Minutes

The Royal Burgh of Kilrenny, Anstruther & Cellardyke Community Council

Monday 11th October 2021 7.30pm at The Erskine Hall| Meeting called to order by A Peddie

# In Attendance

Andy Peddie, Ali McLeod, Susan Gay, Neil Anderson, Louise McEwan, Gillian McLaren, Gillian MacLaren, Daryl Wilson, Margaret Hellicar, Lorna Jones, Cllr Holt, Cllr Docherty, Cllr Porteous

Apologies: Lindsay McKinstry, Sean Blake & Vicky Guigou

# Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes were read and approved by Lorna Jones and seconded by Neil Anderson

Andy extended a warm welcome to our new Community Councillor Margaret Hellicar

Andy advised he has written to Mr Harry Peddie in response to his previous representation at the last meeting with regards the Trombie Planning application.

Halloween Plans – To date approx. 135 tickets sold, numbers low for the older party – hopeful it will pick up after holidays. Various activities planned for the day and all assistance from community Councillors welcomed at the event on 31st October.

# Questions from the public

No members of public present at meeting

# Planning/Licensing Matters

Balmuir Application was withdrawn, and new application submitted. It was noted that there were factual errors within the application. Margaret to draft comment on behalf of CC and send to Daryl who will email in officially on behalf of CC.

# Transport Consultation Update

The final draft of the transport plan was distributed by email (30/09/21) to all CC member and those who participated in the consultation. As a result, we have at least 6 participants who wish to be part of a subgroup to progress with the action points raised in the plan.

Andy advised the advice was a further consultation on the area. Fife Council are welcoming of this, and funding may be forthcoming from other sources. AP happy to investigate potential funding sources – can find out more at meeting on 26th October with Donald Grant (Area Manager). Ali McLeod is happy to be involved with the progression of the action plan as a CC representative. LJ concerned at action point on plan regarding the one-way system in Cellardyke - AP re-iterated the requirement of further consultation to address the feasibility of these potential action points. Acknowledged that previous work has been undertaken and it may be covering old ground, however momentum is good at present and keen to continue forwards, Andy happy to steer a new subgroup. Daryl to provide AP with names of those who have expressed interest.

# RNLI Update

Colin Duff (Consultant) continues to meet with and speak to members of the community regarding the feasibility of the Shed. Process should be approx. 50% through of the estimated 14-week period. Next meeting of stakeholders from RNLI/Fife Council is 26th October. Andy and Daryl to attend, alongside the Elected Local Councillors.

# Community Library

Daryl provided an update to the meeting from Vicky Guigou who has passionately campaigned to date with regards the re-opening of this vital community facility.

Daryl and Vicky created and distributed posters in the locality to publicise the limited opening times throughout the October break, and thereafter, as it would seem the only place Fife Council have advertised these times are online – therefore potentially not reaching many library users who may not have online access.

Community Councillors continue to be concerned at the use of the community space. Clearly there is a demand from the Education service to use this space as pupils are frequenting this area for varying reasons (not library use). However, with the main door the Waid Campus always remaining locked to staff and pupils, CC query why this entrance could not be used for the public to access the community café and library.

Daryl and Vicky have had discussions with Ruby from the East Neuk Frail and Elderly Project. She will advise her service users of the opening times and will be happy to gather feedback should it be required moving forward. Willie Rennie MSP also keen to support this community cause and has offered his full support, as have Cllr Docherty and Cllr Holt.

Cllr Holt whilst acknowledging the good work achieved to date via email, is now to request a meeting with all stakeholders, she will contact CC with dates who can then extend invitation to Vicky Guigou.

All agreed future consultation required on limited opening times – Anstruther only town to suffer. Wait till after the holiday opening and then roll out some form of consultation e.g., survey monkey to gauge local opinion. Concern re reduced opening times pre covid, and fear this will continue, and service will be severely impacted, especially for those older people who do not have ereaders and the younger baby/toddler age group who primarily form the two main groups of service users.

# Secretary’s Report

No response to date from FC re improved signage request for Muir Homes Silverdykes estate, will continue to follow up.

