DRAFT Minutes

The Royal Burgh of Kilrenny, Anstruther & Cellardyke Community Council

Monday 9 June 2025 7:30pm at the Lower Town Hall| Meeting called to order by Louis Theran

# In Attendance

Louis Theran, Margaret Hellicar, Phil Wall, Neil Anderson, Martin Dibley, Kevin Lancaster, Lorna Jones, Cllr Alycia Hayes (joining us later)

Three members of public present.

Apologies – Bill Bruce, Raymond Davis, Cllr Fiona Corps

# Welcome & Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

# Approval of Minutes, Matters Arising and Action Points

LT - We have delayed publishing the Minutes for the May meeting on the website as one person was interested in the minutes. However, they are not at this meeting. The Minutes must reflect what happens at the meeting. LT thanked MH for producing accurate Minutes. No comments have been received when the Minutes were circulated and none now except to correct the date at the top of Minutes.

We will publish the Minutes of this meeting before the next meeting, but with a watermark as draft.

Minutes proposed by PW Seconded by MD.

# Questions from the public

Graham – was going to ask about the May Minutes but question answered.

# Multi Use Path

Carl van der Lee – no report

# Councillors’ Reports

Cll Sean Dillon not present.
Cll Fiona Corps not present

Cll Alycia Hayes
Report coming out 1 July that is an overall council risk review eg susceptible to fraud, natural disasters, pay claims, cyber attacks etc

# Planning/Licensing Matters

MH wrote to confirm no objections to the licence applications from Aeble and the Golf Club

# RNLI Lifeboat shed and East Basin car park

This was put on the Agenda as we thought Kirstie Freeman may be attending and we also thought we have had sight of the TMP (Traffic Management Plan). However, we have had no further information from Fife Council, RNLI or Willie Rennie MSP and no response to our email to Jill Hepburn. We have also been promised a document re beach dynamics, and the rational for Shannon life boat.

TH - Commencement date on FC website was 15 August 2023, so planning application still valid.

There have been a further two meetings between Willie Rennie, Cll FC Cll SD with FC and with RNLI (Cll AH was excluded). We need to request minutes of meetings. Cll AH does not have them. Walker Murray from has had no communication regarding the issues raised about the effect on businesses, but has had a communication from RNLI asking if he would sponsor a cycle from Newcastle to Anstruther, arriving in Anstruther 7 September.

PW – have Walker Murray or any other businesses been approached for financial impact? No.

MD – Disappointed that a local representative Cll AH was not included in meeting MSP and other Councillors had.

Cll AH has written to Steven Sellars (FC) who is overseeing the new TMP for an update. The Area Committee do not see the TMP until it is signed is off by officers.

LT – disappointing that we have been writing and asking questions and getting no responses.

# Cellardyke Pool parking

The new arrangements have been very successful, with very few campervans overnight. Three parking Permits have been issued to local residents.

# NnG Community Fund

PW and BB attended meeting on 20 May 2025 run by EDF Renewables at Crail re the NgN Community benefit funds.

PW: **NnG Initial Meeting**

Community Benefit Fund distribution at early stages. Only two of the five invited recipient CCs - Anstruther

and Crail - were represented at the introductory meeting. There will be another meeting at the end of this

month or sometime in July, with funds possibly available early autumn. It should be noted that the direction

of the meeting was somewhat influenced by the belief held by both CC’s represented, that bigger area wide

benefits should be the focus. Due to the small size of individual CC budgets available, small scale options

were not discussed in much detail. Other CCs might disagree.

Initially for first three years the five CCs receive equal shares of £54000, 20% of the total of £270,000

available to all communities benefitting from NnG funds.

It is my understanding CCs have to be in agreement over how the money is allocated, whether to individual

council areas or collectively as a group, for area wider area benefits ultimately individual councils will have a

choice.

