

Crail Community Partnership

Annual General Meeting

Held using Zoom

On the 3rd July 2022 at 7pm.

AGM Agenda

1. In Attendance:

- Trustees: D. Jerdan, D. Gowans, H. Aird, M. Taylor, W. Cresswell, C. Broome, D. Brown.
- Members: E. Hollis, E. Morris, D. Cottam, N. Cottam, K. Vaughan.
- Apologies: D. Mann, H. Armitage.

2. Approval of Minutes of AGM held 14th July 2021

- Approval of Minutes proposed by M. Taylor, seconded by Will Cresswell.

3. Chairman's Report

- The Board of Trustees has met on the first Tuesday of each month throughout the year. The pandemic continued to have a significant effect on our activities. Notwithstanding the Board of Trustees (we) held monthly zoom or physical meeting and continued to make major progress.
- Crail Community Hall was acquired from Fife Council in February 2021. There has been progress in making physical changes to the hall and there has been a build up of a diverse programme of activities. Particular thanks to Geraldine Graf as our event and programme coordinator. Eric Morris for various practical alterations to the property and for David Mann for overseeing the installation of the new kitchen and Dennis Gowans for his organisation, enthusiasm and considerable time input.
- During the year we completed the asset transfers from Fife Council and 3 parcels of land at Bow Butts Park, Pinkerton Triangle and South Kilminning. We also completed the acquisition of land as West Braes from the original house builders. In all 4 cases we funded the acquisition, legal fees and setup costs through successful crowdfunding campaigns. We have already completed phase 1 of tree and hedge planting at the first 3 sites. Particular thanks to Will Cresswell and Chris Broome and the many volunteers who made that possible.
- The Friends of Victoria Gardens had a very successful first year planting and maintaining the gardens. A excellent composting area was created.
- We achieved funding from the Community Renewal Fund to appoint consultants to produce a feasibility study and business plan to create a potential Roome Bay Hub or Visitor Centre. We also triggered a Community Asset Transfer Request to acquire the toilet block from Fife Council.
- We have received funding to have a 'mini-charrette' to look at various opportunities at the harbour.
- We have held regular briefing meetings with Fife Council Planning and have held initial discussions with the new owners of Crail airfield to identify areas of mutual interest.
- We should record thanks to Donald Grant of Fife Council for continuing help and assistance, DTAS and Fife Voluntary Action for continuing advice and support. Finally, our members and supporters for support in so many ways.
- Our membership levels have been maintained (130 Life members) and we have developed a list of volunteers who will assist with the land and garden management, and running of Crail Community Hall.
- Final thanks, we are very grateful for Shields Henderson for stepping into the Treasurer role.

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4. **Annual Accounts for 2021**

- Accounts have been circulated, in the absence of our Treasurer, Shields (COVID). No questions from the meeting regarding the 2021 Accounts. Chair asked for approval. David Brown proposed and Chris Broome seconded.

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

- Very sadly during the year we lost Bernie McConnell, a much valued member of the board, his enthusiasm for all things Crail is much missed.
- By rotation James McCallum, Max Taylor and David Mann are to step down. David Mann and Max Taylor are willing to stand for re-election. Manuela Calchini and Colin Morrison have put their names forward for the trustee roles, therefore the intention is to elect David Mann, Max Taylor, Manuela Calchini and Colin Morrison. Proposed by Erica Hollis and seconded by Heather Aird.

6. **AOCB- none**

Formal AGM closed.

Informal updates.

Crail Community Hall

Slow start with CCH being the 2nd year of the pandemic. First wedding was in July 2021. The business plan required 12 weddings, we will have 13 weddings in 2022. We have weddings booked for 2023 and 2024. Pricing has increased well beyond what Fife Council were charging and we have never been pushed back on price, so we will continue to increase. We will be applying a Heating Supplement for this winter. Like everyone else our heating costs have dramatically increased (300%), but our rates as very competitive as they are a sub-set of Fife Council's deal.

Regular weekly community activities have become more established, e.g Pilates and Choir, which also provide a good source of income. We provide our facilities for free for the Coastal Friendship group that provides companionship and a light lunch every second week.

Major works just completed, is a required electrical testing scheme (every 5 years) with a price tag of approx. £2,000. Also pending roof works, to replace a gully, funds raised through Crail Common Good Fund.

We are trying to raise funds to have an architect develop long term plans, estimate cost approx £8,500.

We have an estimate of £25,000 to replace the very inefficient gas boiler system, Fife Environment Trust have informally stated that they would cover 75% of this.

Crail Local Place Plan

David Brown and David Mann are working on a review of the CLPP to take into consideration new elements such as the new ownership of Crail Airfield. The updated CLPP can be registered with Fife Council from October 2023 which, under new [scot.Gov](#) legislation, should be considered when any future plans are being considered for Crail. We were offered free consulting days by [scot.Gov](#) which we have directed to the harbour with a view to developing plans for the harbour, which could be incorporated in the revised CLPP.

South Kilminning

Good progress being made on plans for redevelopment of large part of the site for new wetlands.