Minutes

The Royal Burgh of Kilrenny, Anstruther & Cellardyke Community Council

11 March 2024, 7:30pm at the Burgh Chambers| Meeting called to order by Phil Wall

# In Attendance

Margaret Hellicar, Phil Wall, Paul Ambrose, Neil Anderson, Sarah Baldachino, William Bruce, Kevin Lancaster, Christine Wilson, Carl van der Lee

4 members of public present – Graham Ellery, Daryl Wilson, Louise McEwan, and Brian Dickson

Apologies – Louis Theran, Julie Lautredou, Lorna Jones, Cllr Fiona Corps, Cllr Sean Dillon,

# Welcome & Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

# Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

Amendment from LJ: what LJ said about the poppy appeal was actually said at AOCB. She also said that the appeal for 2023 collected £1,093.44.

Minutes approved by PA and seconded BB.

**Action Points from last Minutes**

Update January Minutes – MH done – but can’t figure out how to change on the web site yet (DW to assist)

BB, PW, LT – to meet as steering group for LPP- See later item on the Agenda

Confirm agreement with Action Points re Traffic Review – MH Done

New Notice Board – KL to look into – Done – thank you KL for ordering and KL and PA for putting up. Key to MH and PW.

Bunting – KL to look into – PA – sorted from sea queen

Old Christmas lights- contact Andy Peddie – MH –at Cornceres

Sandy Anderson – advise of rubbish concerns before April CC meeting – MH Done

Further Matters arising – none

# Questions from the public

 None

# MUP update

CvdL- (see MUP Minutes on web site <https://www.anstruther.info/about-3>) Land negotiations still ongoing. Went to Savills to do, to speed things up and they have been contacting local landowners, but they have again asked for copies of plans with which they had already been provided, causing delays. Core path needs a maintenance agreement after about 15 years. PCC said they are not going to be able to commit to this. FC will maintain the path by road. Maintenance could involve dealing with holes in tarmac, strimming grass etc. KL – needs ducting on core path in case lights are required in future. If ducting put in at construction phase it means it doesn’t need to be dug up later. CvdL – did do this for round by coop, but not in Dreel Park. CvdL to take to next meeting. KL volunteered to do maintenance of core path. BB – can we increase awareness to increase no of volunteers to help? CvdL – may need skills and training to help.PW – distance of path? Where he used to live they had a 3 mile path and raised £4000 in one day for maintenance, by sponsored walking, cycling. SB – may be better to do this and raise money for maintenance, rather than asking volunteers to actually do the maintenance.

Small works – ongoing. Safe routes to school discussed.

Dreelside play park – it is hoped to have an ‘opening event’ – would like CC support. DW was involved with the upgrading of Dreelside Park through the CC and SLC. The park was completed last year, but then had to wait for official signage, and then the new path was getting done and since then there has been bad weather. It is therefore hoped to have some sort of community event on 8 June 2024, in collaboration with the MUP and the skatepark group. King Creosote has agreed to support. This event will need insurance, events and music licenses etc , which can be done through CC – DW will help with forms. They already have £300 from Community Kist as a start off, and may get more from other sources such as Bikeability and Sustrans.

PW – proposed we support PA seconded.

# Presentation from Scott Duncan Waid Academy

Scott was appointed Rector in October after ‘acting’ in this role for some time. The Waid is a Community school, and Scott is keen engage the community to ensure a full understanding of the profile of the catchment and also to develop partnerships with the community to support our young people. Scott worked to develop a full understanding of the impact of rural poverty on the children in the catchment area with Waid often being seen as being in an ‘affluent’ area – but this does not reflect the children coming into the school.

The Fife average for Children living in Poverty is 17.3% with the level in Anstruther being 17.6 and this is expected to grow. There are a number of factors contributing to this including:

* Increase in numbers using local Foodbanks
* Increase in price of housing (Avg over £250k)
* Increase in amount of social renting
* Cuts to transport links
* Cuts to local services
* Cuts to College provision
* Access to fair pricing – Coop more expensive
* c. 20% more expensive to live in East Neuk
* All services report Pride as being a major barrier to engagement – hidden rural poverty

With house prices being high here in the East Neuk families can’t afford houses and so we are not getting young people coming into the area. There are also poor transport links to allow learners to access vocational learning at College. Waid was top school last year for getting 5 Highers or more – but this is going to change as the profile and catchment change.

