Minutes

The Royal Burgh of Kilrenny, Anstruther & Cellardyke Community Council

9 January 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, Ellis Jaffray, Neil Anderson, Cllr Sean Dillon

Two members of public present

Apologies – Cllr Fiona Corps, Cllr Alycia Hayes, Daryl Wilson,

# Welcome & Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

# Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes approved by Gillian Maclaren and seconded Andy Peddie

Matters Arising:

Price of Halls: Burgh Chambers £5.20 per hour, Lower Town Hall £7 per hour. If we know we are going to have a if big meeting we will move to the Lower Town Hall, otherwise we will continue to use the Burgh Chambers.

Dreelside Park – Daryl not at the meeting so we are not sure if it has now passed safety inspection.

# Questions from the public

Re Common Good fund – no update as Councillor Hayes not present.

# Input re :Multi Use Path

AMcl – The Group had a meeting on Friday which was productive and showed progress and collaboration. The path near the coop is nearly finished. It was suggested we have a launch photo in Spring once it is complete. Pittenweem to Anstruther path – discussions are still going on with landlords and it may be worth trying to get them together for a meeting to make progress? There was some discussion of the Crail to Anstruther path at the Friday meeting too– some progress with FC. There is also progress with the path to Elie and there will be a presentation in Pittenweem on 23 March.

The CC has received emails from Gerald Cooper with copies of the emails sent to the three landowners/tenants affected by the section of the path between Anstruther and Pittenweem. He has also sent emails detailing the outstanding small works in Anstruther.

MH reported that a MoP had asked about contact details for the MUP group and where minutes could be viewed. It was agreed that the CC email address should be added to the MUP part of the Anstruther Info web-site as a point of contact. The Minutes should also be up on web site- AMcl to contact Elizabeth Riches to put them up.

# Planning/Licensing Matters

22/01087/FULL Proposal: Change of use from farm steading to wedding venue to be discussed at North East Planning Committee meeting on 11 January 2023. LMcK advised that the FC Planning Dept is supporting the application despite objections. They advised there should be a noise management plan liaising with community. They have looked back to 2016 and there are no road safety issues, but a new single passing place should be put in place.

22/04095/FULL22/12/2022 Change of use from public house (Sui Generis) and hotel (Class 7) to two units (Class 3) and two flatted dwelling houses (Sui Generis) and installation of door at The Boat House 28 Shore Street Anstruther. It seems there was no take up of the offer for a business to rent the premises as a Public House.

22/02349/FULL East green – A condition for compliance has been placed on the permission – the developer has to investigate site contamination.

Speed bumps at Windmill Road – seems to be going ahead despite objections. Roundabout not on map sent by FC and this provides some speed control. CC to write again to say we still think 9 bumps are excessive.

# RNLI / Transport Update

Draft Transport Report has been received from Myles McGregor. Comments to go back before it goes to FC to help retain life boat shed.

# Waid Cluster

The Dundee Courier has reported ‘Super head teachers back on the table’ and that Education Officers have proposed that East Neuk parents will be consulted on the options, with a view to the model chosen being implemented next August. Councillors have asked for a further report with more information, including evidence of cost and benefit of joint leadership and details of efforts to recruit and train more heads.

There will be a meeting of the Waid of Parent Council regarding this.

Cllr Dillon said that the proposals are going to committee on Thursday 12 January. Parents to be consulted if any change. FC have to communicate benefits to children.

# Common Good Fund

No feedback from CllrHayes and she is not present – email her to ask if any progress.

# Seaweed

AP, GMcl and MH met with John Kinninmonth, Technical Engineer, Harbours, Fife Council. He explained that the last seaweed uplifted from Cellardyke harbour had oil and plastic contamination and so had to be dumped as land fill at a cost of £500 per ton and this cost is not viable. The seaweed used to be taken by farmers as it is a good source of nutrients. However, supermarkets now require details of anything spread on the soil and this would not be acceptable because of possible contamination. JK said that they were still actively seeking practical and sustainable options to remove the build up of seaweed on the beach and possibly prevent future build up during the winter season. To this end he suggested netting the harbour off during the winter to achieve this, however the CC were not sure that this would be acceptable. AP had suggested that there was part of his farm with access to the sea and the excess seaweed could be brought there to put it back in the sea, however, JK was not sure that this would be acceptable to SEPA. Sending as biomass was also discussed but the material is not suitable as it is wet. JK suggested that it may be possible to remove the fresher seaweed lower on the beach as this may be acceptable as organic waste by FC but we have not heard any more about this. It was noted that only one person pays to have a boat in Cellardyke. harbour.

