

# Crail Community Partnership SCO 49189

## CCP Board Minutes

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 6 pm, Crail Community Hall

### 1. In Attendance:

David Jerdan

Chris Broome

Will Cresswell

Dennis Gowans

Sarah Morrison

Colin Morrison

Shields Henderson (From 6. 45 pm onwards)

Jean Morris

Aleks Scholz

Manuela Calchini

### 2. Apologies:

Max Taylor

Mark Rogerson

### 3. New Trustees:

Jean Morris was welcomed to the meeting and was proposed and approved as a new trustee.

Aleks Scholz was also welcomed as a new trustee.

### 4. Minutes of Meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Approved

### 5. Finance:

- A report by Treasurer Shields Henderson was circulated in advance.

- In July the CCP received £ 5K from Fife Council and £ 4.5K from the Helen Main Trust to support the continued employment of our Community Hall Co-ordinator until March 2024. This will be treated as a designated fund.
- £ 2.5K from the designated heating fund has been spent on radiator repairs.
- The actual July accounts are in line with what we had originally budgeted for the month.
- The designated fund for Victoria Garden contains £ 750

## **6. Membership, website and publicity:**

- Membership application by Elaine Wilson-Smith, approved

## **7. Sub Committee Reports:**

### **Harbour Improvements – CM**

- Some clean up undertaken for the Sea Queen event. Concern about access and tidiness remain
- However, Harbour Master has requested that further clean up and other potential interventions are left to him to deal with.
- Request by East Neuk Local Tourism Association to put up a new sign with mapping in the harbour area. Need to speak to Andy Anderson, Harbour Master to see which location is possible.
- Ownership of harbour facilities and buildings is unclear as there are currently no title deeds available. This hinders progress around the Harbour Master's Office building. Crail Community Trust are working on this.

### **Roome Bay – DJ**

- Currently not able to progress with toilet block proposals until return of Donald Grant, Fife Council Community Manager, from annual leave.
- Will then ascertain if Fife Council will undertake the demolition of the current block.

### **Planning & LPP - SM**

- Progress is being made with regard to revising the Local Place Plan
- Insights from Fife Council officers will be sought shortly to ensure that the revised plan meets legal requirements to be adopted as part of the wider Fife Plan.
- A public consultation/drop in will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10am at Crail Community Hall
- This will be publicised in advance through Crail Matters and other channels in October. The revised version will also be shared with legal and government bodies and local councillors, with a period of 28 days for representations.
- The final plan will then be submitted by the end of Jan 2024 to Fife Council for adoption into the Fife Plan.
- Crail is one of the few areas planning to submit a local plan.
- An application has been made to and approved by the Crail common Good Fund for £ 4300 for the design and printing of the Local Place Plan.

### **Land Management- DJ:**

- The sub-committee have circulated a paper, suggesting how to minimise the work involved in managing the estate and capital equipment.

#### Kilminning – WC

- Planning application has been submitted
- WC has written to two councillors who do not sit on planning committee (Cllr Hayes and Cllr Dillon), while highlighting the time-critical nature of the funding on offer
- Currently talking to potential contractors for the work, which will hopefully begin in Oct/Nov
- Aspects of the proposed work will be covered on Out of Doors, by BBC Radio Scotland. The item will also feature the putting green.

#### Pinkerton – CF

- Still waiting to get confirmation from Sauchope Caravan Park on when they can support the work on widening of existing path and building a small viewing area. Likely to be after grass cutting season comes to a close
- There will be a small wildflower area
- New signage is now displayed

#### Bow Butts – DJ

- Potential allotment site proves difficult as Fife Council support unclear.
- 2 neighbours closest to the site have concern about current state of the area with weeds spreading to their gardens.
- Alternative could be an extension of Denburn Woods or another wildflower meadow as the St Andrews Meadows in the Making project will be funded for another 7 years. However, a composting solution would be required as removal of grass cuttings is expensive. WC to speak to the Meadows in the Making team.
- In any case, should consider some cutting of the area now, as to keep weeds away from neighbours.