To access to Fife College it takes hour and half on the public bus to get there – not like in other areas of Fife. Elmwood used to send their own bus but they no longer have one. To help provide more vocational opportunities, a travel, tourism and hospitality hub is to be set up in the school. The school roll is predicted to drop from 690 to 600 or less and in 20 years’ time it will be halved. A falling roll leads to a drop in budget, and a reduction in popularity of the school, which can then lead to a further drop in roll and budget. It has been difficult trying to attract teachers to the East Neuk – they have advertised for an English Teacher 6 times, but potential applicants say they cannot afford to live in the East Neuk.

The Waid has been offering free breakfasts and have done a uniform consultation as, although the blazers are popular, it is hard to justify the £130 cost. They have now sourced a cheaper alternative at c. £35

DW – asked about helping pupils get fishing tickets. There used to be funding from EU but not now.

LMcE - (East Neuk Centre) asked Scott to let her know if the Centre can help in any way.

Chairman thanked Scott - we will work together to do what we can.

# Planning/Licensing Matters

AA alcohol license – ‘new’ owner – no objections.

# Anstruther Transport update

**Update sent on actions so far.**

* School access roads adoption was never intended and will not be pursued by Road and Transportation services. ACTION COMPLETE
* The Schools Travel Plan Team have contacted the Rector to discuss issues at Waid Academy and they have offered continued support with school travel planning issues. ACTION COMPLETE Scott – need enforcement not to park on round about etc – disabled bays now enforceable.
* A new sign to be designed which could incorporate the 30 speed limits signs with gateway sign. An inspection will take place on early March. - ACTION ON GOING
* The B9131/primary school access road junction needs larger junction warning signs (750mm instead of 600mm) and a ‘slow’ road marking to the north. NH will arrange these for early next financial year ( from April ‘24). - ACTION ON GOING
* Look at a drop off point for tourist coaches on East Shore Road, potentially using the boulders area by the East Basin Car Park. [check requirements for future Life Boat Shed Plans]. ACTION ON GOING
* Develop options for a Park and Ride car park adjacent to the Co-op.
* Check ownership of Station Road car park and check intensions of owners. Part of the Station Road car park is Common Good Land. The other part of the car park is still being investigated. A confirmation of ownership has been requested from Fife Council Estates. ACTION ON GOING
* Develop detailed plans for suggested changes to one way system. Investigate feasibility of changing the one-way street of East Green from eastbound to westbound. ACTION ON GOING
* Action 6.1 Review Taxi Rank Spaces – at Harbour by public toilets –any scope to change use ( for example 3 disabled bays).

# Local Place Plan

LT, PW, BB, JL. It had been agreed the group would meet but unfortunately they were not able to do so. There is no funding and the FC deadline is June. If we are going to do it, there is not enough time and people to do it in this time scale. If we do decide to go ahead, we will do it in our own time scale and to our own deadline – 18 months – 2 years? We need to involve all parts of the community and have public meetings. BB to speak to Alan Stewart about our web site to see if we can integrate a more aspiration web site with LPP. Get businesses, schools etc involved. BB – said he would lead workshop for Waid pupils to create web site content and explore topics.

The group apologises there is no strategy yet, but they need support to ignore FC deadline and go ahead to our own deadline.
**Motion** **agreed** – propose to go ahead but to suit our own timeline.

# Common Good Fund

Crail have responded to the information from NE Area Committee papers 28 Feb 2024, as they have some issues. KL - we also have some issues – eg garages at Mitchell Pl not on register; land at east end leased to East Neuk outdoors not on asset register; there were 2 leases for slaughter houses , now only one – just £15 a month, building valued at £6700. Should we write like Crail? AH had discouraged. We agree KL should write with discrepancies. KL will send to all before we send on.

Still no CG accounts received for last year.

# Proposal for Association of Fife Community Councils

A number of Fife Community Councils met in a Teams meeting last month to discuss various issues, including funding of Community Councils by FC. Some items of dissatisfaction:

* Frequently, Council staff do not respond to contact from CCs;
* CCs not always consulted about changes in their area eg FC selling off land
* Varying levels of support from Clls
* in the past there have been positive engagement with local CLD teams, this now appears to be patchy or non-existent;
* It was felt that training should be given to Council staff about what their responsibilities are in relation to Community Councils;
* it was felt that there was no Team behind Ccs but rather that dealing with CC enquiries had been tacked on to the job of Committee Clerks;
* **Funding** – **the funding formula – 12p for every person in the catchment area – has not changed for some time, despite the fact that some CCs have had substantial number of new houses built in their area.**
* encourage the Scottish Government to have a system of funding CCs throughout Scotland as support financial and otherwise appears to vary greatly between local authorities;
* Some dissatisfaction over training
* **Elections –** little help from FC eg no advertising and some people told they could only apply online.