As this is a 25 year inflation linked income stream, strategically planning for projects with matched funding

will be essential to get maximum possible value. At today’s prices we are looking at £6.8m over 25 years if

matched funded, £13.6m possibly more. If planned carefully we this could be a really signifiant benefit to the

area.

If councils don’t agree to collective projects and want to go it alone, my fear is the CCs matched funding

opportunities will be minimal, and CC will potentially will be inundated with small bids and money will be

spent on things that don’t benefit the majority of the community. £10K doesn’t do much when split into small

units.

Foundation Scotland will manage funding streams. They will also help us access matched funding streams

and grants to help gain increased budget impact with additional funding. They will also offer other forms of

support, sourcing expertise and guidance making links. They have a number of years’ experience dealing

with on and offshore wind farm funds across Scotland, their experience and expertise will be invaluable.

We were advised that Communities should set up a Governance panel with users from business and residents either to manage which every of the following option or options they chose to adopt.

Distribution options were presented:

**Option One**: Strategic Awards, Identified by CC group

Community Council nominate projects

One example could be a Lobster Hatchery project to mitigate some of the disruption of wildlife to the sea bed

during and after construction, preserving wild life and local area wide industries and associated business.

An area wide approach

**Option Two**: Large Grant Funds Community panel

Similar to option one but give the opportunity for bidding for larger significant projects rather than CC’s

nominating significant projects to be supported Local panel to manage process.

**Option Three**: Education and Training fund.

If think both CCs felt this was very limited. Small for education or training courses, bursaries of £1K-2 K a lot

of admin for limited impact

**Option Four**: Development officers.

As this is totally new situation and we are at the start of a 25 year income stream, the collective group of

CCs could employ, on a short-term contract a research and development officer to enable the best use of

future funding to help establish needs and help with strategic planning supporting local groups This would

be the total focus of 1 to 1.5 employees for a limited period while long term priorities were established.

CC thought this had potential to help develop a significant project to the benefit of the whole area

**Option Five**: Open Grants Fund

Medium sized grants allocated to projects Decided by local panel. We did not focus much on this method of

distribution.

**Option Six**: Devolved Small Grant

Small /medium Grant given to projects via application to individual CCs. High admin workload for limited

community benefit. Can be a headache managing multiple small bids and deciding which ones get funding;

significant bureaucratic effort for little impact. Our least favourite option.

I believe we and Crail preferred the collective approach as more money could be generated with large

projects attracting significant other funding streams due to the long term guaranteed income available.

I believe we should be looking long term to create the biggest impact on the communities in the area.

Notes to support PowerPoint slides previously provided.

PW and BB to have further meeting with Crail CC on 18 June 2025.

Cll AH – can she relay message to Pittenween that it would be useful for them attend the next meeting? Yes.

# Common Good Fund

LT – thanks for table supplied last month.

KL – Painting in the town hall – is it insured if taken out of building? Insured for being in any building item is in – not everything is, or has to be, in Bankhead. The value of £200 for this painting seems very low. Cll AH – A review of values has begun. Cll AH – FC should be grateful to us raising these questions as FC was not keeping a good track of items’ whereabouts and values.

The new Excel spread sheet of CG items did not exist before three months ago.

KL – what is the weight of the gold Provost chain? Also have they taken digital photos of CG items such as paintings? There should be digital copies of all items.

KL – is there some CG land near the tidal pool? Yes but area not clear. Cll AH – some ground is Peddie’s, some Ireland’s, some Common Good. KL believes more is CG than marked.

# Secretary’s Report

**Resignation of Christine Wilson –** sadly CW had resigned due to personal reasons. We thank her for being on the CC and the contribution made. We wish her well. We now only have eight on the CC and our minimum number is seven, so we need to recruit. Ask BB to do something on FB.

**Silverdykes fund** – Further info has been sent to FC as requested. St Ayles rowing club Silverdykes app on hold while they discuss the implications of the new PVG requirements for their club.