Letter received from local resident requesting CC assistance with anti-social neighbour issues. A meeting was held with residents, business owner and Kingdom Housing on 5th October, DW attended to represent CC. Kingdom Housing offered assurances that they were aware of and are dealing with tenant, however they do require all concerned to continue reporting all incidents to both themselves and the police. Evidence will be used when required if it reaches court level, hence importance of gathering dates, reporting incidents etc. Further meeting to be arranged for after October break with all parties involved.

Data Privacy Policy – St Monans CC approached us with regards our Privacy policy further to a request from a member of the community to see theirs. At this present time, we do not have a written policy and this issue will be discussed further at the East Neuk Community Council Forum as it impacts all CC’s and advice will be sought regarding developing such a policy – Cllr Holt to follow up directly with Democratic Services.

# Treasurer’s Report

Bank statement end of September: £73,042.57

Money in £906.88 - Fife Council – CC annual grant

£9.16 - bank interest

Money out: £640.00 for flower basket watering

£100.73 to DW for Zoom costs

£137.60 sent to Lady Haig’s Poppy Factory for 4 wreaths – 2 are for the church

# Councillor’s Report

Cllr Porteous input (as follows) was heard at the start of the meeting as he had other commitment and was required to leave early, therefore was not present for further discussions re community library.

Cllr P will be resigning in May 2022 and new prospective Lib Dem candidates are Fiona Corps and Sean Dillon.

Multi Use Path – Cllr P has consistently complained about the lengthy process that is required for the consultation/ implementation of these schemes. Willie Rennie to contact Patrick Harvey, Green MSP regarding how the future of Multi use paths is managed especially regarding the lack of progress with the Anstruther path.

Lib dem motion re short term let control area approved by all parties and Fife Council now producing a report. GMcL queried why second homes are not part of the proposed control zone and Cllr P was unclear in his response to this question.

North East Fife Area Committee also put forward motion to Fife Council regarding differing level of services to Fife Communities dependent on need of area. Cllr P explained population of Elie doubles in summer months, yet services remain unchanged e.g., refuse collections, street cleansing etc. Fife Council are to produce a report on this matter.

Andy advised Cllr P that he feels he has misunderstood the feelings of the community regarding the community library and was disappointed that he did not represent the views of the community on this matter. Cllr P insists he did represent community by insisting it remains closed due to covid risk assessment. Further to discussion, Cllr P is happy with the new opening arrangements of the library.

Cllr Docherty has contacted Cllr Vettriano last week amid rumours re future closure of Pittenweem Recycling Centre. Cllr V confirmed these rumours are unfounded and there are no plans to close this vital service.

# Representation from other groups

FLORAL - Lindsay reported the residents of Blyth Court have enquired re possibility of floral display at the end of their road, residents would be happy to maintain. LMcK has spoken with James McKenzie who confirmed FC strim that area so if mindful of this when choosing to display and it didn’t increase FC workload then no issues should be forthcoming. LMcK suggested using Floral funds to help start the project – all agreed that funds were healthy and will ask LMcK to liaise with Blyth Court residents to put together a proposal of what they require and costings.

MURRAY LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Grant awarded to the Kilrenny and Anstruther Burgh Collection for the purchase of glass display cabinets so that more artefacts can be put on display in their rooms in the ENC. This will allow members of the public to view these items which at present are mostly stored in boxes.

In 1914 a silver cup was donated by Mr Pittendrigh which was to be awarded for billiard competitions. The trustees would be interested to find out if anyone knows where this cup is now.

SLC

The SLC has completed the process of inviting proposals from the community and making recommendations to Fife Council for the use of the money. The final awards have now been made. The Cellardyke Tidal Pool Group, (£40,500) the Anstruther Skateboard Group, (£29,000) the Anstruther and District Allotments Association, (£10,000) and the Cellardyke Trust’s Memorial Community Garden (£15,000) will all benefit. So too will users of Bankie Park and St Ayles, where residents have successfully requested new benches and wheelchair accessible picnic tables. Dreelside Play Area will benefit from new play facilities, (£25,000) and a resident’s group has been formed to take this further, under the guidance of the CC Secretary. Fife Council have already guaranteed a further £10,000. SLC funding can enable the community groups to apply for match funding from other providers.

The beneficiaries are all active groups working to enhance and improve our community. The funding, which will be managed by Fife Council, will support their work, and enable them to provide better facilities for everyone.