At the meeting with JK we explained that this area depends on tourism and so it is vital for local businesses that the beach area at Cellardyke is kept in a reasonable state and the problem of flies is minimised. DW has reported that she has had further complaints by businesses about flies at Castle beach. It was mentioned that there is also excess seaweed at the Billowness. AMcl said that as a coastal community, build up of seaweed should be expected to some extent, however, it was agreed that this build up seems to be getting worse.

# Secretary’s Report

Cllr Dillon has advised us of FC Planned Road Programme and asked for any suggestions to add to roads and pavements needing work – suggestions sent back to SD:  
East end of East Forth Street  
East side of pavement Glenogil Gardens

It was suggested the information should be put on FB so that others could add suggestions.

Visit East Neuk update from Martin Dibley. Chris Turner of CPL Maps and Media (telephone 07967-726575) is actively looking at providing a free guide and map for the East Neuk. This map will be paid for by advertising with an expected print run of 15 to 20 thousand to be distributed through-out the area and the TIC in St Andrews. AP asked if we need more as there is still stock of the last leaflets so this may be a duplication.

Fife Tourism Partnership recently underwent a facelift with a new website and a new look.  The FTP team have been working hard redeveloping the Fife Tourism Partnership website, it is now more modern and has easier to find resources.

SSE renewables emailed to say that they have now submitted a planning application for Berwick Bank Wind Farm’s offshore infrastructure and onshore infrastructure relating to their connection point at Branxton, East Lothian. They are still awaiting final validation of all documents and once this is done, they will be in touch to provide the details of where we can view and formally comment on the application, this will be in the beginning of January 2023. This connection point is on the other side of the Forth and so does not affect us.

# Treasurer’s Report

Bank statement end of December : £96,596.34

Money in : £683.30 from Santa Run, £113.13 from bank interest

Money out : £500 donation to Round Table, £55 donation to church, £50 to DW for

voucher for piper, £379.86 to DW for Christmas lights, £234.60 for hire of cherry picker,

£29.61 to DW for CC flag, £26.95 to LJ for flower bulbs.

Cheques for tidal pool and RNLI Anstruther still to go out.

A few cheques that have not been cashed yet.

# Councillor’s Report

Cllr Dillon reported as above re FC Planned Road Programme.

He is now getting regular updates from the external affairs officer for the Post Office. There have been no applications to take on the Post Office in Anstruther as yet. Cllr SD suggested that we could possibly think about a community run PO. There are over 200 in the UK. The PO provide equipment. Cllr D will email details for us to consider. The Mobile PO is very good and the Post Master very helpful, however it is difficult for the elderly in cold weather and the van is not accessible for disabled people.

Stepping stones – FC are aware and investigative works going on.

Cost of living crisis – support through web site etc

Cllr Hayes not here as there was a clash with Kingsbarns CC meeting, but this should be a one off as their meeting is usually on the first Monday of the month.

# Representation from other groups

FLORAL – Various areas needed tidied up. The Coop have invited the floral group to go into the store to promote the cause. This could be used to promote the CC in general as well as the floral group. This will probably be in late February. To go on the agenda in February.

Murray Library Trust - No report as there was no meeting in December.

SKATEPARK STAKEHOLDER GROUP – No meeting since 1Dec. so no update.

# AOCB

Anstruther toilets – Now closed due to vandalism. Robbie Lawson Facilities Coordinator FC has reported toilet cistern being smashed using an empty vodka bottle, paper towel dispensers being ripped off the wall and destroyed, toilet roll etc being used to block urinals and thrown around the toilet areas. Also, food (chips etc) and sauce cartons being smeared on to the walls and doors.

AP to check with him about the lock as it does not seem to be working and also when they are likely to reopen. Cellardyke toilets have been kept open during the winter as East Neuk Outdoors are opening and closing them.

NEXT MEETING 13 FEBRUARY 2023 BURGH CHAMBERS