

Crail Community Partnership SCO 49189

Board meeting Minutes

Tuesday 3rd October 2023 in Crail Legion Hall at 7pm

1. **Attendance:** M. Rogerson, D. Jerdan, D. Gowans, W. Cresswell, C. Broome, J. Morris, S. Morrison, A. Sholz and M. Calchini
 - **Apologies:** C. Morrison, M. Taylor.
2. **Minutes of meeting** held on 29 August 2022. Approved, with special thanks to Manuela for their production.
3. **Finance update** – Pending.
4. **Membership** - DG
 - a. No new members to present, payments incomplete.
5. **Sub Committee Reports**
 - a. **Harbour improvement** plan, water & parking– CM
 - Harbour FC officials are not prepared to install barriers or control parking. Community Council will object. However it is suggested that the Harbour Master could take action.
 - A current main handicap is that there are not water facilities available around the harbour.
 - b. **Roome Bay** – Awaiting the return of our FC Community Officer.
 - c. **Local Place Plan** -
 - Secondary Access - question raised that the original secondary access for Crail North was not deemed a complete access for all to Balcomie Road from St Andrews Road. This access will always be part of separate planning application.
 - Revised LPP now suggests that there will be a completely new road as an alternative access. Logic suggests that should be the Crail North road would continue to Balcomie Road.
 - Draft LPP: “This Plan concludes that no development should be permitted on the Crail Airfield site until a new direct route avoiding the Town Centre or to link into the new primary route planned for Crail North, has been completed. “
 - Concern is that Roads make Traffic, therefore the Denburn Narrows are a great asset limiting volume.
 - In summary CCP is saying no development without additional access.
 - By 6th Oct should have an LPP ready to share, eg with FC Planners, Trustees. Feedback to Sarah soonest, copied to others.
 - Consultation on the 4th November. Final version should be complete before Christmas.
 - Submission required to Fife Council by end of January.
 - Concern that recollections of what was said in the Charrette are diverging. There is opportunity to review with the current revision process.
 - d. **Planning** – Crail Airfield – DJ/MC

- On the 2nd October the Community Council (attended by 56 people) confirmed that the objection, as shared with attendees, was unanimously supported. CCC has submitted their objection.
 - Chair asked for trustee support to do the same with an objection letter from CCP. Agreed by all.
 - But need to emphasise that the feedback that was missed from the first consultation was not just feedback slips but the many voiced objections of attendees.
 - **Action:** SM to submit on behalf of CCP.
 - **Action:** DG to circulate objection to CCP Members encouraging their participation in comments process.
- **Kilminning – WC**
- Still in planning at time of meeting (but by Friday the 6th plans were approved).
 - Tenders being prepared.
- e. **Pinkerton – CB**
- Driver and digger have been offered, by Sauchope Caravan Park but materials will be required.
 - Site meeting took place with FCCT.
 - Will need to notify for closure to walkers and neighbours
 - Given pricing and schedule advice (2 days)
 - Need approval from line manager
 - Potentially November
 - Smallest pond now has turf to water level, and some weed added
 - Pond life present already
- f. **Bow Butts (Allotments/usage) DJ**
- Allotments now increasingly in doubt
 - Concern from one neighbour about weeds and grass cutting accumulation
 - Proposal to go back to woodland development, back to the LPP for the green corridor
 - Allotments to be deferred for inclusion in other land acquisition plans
 - ~£3,400 still in Crowdfunding
 - Stopping current grass management plan
 - **Action:** DJ to advise neighbour
- g. **West Braes – MC/DG**
- Community did a great job clearing the saplings before the meadow mow took place.
 - Skip provided to remove grass cuttings completely from site. Funded from Crowdfund.
 - Looking at seeding options.
 - **Action:** MC/DG arrange another meeting with WB group.
- h. **Land Acquisition – West Quarry Braes & St. Andrew's Rd – DG/DJ**
- See diagram in Appendix for Common Good Land concerned.
 - We previously agreed to CAT West Quarry Braes (renewables) and St Andrews road (parking).
 - SH and DJ had meeting with Local Energy Scotland (helping communities reduce their carbon footprint).
 - LES advise that we should pursue with solar panels for CCH. Listed status is not a handicap
 - LES will provide a complete energy assessment before the end of the year