The SLC is nearing the end of its work, and a motion to disband will be discussed at its next meeting on the 4th November. The Chairman has completed discussions with Fife Council and the Community Council and is preparing a legacy document which will describe the work done by the SLC and show how groups working on projects will liaise with appropriate officers and department in Fife Council. It is worth stressing that groups do not receive any money directly, but the money allocated is drawn down by Fife Council as work is completed. The Community council, as previously agreed, will maintain an oversight to ensure that the community benefits from the funds as intended. The Chairman of the SLC, Glenn Jones, has offered to make himself available to the community council to advise on SLC matters as required in the future.

MULTI USE PATH – Presentation was shown by Ali McLeod to meeting on work to date by the group on the multi-use path link between Anstruther and Pittenweem. Many years have been spent working on this route and safety is of the utmost priority. Consultation is now open and will be shared on social media and dates have been set for face-to-face consultation at the Coop. Daryl suggested a page be added to Anstruther.info detailing the work carried out to date and the preference of our community council with regards the location of the path. Daryl and Louise to undertake as a priority before publicising on facebook etc.

DREELSIDE PARK – First meeting held last week and approx. 12 people interested in being part of this new subgroup with aim to fundraise approx. £20K towards this park upgrade. Daryl has submitted FET application for £50K, £25K secured from SLC and £10K from Fife Council, leaving shortfall of approx. £20K (potential to increase due to increased costs in materials). Cllr Holt to send Daryl details of Local Planning Budget. Many fundraising ideas were forthcoming at the meeting and will be followed up by group members.

Margaret raised issue of steps at Dreelside (from Old Railway bridge to park) as they are very dangerous due to erosion and lack of upkeep. She will send photos to Daryl who will follow up initially with Roger Honeyman to establish if Fife Council are responsible for the upkeep.

# Christmas Plans

Gillian advised the Fairmont Santa slots sold out and due to a personally enquiry, it became apparent that Santa was happy to support our community and offer his services for a Fundraiser.

Result has this week culminated in the organisation of Snapshot with Santa, traditional fundraising fair, and shopping event at Anstruther Town Hall on Saturday 27th November 3-8pm. All sessions to be pre-booked, professional photographer Lynsey Melville offered services. Traders £20 per table, Photographer minimal fee, fundraising raffle. Gillian and Daryl to liaise re organisation.

Followed by Santa procession around town on 16th December. Louise to complete application forms for procession permissions. Louise to email Andy photos of previous sleigh for design ideas. AMcL advised materials could be sourced from Mens shed, AP to contact if desired. Agreed to meet at Andys on 2nd November to begin the production of this year’s Sleigh.

Community Councillors agreed the beneficiaries for both events to be RNLI and Dreelside Park Upgrade

# Remembrance Service

Daryl has submitted parades license app, road closure forms and risk assessment for the annual remembrance parade which is to take place on Sunday 14th November from St Ayles Church, Cellardyke to Cellardyke War Memorial. Email invitations for the service have been sent to all armed services, emergency services and local groups. LJ has ordered and taken delivery of the poppy wreaths.

# AOCB

Kathy Clark has approached First Responders to ask about having a defibrillator put up in the lower Dreelside area, they said to approach CC about a site. Discussion re potential sites, Andy will follow up with Kathy. Louise McEwan advised that electricity is now not a necessity for the units as can work from battery source. Daryl to contact FC electrician re power supply from Watson Place residencies.

Dreelside Community Woodland – discussion re Community Asset Transfer to Dreelside Allotment Group. Businessman previously intimated his interest to Fife Council in a private purchase of this land, he was unaware of potential CAT and asked CC if we were aware. Advised him of the process and he is to follow up directly with FC, this may cause delay in the asset transfer.

Cllr Linda Holt was approached by constituent re lack of mobile phone signal down Anstruther Shore. They are perplexed as to why the East Pier not been explored as a potential site. Daryl believes this has been explored in the past and discounted as East Pier designated area of conservation. Cllr Holt queries if it could be explored again due to advances in technology e.g., smaller equipment required etc. Andy/Linda to ask Ross Spiers and Daryl to investigate previous correspondence with local person who is knowledgeable on issue and pass to Cllr Holt.

# Next Meeting

Monday 8th November 7.30pm at The East Neuk Centre