.

Meeting closed at 20:40