

Crail Community Partnership SCO 49189

Board meeting Minutes

Tuesday 5th December 2023 in Crail Legion Hall at 7pm

1. **Attendance:** J. Morris, S. Morrison, D. Gowans, C. Broome, D. Jerdan, C. Morrison, W. Creswell, M. Taylor and M. Rogerson
 - **Apologies:** S. Henderson, A. Scholz and M. Calchini

2. **Minutes of meeting** held on 7th November 2023. Approved.

3. **Finance** update to 30th November circulated in advance of meeting
 - **Notes from SH.** Hall Trading – way ahead of what had been anticipated. The net income from events at almost £1k was terrific. Expenditure in line with expectations but maintenance was heavy with expenditure on water testing and new fire extinguishers. We continue to support Geraldine's costs with £875 from the funds which were donated (£875 means that the funds will last 12 months).
 - The Hall should break even for the year. A fantastic result.
 - Projects comprised Kilminning a Planning and design fee of £6950 which was fully funded by Nature Scotland. There was no other significant amounts.

4. **CCP Publicity**
 - Monthly CCP Blog will be initiated by MR, with review team of MT and DJ, plus owner of the featured project. Suggested next articles:
 1. LPP Update and submission (January)
 2. Kilminning Update (February)
 - To be published in Facebook and CCP website.
 - Need to manage the transition of our CCP posts to the press.

5. **Community Hall & employee funding – DG**
 - Fife Council area meeting tomorrow, at which the Crail Common Good Application for employee funding will be discussed. That is up to £90,000 over 3 years, for the Hall Coordinator and Development Coordinator. Uncertain yet how this will be delivered; in arrears every 2 to 3 months.
 - First wedding priced at £2,000 booked today. Additional charges are likely to apply the closer we get to the event.
 - CCP events, we are working on a summary for 2023 as there have been some disasters and some good profit events. Discussion for 2024, do we continue. Example good event Xmas Fayre, income £1,480 plus donations of ~£380, with only cost the heating. Sunday evening

event probably made a profit of £150 (w/o taking heating into consideration) is that acceptable.

- In 2024 there will be 3 Craft Fayres as CCP will host the Crail Festival market stalls, and will retain the income from this.
- Additional caretaker willing to work self-employed, Gill Guest.
- Crail Museum and CM will work on a booklet for Common Good.

6. Sub Committee Reports

a. Harbour – CM

- FC Harbour team have become unresponsive given the recovery from storm damage.
- Need to change the discussion with Fife Council by targeting a different level of FC officers: emphasising that Crail Harbour is a strong element in Crail's Local Place Plan.
 - Could the harbour become a Museum Exhibit, an extension of Fisheries Museum. Additional activities that could draw more people.
 - Scottish tourism are desirous of expansion of Fife tourism. The East Neuk and Crail could be part of that. Could we push this into the Fife Local Development Plan, insisting on support.
 - Crail Harbour still looks very much like it was without much commercial development. Need to review the 2022 Harbour report.

b. Roome Bay Toilets - DJ. Hopefully an update for next meeting.

c. Local Place Plan - SM.

- All formal communication has gone out, to Cllrs and adjacent Community Councils. Will be chasing up acknowledgements. Consultation phase ends 15th December, target submission date is 18th December. Additional material being developed to demonstrate how we have had regard to local and national planning policy. Also impact on Local Development Plan.
- Crail Community Partnership Trustees approve and endorse the revised Crail Local Place Plan. And record strong thanks to Sarah and David Mann for their strong drive and determination to develop and complete the LPP Review to a very aggressive schedule.

d. Planning – SM

- Fife Council have notified that they are about to start revision of the Local Development Plan and will be looking for input. A topic for a future CCP meeting.

e. Kilminning – WC

- Work to start 8th January, with a 6 week work plan, optimistically finishing by the 29th February.
- Two main uncertainties - the archeology watching brief and a possible rocky outcrop.
- By end of March we will have tree planting and a community event.

f. **Pinkerton** – CB

- Plan A blown off course with recent weather. Looking at Plan B to acquire funding and use of a contractor. FCCT

g. **Bow Butts** - DJ

- **Action:** Acquire more trees from Woodland Trust for Bow Butts. **DG**

h. **West Braes** – MC/DG

- Looking for advice on wild flower seeding before pulling the team together.

i. **Land Acquisition** – West Quarry Braes & St.Andrew's Rd – DG/DJ

- St Andrews Road land has become a higher priority giving the Crail parking challenges. It has been suggested that there may be an access problem, a ransom strip. Need to investigate title ownership. Also need to find funding for a Business Development Plan as this will be needed soon after submitting CAT Stage 1 application.
- Stage 2 CAT Application has been submitted for remainder of Denburn Wood, to bring the wood 100% into community ownership.

j. **Tourism** – MC

- Notes in Appendix A.

k. **Crail Kirk** - DG/DJ

- From recent public meeting at the church there is no clear strategy on how to keep the church as a Crail asset. Most likely that the church activity will move to the Kirk Hall and the Kirk will end up on the open market. Need to keep a watching brief.

7. **Community Projects** – DJ

- Coastal path (from Castle to Paddling Pool) is at risk of falling into the sea, with the rising tides and increasing storms.
 - **Action:** Investigation into whether the path is classed as a Right of Way. **CB**
- Innovative solution proposed, move path down to the beach level similar to the Chain Walk.
- Community Council are seeking to upgrade drop kerbs through the town. And will be trying to get FC creating 3 tarmac entrances into Marketgate North.

8. **AOCB**

Date of next meeting Tuesday 6th February 2023 in Legion Hall at 7pm

Appendix A.

Tourism Update, November 2023

The East Neuk Local Tourism Association held another meeting on 29 November 2023 at The Shoregate, Crail

- The Chair welcomed all present and thanked Damon and Nicholas for hosting tonight's meeting at The Shoregate. 14 business and organisations from the East Neuk attended including two Crail Community Councillors – Catriona Mann and Linda Sneddon, as well as Damon and Nick, Peigi from the Museum and myself.
- Interpretation Boards – boards in Anstruther are ready for installation and next in line will be Crail – no definite time yet.
- East Neuk Signage
Fife Council has established that they have the rights to the Fisherlass image, which will be used on any new signs, marking entrance to the East Neuk area
- Current Project – Z Fold Cards
Application for funding was submitted and successful and a working group has now been established to move the project forward. Anticipated delivery is for Easter 2024.
Distribution will be through local businesses and certain VisitScotland iCentres
The use of the Z cards will be monitored through business feedback, pick up stats and QR code use.
- Fife Coastal Path
Robbie Blyth, Head of Operations at Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, will be invited to attend next LTA meeting in January 2024
- Fife Tourism Partnership Update
Fife Tourism Strategy – will be launched shortly.
New marketing campaign “The Kingdom where it all begins” launched, in conjunction with partners such as VisitScotland, Expedia, National Geographic, Trip Advisor and Coast Magazine. Quite a few East Neuk images including a good shot of Crail harbour
Food & Drink week will take place 9 – 17 March – looking for collaborative approach from businesses.

- Short Term let Licence update
1900 applicants in Fife with more than 50% submitting in September. So far 250 licences issued. It will likely take up to 10-12 weeks to process the remainder.
Control area discussion has been postponed and there will be a workshop with local councillors
- The Fife Tourism Conference will take place on Tuesday, 27th February 2024 at the newly redeveloped Adam Smith Theatre in Kirkcaldy. The theme is “Developing New Markets”.
- Next meeting of then East Neuk LTA will be on 17 January 2024