#### West Braes – DG/MC

- Suckers have been removed by the neighbours and a meadows cut was carried out on 29<sup>th</sup> August
- Grass removal might prove a costly action in the future
- Tree trimming might have to be reconsidered in the future

#### Potential Land Acquisition:

- Opportunity for asset transfer of 2 areas of common good land – West Quarry Braes land off St Andrews Road
- One site offers potential for income generation through the siting of wind turbine and/or solar panels and might unlock significant long-term funding for the community, which could allow ongoing employment of hall co-ordinator and general CCP co-ordinator to drive projects forward as well as delivering Crail projects.
- SH has agreed to look into the potential for income generation from energy provision
- Possible EDF funding might be available for help with capital cost
- However, asset transfer will require some financial resource as sites currently generate income
- Further support might be available from Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES)

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- Also opportunity to extend the woodland and /or parkland into the area beyond the former garden centre.
- Would need to produce simple “statement of intent”, which would then give us 1 year to prepare an in-depth proposal

Link to location of common good land:

<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/council-and-democracy/land-and-property/ownership>

It has been agreed to proceed with asset transfer applications for the two areas of common land.

#### **Community Hall – DG:**

- First wedding at £ 1450 room hire for 2025
- Good conversion rate of viewings
- Funding for Hall Co-ordinator post now in place until March – 2024, see Finance notes above. Still awaiting outcome of application to Ribbonfield Trust
- Opportunity to apply for Scottish Government’s Strengthening Communities Fund to pay for employment of local co-ordinators, available from April 2024. CCP will submit a simple note of interest
- Revised Common Good Policy will also allow Common Good Fund monies to be used for employment.

#### **Community Projects – DJ**

- Seawall and Coastal Path – property of Fife Council and not local residents according to Bidwells who acted for The Crown Estate in Scotland. Crail community Council have written to Willie Rennie (MSP) and Wendy Chamberlain (MP) as well as local councillors to ensure Fife Council will repair sea wall. In the meantime, Holes in Coastal Path have been filled by Fife Coast & Countryside Trust. Should the private path be adopted by Fife Council and become part of the Fife Coastal path?
- Paddling/yachting/crabbing pool – contact has been made with company that looks after the Pittenweem swimming pond to affect a permanent repair and prevent the ongoing lack of water. Structure of the steps and path to the pool are also eroded. Currently in ownership of Fife Council (as is Roome Bay) and might need to seek asset transfer. New resident with experience identified in Crail.
- Victoria Gardens – support structure of bridge is corroded and might have to be replaced. Application could be made to the Common Good Fund.
- Sheep Field – Crail Preservation Society has not yet determined how to use the land, which is afflicted by nettles, docks and thistles. A thresher could be used but would need to be lifted across the gate. Chris and Dennis will meet with Fife Coast and Countryside Trust to see how the land can be best used. Possibly an extension of the orchard, which provided a good crop this year, growing soft fruit and providing a picnic meadow.
- Denburn Woods – planning permission has been sought to take down two trees.

## **8. Tourism – MC**

- Latest number of Short Term Let licence application was 34, which is approx. 1/3 of lettings available on AirBnB. MC has asked for update from Fife Council and will circulate in due course.
- Deadline remains currently 01 October for licensing. No new operators can currently enter the market. Any existing self caterer operating without a licence is liable for fines up to £ 2500.
- MC to meet Fife Tourism Partnership officer for Local Tourism Associations on 18 Sep.
- On 21 Sep, Scottish Agritourism will host an event at Bowhouse, to which all members of the East Neuk Local Tourism Association are invited. The AGM of the East Neuk LTA will take place after that event. MC has asked for invite text to pass onto Crail Matters.
- East Neuk Local Tourism Association proposes to replace the map sign at the Townhall with a new version.

9. **AOCB** – n/a

10. **Next meeting** – Tuesday, 3rd October at 7 pm. Location to be advised.