

# Crail Community Partnership SCO 49189

## Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 7th October 2025, 19:00, Legion Hall

**Attendees:** Sarah Morrison (chair), Dennis Gowans, Neil McKay, Neil MacGillivray, Aleks Scholz, Maggie Laird, Chris Broome, David Jerdan, Will Cresswell, Mark Rogerson

**Apologies:** Max Taylor, David Jerdan, Colin Morrison

The Board welcomed **Maggie Laird** as a new co-opted Trustee. We approved Maggie and also Christine Linton as new CCP members.

**Minutes of meeting held August 5th:** approved (minutes provided by AS)

**Finances (NMG):** Regarding the Community Hall, everything looks reasonably well. The accounts are showing a surplus at this point. The process of working through the full accounts to make sure we understand every detail completely is close to finished. It was agreed that the audit we had to pay for will be covered from Kilminning funds (as Kilminning was the reason we had to go to an audit). In case unexpected expenses come up for Kilminning, there is surplus funds elsewhere available. The last funding from Coop for the children's playground has not arrived yet. We also have heard that new funding from Coop has been approved for next year. The Board applauds NMG for the hard work.

**Airfield matters (NMK):** We heard an update on the airfield planning. The training building has an approved listed building consent. But without a wider permission there is no clear path forward. For the cinema building, the planning status is still undetermined. NMK highlighted a number of concerns in the planning process that may become relevant in the future. The key for the community is to keep an eye on things. It was also pointed out that the ownership situation of the airfield is very complex.

**Community event and volunteer recruitment (SM):** There is no progress on the Fife Plan, and none is expected at this point. SM has been working on the preparation for the community event on Oct 25th, 10-13. Sixteen community organisations have signed up to present for this event. We need to advertise the event to a wide audience, through Crail Matters, word of mouth, and any other available channel. MR agreed to help with the advertising. There will be a welcome event on Friday evening for representatives of the community groups to meet and chat. On Saturday, there will be a diverse program showcasing community activities, including a tour of Kilminning by WC.

**Community Hall (DG):** We have bookings for seven weddings for next year, a few more are still being processed. DG expressed appreciation for the immense work by Geraldine Graf managing the hall and the bookings. It is suggested to use Coop funding for parts of the investing in cinema equipment. Following up on the sustainability work in the Hall, we are now purchasing the equipment to do infrared surveying of homes. We are still looking for volunteers to help with this process which will be led by Ewan Chirnside.

### **Land maintenance and acquisition:**

Another tree planting event is planned for a weekend 15-16 of November. We discussed the status of various tree planting areas, and plans to fill gaps and extend the areas. In particular, we want to put more trees in the Denburn meadow to outline the future path. DG reported about the existence of a miniature vineyard at Roome Bay Avenue.

The Kilminning pond is full again, after extensive rainfall. In case it drains again during a dry spell, we have a plan in place to fix the pond. The progress in terms of biodiversity in Kilminning is continually monitored. Kilminning has been nominated for one of the RSPB Nature of Scotland Awards 2025 - the Community Initiative Award.

Nothing new to report for Roome Bay, Community Hall car park, West Quarry Braes, St Andrews Road, Fifeness Muir. A damaged tree is still holding up the Community Asset Transfer for the parts of Denburn Wood owned by Fife Council.

DG updated us on the funding for the second employee who would be working on land acquisition and development. As reported last time, we currently only have funding until April 2027 from Fife Council for this position. There is a chance that we will be able to obtain additional funding for this employee from other sources. The hiring is currently on hold. But with the fluid funding situation we should be in a stronger position to hire someone next year.

DJ circulated a report on the Old Gasworks at the harbour. A meeting needs to be held with FC to discuss the liabilities and required works. DJ will report back after such a meeting. WC reminded us that this area will be subject to regular flooding in a few years.

### **Projects in the wider community:**

DG updated us on the discussions around the Kirk building. On behalf of Crail church, we have applied for funds to the Architectural Heritage Funds to provide guidance on a feasibility study and a business plan for the building. At that point we need to have discussions what the community might want to do with the building. It was stressed again that it is important to keep the Kirk for the community, despite the numerous challenges. We need to have discussions with other stakeholders in the community about future uses.

### **Publicity:**

We already discussed a couple of items for future publicity. In addition, a press release for the airfield situation is currently prepared, on behalf of the CCC.

### **AOCB:**

SM expressed thanks for help with the policies which have been reviewed in September. A report about the review has been circulated.

The DTAS Facility Management Expert is coming to the Hall on 27th of October. Next meetings will be on November 4th, Legion Hall.