

## Crail Community Partnership - Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 2nd April at 7:00pm in Crail Community Hall

### Agenda

1. **Attendance:** Neil McKay, Robert and Nancy Sim, Deborah Cottam, Nigel Cottam, David and Sue Jerdan, Dennis Gowans, Will Cresswell, Manuela Calchini, Bruce Geddes, Gordon Baxter, Erica Hollis, Alan Giles, Katie and John Freeth, Sarah and Sandy Morrison, Lesley McBride Augustin, Ruddier Augustin, David Mann, Colin Morrison, Aleks Sholz, Kevin Thurlow and Kate Eggo.
2. **Apologies:** Karen Vaughan, Diana and Ian Brown, Anne Black and Helen Armitage.
3. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting AGM** held 4th April 2023.
  - Approved
4. **Chairman's Report**
  - **Crail Community Hall.** We continue to increase the use of Crail Community Hall. We are currently working on a major funding application to the UK Government's Community Ownership Fund (Capital £250,000 & Revenue £50,000) for Solar Panels, Battery Storage, Insulation, Car Park Extension, Secondary Glazing and toilet refurbishment. Making good progress with current initiatives. During the last year further insulation was installed, the main hall floor was resurfaced and we obtained Crail Common Good Funding for the CCH Hall Coordinator for 3 years. Program of CCH activities continues to grow, with the recent addition of a Youth Club on Tuesday evenings.
  - **Kilminning** - After receiving a major funding award (£230,000) from NatureScot major works were undertaken to create a Wetlands. This was completed by the end of March 2024. This has created a significant natural resource for locals, visitors and the environment.
  - **Pinkerton** - three ponds were created and signage installed. It is anticipated that path improvements will take place this year, having been delayed by the extreme weather this winter.
  - **Bow Butts** - the plans for allotments were discarded and instead trees will be planted as a continuation of Denburn Wood extending into this area.
  - **West Braes** - work has started to develop the Green Space there with the first meadow cut taking place last autumn. A local group has formed to work collaboratively in the area.
  - **Victoria Gardens** - volunteers have made good progress in extending the planting of perennial plants in these gardens.
  - **Paddling Pool** - repair work was undertaken to try and retain the paddling pool's functionality.
  - **Roome Bay** - CCP continues to work with Fife Council with a view to refurbishing the pavilion and toilets. FC are currently evaluating what form of demolition would be best.
  - **Crail Local Place Plan 2023** - Sarah Morrison and David Mann led the process for review and update of the Crail LPP which was formally submitted to Fife Council just before Christmas. This was a major piece of work that will stand Crail in good stead for the future.

- **Crail Airfield** - the owners lodged a major planning application and CCP has lodged detailed objections.
- Thanks to **Geraldine Graf** for the work undertaken to move Crail Community Hall forward to self-sufficiency.
- **Trustees** - In 2023 David Mann and Helen Armitage retired as CCP Trustees. At this time Shields Henderson and Chris Broome are retiring as trustees, we would like to record thanks for the significant contributions they have all made.
- Special mention to Dennis Gowans as CCP Secretary.

#### 5. **Constitution Change** - see appendix

- Subsequent to submission of the Local Place Plan, two issues were identified by Fife Council
  - North East Fife Locality Plan - FC needed CCP to be clear that this has been considered in the LPP
  - FC requested that the CCP Constitution made clear that CCP has the powers to create a LPP
- As required by the constitution, at least 2/3rds CCP Members attending voted in favour to the constitutional change submitted.

#### 6. **Annual Accounts**

- Accounts for CCH for the current year may look like self-sufficiency is close (for Coordinator salary) however the income contains generous grants that were previously obtained. Crail Common Good funding is available from April 2024 to support this role. Weddings taking place this year were perhaps booking 12 to 18 months ago, at our lower prices.
- Kilminning Wetlands Development has been a major project, which has been managed within the planned project costs.
- Annual Accounts as presented have been approved by the CCP members attending. Independent Examination is taking place, thanks to CCP Member Derek Sleight. These will then be registered with OSCR

#### 7. **Election/Re-election of Trustees**

- Retiring at this time, Will Cresswell, Max Taylor, Shields Henderson, Manuela Calchini Smith and Chris Broome.
- Proposed re-election of Will Cresswell and Mat Taylor. Accepted.
- Proposed election of Karen Vaughan and Neil McKay. Accepted.
- Propose election of Co-opted Trustees, Manuela Calchini Smith and John Freeth. Accepted.
- CCP Board for 2024 will be, David Jerdan, Sarah Morrison, Dennis Gowans, Karen Vaughan, Colin Morrison, Manuela Calchini, Mark Rogerson, Aleks Scholz, Will Cresswell, Max Taylor, Neil McKay and John Freeth,

#### 8. **AOCB**

- Question asked about the condition of the Coastal Path from Kingsmill to Roome Bay.
  - This is really a matter for the Community Council. The path cannot be saved as it currently exists. Currently the path is closed from Kingsmill to the burn but further deterioration is occurring in the section below Downies Terrace, so it may be closed off soon also. The repair costs could run into hundreds of thousands. It will be looked at to see if viable solutions can be implemented.
- Vote of thanks from the CCP Chairman to all trustees and volunteers for the amazing amount of work completed in the past year.
- Meeting closed at 7.20pm.

## Appendix - Constitution Change - April 2024

*The Local Place Plan, as compiled by CCP, was formally submitted for adoption to Fife Council on 18 December 2023. Fife Council has indicated that it can accept the submission subject to two issues:*

- 1. To add to the submission a review of a document published by the Council in April 2023 as a Locality Plan. – A response is being prepared and will be submitted shortly.*
- 2. To add a provision to the CCP constitution to confirm that the statutory powers relating to the promotion and submission of a Local Place Plan are within the CCP's purposes and powers.*
  - Whilst it is clear that CCP's existing purposes and powers are sufficiently wide to undertake the work for the compilation and submission of the Local Place Plan, a reference to the specific statutory powers (completely without prejudice to the generality of CCP's purposes and powers) would help the Council tick the box for compliance.*

The proposed change to the constitution is as follows:

*to amend the constitution of the Crail Community Partnership to add to clause 6 a sub clause as follows*

**“ [power to] 6.5 exercise the powers, rights and obligations of a community-controlled body, as defined by Section 19 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, within that Act and for the purposes of the promotion and submission of Local Place Plans in accordance with Section 14 and related provisions in the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 as amended and other equivalent plans that may be introduced by subsequent legislation.”**