It was felt a Community Council Association could be set up for CCs in Fife, as happens in some other areas such as Edinburgh, Shetland and West Lothian. Letter sent to FC regarding this. It was agreed that KACCC would we want to join.

# Secretary’s Report

**Notice Board –** now up and keys held by MH and PW

**Information boards –** ask if KL can put the one at harbourmaster as there has been a delay getting the joiner to renew the stands for the other two.

**Waid Academy** - Email received 19 February from Diamuid Cotter saying that Annette Mizerny will endeavour to organise a meeting, but nothing more heard so far. Cll Hayes was also meeting head of Property Service.

SD – Annette, Heather, Margaret Sampson looking at an alternative venue for mothers and toddlers during exams. Also will be running a consultation about the library.

**Santa parade donations** – email of thanks received from the local RNLI

Email from Jim Braid about the state of the **Information Boards**. I was able to tell him we now have new ones – we are just waiting for Pete Murray to put them up. I have emailed Martin Dibley to chivvy Pete.

**Common Good Fund** – emails from Crail. They have looked at the report in the NE Area Committee papers and there are things they are not happy with.

**Domain name** – this came up for renewal so we agreed to renew. BB hopes to speak to Alan Stewart about the future of our web site.

**Haven Buy-out** – we have been asked to meet with Brian Dickson to see if there any ways we can work together. BB and PW went to meeting and reported that the group have already made great progress. They have support from the Plunkett foundation. They have no bank account and asked if they can use the CC account. Yes, we are agreeable. Proposed PA seconded BB.

**St Ayles Park** – further photos of damage to the grass from cars by-passing the bollards, sent to Kirstie Freeman. Cars also frequently turn on the grass rather than backing up to St Ayles Crescent.

**Sandy Anderson** – will bring a plan for new layout of bins along the shore to our next meeting. He also says he is fairly certain we should be sweeping the wynd by the Fish Bar and keeping it clean – he will contact the supervisor.

**ICO Registration** – just got a reminder to register – didn’t realise we had to do this. Fee is refundable from the annual grant. PW looking into.

**Police Report February**Anstruther
26 calls to the police. 4 crimes recorded

Cellardyke
13 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Kilrenny
4 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

# Treasurer’s Report

Treasurers report February 2024.

 Bank Statement to the end of February £66891.43 Not all ours £44,631.88 held for Cycle

Path

 CC Funds £5406.88 for CC related business

 MONEY IN. Since figures given at our last meeting.

 £908.56 FC Grant

 Total In: £908.56

 MONEY OUT

 £300 Cellardyke Trust for Sea Queen

 Out Total £300

 CC we now had online banking access. Currently monitoring only, we are still waiting for

RBS to enable the payment function. At time of writing Louis and Margaret were still waiting

for security information to be sent to them.

# Councillor’s Report

No Councillors present.

# Representation from other groups

FLORAL – SB – is having a meeting with interested parties –**21 March at Anstruther Town Hall in the Learning Hub at 7pm.** Has money from Lyndsey to pay in. Will get tins back out to shops.

MURRAY LIBRARY TRUST - the APM for the Murray Library Trust takes place in the hostel **Tuesday 19th March at 7pm.**

# AOCB

PA Needs volunteers to help put up bunting – KL, PW and PA – DW we will need permission from FC. MH to look into. We also need banners.

PA Do we have a storage area for CC assets? CvdL - could we use shed at grave yard? LmcE will ask about this at next ENCEPT.

CvdL - **Boat Shed Project** LMcE – the group is currently going through companies house to register. Also trying also to register as SCIO. They may need a bank account and CC may be able to help.

DW East Neuk lobster Hatchery trust is now registered as SCIO – hope to develop educational, ecological side too.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 8 APRIL 2024**

**Action Points**

Dreelside Park opening –MH to liaise with DW re relevant forms

Common Good Fund – KL to write email

Community Council Association – confirm KACCC would wish to join – MH

Waid Community Campus – chase up meeting - MH

Ask if we can put up Information Board at Harbour Masters – MH

Permission for bunting - MH

**Abbreviations**

LLP – Local Place Plan

PCC – Pittenween Community Council

SLC – Silverdykes Liason Committee

SIMD – Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (1 to 6 – 1 most deprived)

FC – Fife Council

CLD – Community Learning and Development

ICO – Information Commissioner’s Office

KACCC – Kilrenny, Anstruther and Cellardyke Community Council

SCIO – Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation