

Crail Community Partnership SCO 49189

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, 1st December 2025, 19:00, Community Hall

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

Apologies: Max Taylor

Minutes of meeting held November 4th: approved (minutes provided by AS)

Finances (NMG): We heard a summary of the income and expenditure for the Community Hall. A more definite report will be provided by the end of year. We continued the discussion of the restricted funds from last month, focusing on the funding we received for the children's playground which still is partially unspent. No further decision was made.

Planning matters (NMK): The application for the development of the cinema gym at the airfield has been approved in November, despite numerous well founded objections from the local community. The listed building consent for this building is still under consideration. As an update, an application has been submitted to replace the crane (a listed structure) at the harbour. No planning application has yet been submitted for the new Coop. Members of the Board expressed worries about the governance and decisions taken by Fife Council.

Fundraising (DG): We continued the discussion of funding sources and heard more updates. DG has submitted a new Common Good application for the second employee. The funding for the infrared cameras has been spent, which paves the way for starting the heat surveys in Crail. We received funds for signs and notices on High Street, on behalf of the CCC.

Community Hall (DG): Last weekend the Hall hosted the Craft Fayre, which is a major source of income. We discussed increased support for the Crail Primary School, but also agreed that they need to make a contribution to the Hall. Table tennis will start again in January in the Community Hall. We discussed improvements to the health and safety regulations and terms of use for the building, following an incident during a recent event. The collaboration with the Larder is developing...

Land maintenance and acquisition:

Kilminning has won the Community Initiative Award from Nature of Scotland. The Board congratulated WC for his efforts regarding this initiative. The award was voted for by the public, which demonstrates community support and gives us extended agency for our work. The award also gave us an opportunity to update the community on the positive changes in Kilminning.

More trees have been planted in mid November in Kilminning and Bow Butts. Most of the trees planted earlier in the year are doing well, which is good news. Following on that, we have an agreement in principle to plant a line of trees or bushes along the bank of Sauchope caravan park towards Kilminning. We discussed the risk assessment for future tree planting initiatives, in particular the need for first aid support. Small repairs have been done on the fences in Kilminning. In the near future we will take steps to improve the coastal path around the newly developed marsh.

We have been assured support from Sauchope caravan park for building the Pinkerton path early in the next year. The meadow at West Braes will potentially be cut by the Golf Club. A meeting has happened regarding Roome Bay - a rating of the feasibility for our project will be provided in due course, as reported by DG. The acquisition process for the Fifeness Muir seems to be on the home stretch. There are no concrete news regarding the Old Gasworks, and no news regarding on any of the other properties.

Projects in the wider community:

Regarding the Kirk building, a crowdfunding effort is now underway to support the process of developing a business plan. More advertising for the crowdfunder will go up over the coming weeks. The goal is to raise 15000£ this way. Last time we decided to start the process of registering CCP as an organisation for a possible Right-to-Buy. This is now underway, as reported by SM, but will require some subtle changes to our constitution. More work will need to be done in terms of consulting the community and discussion ideas for the future use of the building.

Further items that were discussed:

- SM gave a short summary of the status of the Action Plan; we will try to compose a report on progress regarding the action items for the next AGM in April.
- ML gave us an update on the available courses for Trustee training courses from various organisations.
- The Board approved a membership application for Murray Shaw.

Publicity:

More publicity items will follow in the coming weeks to promote the crowdfunder for the Kirk.

AOCB:

The next meeting will be Monday the 5th of January in the Community Hall.