- LES concerned about where energy (from West Quarry Braes) will be provided to as the distribution network is a challenge.
- Are there other sites in Crail for renewables?
- Crail Community Trust has a third share of the Corn Ceres wind turbine. Shared by the farmer, CCT and Cellardyke/Kilrenny community.
- Continue with CAT for West Quarry Braes to advance ownership and options for community development.
- MC attended an interesting meeting (Scottish Tourism Projects ??) where communities presented innovative projects.
- DG recommends people visit the Larrick Centre in Tayport, an inspirational community project.

Tourism Notes, Sep 2023 - MC

Scottish Agritourism Event at Bowhouse and East Neuk Local Tourism Association AGM on 21 September 2023:

1. Fife Tourism Partnership

- Fife Tourism Partnership will streamline to adapt Welcome to Fife moniker, same as visitor-facing work.
- Businesses are reminded that they can have listing on consumer-facing website free of charge and across numerous categories.
- Also an opportunity to list events.
- Engagement numbers for Welcome to Fife: Instagram – 40K followers, FB 50K followers. Newsletter subscribers – 50K
- Visitors across Fife are still down on pre-pandemic figures, but recovering
- Visitor numbers will become available in early 2024
- Small funding pots available
- Fife Tourism Conference will take place on 27 February 2024 in Dunfermline at the newly refurbished Adam Smith Theatre

2. New Events/products

- Fife Council are proposing a new Fife Food Festival 09 – 17 March – the first weekend will coincide with the Bowhouse Market, the middle part will be potentially collaborations between producers and hospitality providers.
- Short presentation on the Inn at Kingsbarns – received a huge grant of £570K from Scottish Land fund, undertook fund raising and Crowdfunder and are still looking for approx. £40K to buy the Inn, which will function as a community hub, including a small shop, a café, a restaurant/pub and some rooms for rent.
- Bowhouse have purchased a new trailer and will run regular “Grass to Grill” tours from Spring 24 onwards on a monthly basis, bringing together production and consumption.

3. East Neuk Local Tourism Association

- East Neuk Local Tourism Association has a new committee:

- Chair: Gillian Maclaren, Pittenweem Properties
 - Vice Chair: Chris Lewis, Anstruther Fish Bar (?)
 - Treasurer: Martin Dibley , Pets Pantry, Anstruther
 - Secretary: Manuela Calchini, CCP
- Next year's projects are likely to include a new Z-card map, a re-appraisal of Internet and Social Media presence and I have suggested that we look at promoting local retail and hospitality to visitors, particularly in self-catering units

6. **Community Hall** – DG

- Application to DTAS (Scottish Government) last week for 3 years of funding. Initiated some planning on how to become self sufficient. We need wedding hires to rise to £2,000, then £2,500. Now charging £1,750 for 2024. Below Cow Shed pricing.
 - 3 DAY WEEKEND HIRE OF WHOLE VENUE (FRI - SUN)
 - 2023 - £5950, 2024 - £6450, 2025 - £6950
- Interior Designer visited prior week so we will be looking at replacement of curtains, paintwork etc. etc.
- Surveying every wedding since July, to help us build a picture of Community Gain from CCH weddings.
- Community Day will be planned for 24th February 2024.

7. **Community Projects** – DJ

- Coastal path below Downies Terrace at risk. Ownership is still questionable.
- **Action: DJ** Approach Bidwells about what documentation they have about transfer of this coastline from Crown Estates to Fife Council.

8. **AOCB**

Crail Church - a consultation on the 28th October.

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