**Esplanade works** – wrote to Councillors
Apparently the signs were relating to gas service alterations affecting the High Street from the 7th of May for 10 working days (though the signs said ‘Scottish water!). The Esplanade Works will continue until 30th of June. Scottish Water are permanently removing a connection at this location.

**20mph zones** – wrote to FC to confirm no objections. Also wrote to MoP who had written to us with concerns re speed of traffic through the town.

**Kilrenny car park** – wrote to Andy Paterson again on 5 May but no response – did Cll FC has chased.

**St Ayles Park fencing** – still with blacksmiths

**Lights on the folly** – are we going to leave or take down? Has KL managed to contact electrician or was Chris Lewis looking into? Is Community Kist going to donate money for lights? PW has put in application to them.

**Fife Community Councils next ‘Teams meeting’** - Tuesday, 23 June 2025 at 7:00pm. TH will attend.

Did anyone come up with ideas to brighten entrance to town (as per KL at last meeting) PW – area opposite coop

**Police Report May**

Anstruther 62 calls to the police. 10 crimes recorded

Cellardyke 17 calls to the police. 2 crimes recorded

Kilrenny 3 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

# Treasurer’s Report

Treasurers report to end of May 2025.

Bank Statement to the end of May - Total funds - £70007.78

Community Council Management Funds to month end - £5538.31

INCOME.

Donation to Friends of Bankie Park - £20.00

Plunket Foundation Credit to Haven Buy Inn - £2000.00

Donation to Friends of Bankie Park - £25.00

Floral donation- £500

Total Income - £2545.00

EXPENDITURE.

Plunket Foundation – Haven - £310.00

Annual ICO Data Protection Registration renewal - £47.00

Prospect Hill Web Design Ltd – Haven -£ 245.39

KP Baker Bapume Travel Expenses -£272.16

Prospect Hill Web Design Ltd – Haven -£234.60

Total Expenditure - £1109.15

# Representation from other groups

FLORAL – cash and paypal £1235. Starting watering early. Beds by Haven , ladies maintaining have spent their own money – will fund them from now on and include in watering. Can they locate boat for Kilrenny. 12 active volunteers. Thanks to PW.

MURRAY LIBRARY TRUST – No update, very quiet.

# AOCB

KL - East Green double yellow lines at east end – could they be moved nearer the junction to increase parking availability? LJ Change direction? This was previously suggested to FC, but they said no because of low visibility when emerging onto Hadfoot Wynd: ‘There is no visibility splay on the south side here, caused by a building obstructing visibility from traffic which would be turning towards the harbour’.

Cll AH – Crossing at Bankie Park is very dangerous and inconspicuous – asked permission to ask council to make crossing more obvious. Yes, but FC told us they cannot put a zebra crossing there because of the road going to the back of the houses. Something has to be done to improve safety. Should take tourist sign down too as this is a distraction. Kl – he has raised issue of this crossing for many years and would like to have an input.

MH – we also have trouble trying to improve the safety of where the children cross from the road to the Primary school at the Waid to the coop. They will not put up a ‘School’ sign because there is no pavement and will not enlarge the junction sign further. We have been waiting for over a year for new ‘SLOW’ road markings from the north.

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Number of vacancies on Community Council: **FIVE**

Date of next meeting – July 14 2025

(can cancel if too many away)

**Action Points**

Request Minutes of meetings of MSP, Clls and FC and RNLI

NgN Community Fund - PW and BB to have further meeting with Crail CC on 18 June 2025

Ask if digital copies of Common Good Fund assets – CllAH

Write to FC re road markings waited on at the Waid – MH

Publicise vacancies on the CC – BB?

Kilrenny Common car park

St Ayles park fencing

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**Abbreviations**

**FC –** Fife Council

**FCCT** – Fife Coast and Countryside Trust

KACCC – Kilrenny, Anstruther and Kilrenny Community Council

**MoP** – Member of the Public

**MUP –** Multi Use Path

NgN - Neart na Gaoithe