

**Crail Community Partnership - Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 4th April at 6:30pm in Crail Community Hall**

**Agenda**

**1. Apologies:**

Shields Henderson, Jude Gallon, Paul Hutchison, David Brown, Heather Aird.

**In Attendance:**

D. Jerdan, D. Gowans, H. Armitage, C. Broome, W. Cresswell, M. Taylor, M. Calchini,  
D. Mann, C. Morrison

Eric Morris, Jonathan Armitage, Sarah Morrison, Erica Hollis

**2. Approval of Minutes** of Meeting AGM held 3rd July 2022.

Approved

**3. Chairman's Report**

The Board of Trustees has met on the first Tuesday of each month throughout the year.

It is a pleasure to report that we managed to make good progress with many of our projects throughout the year. The Trustees have met monthly and we have finally returned to normal operations after the pandemic.

**Community Hall.** We have continued to make significant improvements to the Community Hall building with lead repairs to the roof, a new gas boiler, additional heat insulation, some redecoration work and improved external lighting. We launched a successful crowd funding to assist with heating costs with matched funding from the Co-op.

The range of physical activities and classes has been significantly improved with the addition of pilates, barre, yoga and pickleball.

The range and quality of musical performances has been building steadily and was enhanced by our involvement with Scotland on Tour.

We held very successful Easter and Christmas Fayres.

There are now 2 fortnightly drop in lunch clubs reaching out to the community.

**Land.** We have continued with plans to improve the areas of land that were acquired last year.

Hedging was planted at Bow Butts and we are looking at a proposal, through Fife Council, to create allotments on part of the land.

We have planted hedging at Pinkerton and are intending to widen and improve the path network, pond liners are now installed.

Over 4,000 trees and 2,500 pieces of hedging have been planted at South

**Kilminning.** Significant funding has been granted to create a major wetland.

The Friends of Victoria gardens have continued to make improvements to the gardens and have done an excellent job to maintain this important amenity.

**Consultations.** We obtained grant funding to carry out a feasibility study and business plan to consider the redevelopment of the toilet block at Roome Bay. We are currently considering the next steps in this project.

We obtained grant funding to carry out a community survey and look at a business plan for Crail Harbour. A Harbour users sub group has been created to take forward this project.

## CCP SC 049189

**Planning.** We have continued to have informal discussions with representatives of Fife planning on a wide range of matters and are actively contributing to the forthcoming revision of the local place plan.

We have had meetings with the new owners of Crail Airfield along with their architects and planners, as they develop their thinking and proposals for that area.

**People.** Special thanks are due to Geraldine Graf for all her work in maintaining and attracting bookings for the community hall.

To Donald Grant of Fife Council, DTAS and Fife Voluntary Action for continuing help and advice.

Finally, a huge thank you to all our Trustees and volunteers who have been superb all year. Special thanks to Shields Henderson for stepping in so ably to the treasurer role, and to our secretary Dennis Gowans for everything that he does.

4. **Annual Accounts:** Were approved by trustees at a prior meeting and are currently in the process with Independent Examination.

5. **Election/Re-election of Trustees**

Heather Aird and David Brown both stepping down for business reasons. Heather was due to retire in this cycle as are David Jerdan and Dennis Gowans. Chair nominated DG and DJ for re-election and Sarah Morrison as new trustee. Sarah is a new resident in Crail that has many years of experience as a solicitor in planning processes. Proposed by Max Taylor and seconded by Manuela Calchini.

6. **AOCB** - None.

## Informal Notes post AGM

### **Kilminning Rewinding (WC).**

Nature Scot funding £210,000 mid-April last year to cover two years of work. Raised an additional £11,000 and ~£16,000 from various funds including Crowdfunding. Full funded for proposed work. Biggest permission hurdle is Historic Environment Scotland. Tarmac to be covered to geo-textile membrane. Covering this fabric with soil removed from the excavation will create a desirable environment. Not having to remove the tarmac has simplified the project. Archeological surveys have not uncovered anything to be concerned about, so the pond can proceed. All work to be completed by the end of March 2024 to obtain funding.

### **Crail Harbour (CM).**

Scottish Water are looking at options to install water refill points, still discussion on best locations. Harbour deemed unsuitable for HSE reasons, this will be challenged.

Clean up will take place when fishing season has fully started, and creels are in the water. Washed up creels are a major problem as submerged rusting metal is dangerous. FCCT are working on removal, but it is only two people. Fife Council supposedly going to join KIMO a local authority marine environmental organisation that focuses on this type of clean-up.

### **Community Hall (DG)**

Income 2022 was £26,000 but expenditure almost matches this. 2023 budget shows income of ~£34,000. Not sufficient funding to cover Hall Coordinator still so funding is required. Boiler installed, but discovered that chimney needs repointing, approximately £1,000. Electrically compliant now after upgrades in January.

## **CCP SC 049189**

Floor in main hall is in poor condition, due to frequent waxing for years. Expert advice suggests best to sand down the wood and treat with a lacquer. Waiting on 50% funding approval from Crail Common Good.

Main Hall lighting is too bright, can they may be put on dimmers? Will be investigated.

### **Local Place Plan (DM).**

Is currently being reviewed with a view to bringing this up to date by October 2023, so that it can be presented to Fife Council. Although stepping down as trustee David Brown will complete a draft rewrite which the team will take forward. We will be looking for a new team leader.

### **Pinkerton (CB)**

Intention is to leave the area very much as it is and develop naturally. Pond nearest to coastal path, has area that is being strimmed which hopefully will shift to wild flowers. Sauchope have offered to help with path improvement and the viewing platform.