Minutes

The Royal Burgh of Kilrenny, Anstruther & Cellardyke Community Council

11 November 2024, 7:30pm at the Lower Town Hall| Meeting called to order by Louis Theran

# In Attendance

Louis Theran, Margaret Hellicar, Phil Wall, Paul Ambrose, Neil Anderson, Bill Bruce, Raymond Davis, Kevin Lancaster, Christine Wilson, Lorna Jones, Cllr Fiona Corps, Cllr Alycia Hayes

5 members of public present

Apologies – Cllr Sean Dillon

# Welcome & Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

# Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes approved by PW and seconded by PA

**Matters Arising**

**Action Points from last meeting:**

Ask about the ‘cars only sign at the folly car park - MH – see secretary’s report

Arrange meeting re CG fund – not done yet

Silverdykes scoring map – Cll FC – could not find.

Information Board placing – PA and KL

Santa Parade permission forms – MH - done

St Andrews OOH – MH send info to Cll FC - done

Old Christmas lights – MH to contact AP – done – KL to check them

# Questions from the public

Representatives from Cellardyke Tidal Pool came to express their concern regarding the relocation of the sauna. PW said he had written to Cll AH about this. Cll AH has contacted the Enforcement Officer who has sent a letter to the owners of the sauna, asking them to relocate to original position or apply for new planning permission. PW said this was not acceptable, they should have been advised to move the sauna as they have breached their planning permission. If they want to apply for planning permission for a different site, this should be done after they have moved back to where they should be. Cll AH said that the Enforcement Officer says that the legal process for enforcement can be long winded and so they try to get agreement in the first instant. MoP – the sauna is taking up 4 parking spaces. It is also too near the children’s park. PW said that the sauna produces toxic chemicals and so it should not be near the playground. Cll AH - FC have a duty as Land Lord and the sauna may be breaking the terms of their lease. Also, FC is responsible if their tenant is creating a health hazard. Cll AH will refer the situation to Environmental Health. PW asked what should we do next? Cll AH said she can respond to Enforcement Officer about the concerns of the public and also refer to Environmental Health to stop the sauna operating in its current position. FCCT are going to be stopping overnight parking – progress? MH to check. MoP – asked about the state of road to the Pool – there are a lot of potholes. The road is not adopted by FC.

Martin Dibley (MD) – New Lifeboat shed – timeline for building new one? The CC has not been advised. There has been delay due to the possibility of keeping the old shed. This not happening now.

# Multi Use Path

CvdL – not present.

# Councillors’ Reports

Cll SD – Not present. MH has emailed him to ask if he has heard anything back about Cellardyke Harbour or the problem holiday let in Kilrenny.

Cll FC – Was going to bring up the sauna but this has been covered. Nursery and childcare provision: Willie Rennie has visited Dreel babies to discuss. Little Farmers is closing and Bee Curious may be closing because their lease is ending and they need new premises. MD – They have been trying to set up after school club in Erskine Hall but The Care Inspectorate have still not come to inspect – 6 months after request, so they cannot make progress.

Cll AH – Anstruther Care home has been put back to ‘feasibility’ study because of price increases. FC now say they hope to start in 2027. Cll FC – said FC looking for more funds. MD – Ladywalk was to be replaced as it is not up to Care Inspectorate standards. FC do not want to move residents as they very happy there and if they are moved it would be out of Anstruther. However, they are not able to take new residents in upstairs because of the state of the building.

Café Inc: People in Communities Committee want Clls to endorse their report regarding money going to ‘Café Inc’. However, NE Fife got only £7K compared to eg 26K for Cowdenbeath. In the East Neuk, lunches are only sandwiches, not a hot meal and are only available on one day of the week in each village during the holidays, so not user friendly. If anyone runs a kids’ club they can apply for funds. MH wondered if The Lighthouse group could apply. BB asked Cll AH to provide a couple of paragraphs as a brief summary of the proposition, so he can include the text in a poster.

# Planning and licensing matters

No issues.

# Common Good Fund

Meeting not arranged yet. LT to find a suitable date and email MH and Kl.

# Silverdykes Fund

Nine application forms have been requested and sent out, and three completed forms received back.

End date for return of forms 30 November 2024. Iain Wilson (Fife Council) has been informed that we have put out application forms for the remaining funds.

# Santa Parade and Christmas lights

MH

Santa Parade will be **Sunday 15 December 2024**. The forms have been completed for the Santa Parade and permissions given. There is a possible road closure on Skeith Road, just for a manhole cover replacement, so it should be completed by then. I have asked for the map so that we can plan a diversion if necessary. Andy Peddie will tow the Santa sleigh and Gillian will lead the parade. Gillian will ask her husband Kenny if he will be Santa again. I will travel in the car with Andy, with the route map. I have asked the East Neuk Centre if Santa can have a break there at about 5:30pm as usual. We have said there will be 5 stewards on the permission for a parade form, so we need 4 volunteers, or more if the route is split. If we can’t get enough stewards, we may have to cancel the parade. We need to decide who to give any donations to, but we need stewards with buckets to collect donations. Contact Allsorts if they can do? SB said – it is running not walking to keep up with the sleigh, so that’s a good idea. Cll FC to speak to Allsorts to see if will help. MoP – why not up Dreelside as goes up new street. MH to ask.  
Donations to – First Responders

Cll FC said she will be Santa if we don’t have one.

Information needs to go on Face Book – MH will send last year’s posters to BB.

**Christmas lights and tree**. Chris Lewis (The Water Front), will be donating the tree again – many thanks. This will be going up on **30 November** and we also hope to get the lights switched on then too. Andy has booked and will collect the cherry picker from St Andrews at 9am.

Many thanks to the members of the previous Community Council committee for their support in this.

# Waid Community Campus

MH - We had correspondence from Scott Duncan regarding our discussion at the last CC meeting. He asked if he and Annette Mizerny could attend this next meeting – however, as this was going to be a busy meeting with the AGM, I suggested that one or two of us meet with them at the Waid. Scott said he would speak to Annette and see her availability but I have not heard anything yet. Any feedback from Cll Dillon re closing times? Cll AH – it is now 4pm and 7pm on a Wednesday.

PW -happy to come to meeting.

# Twinning

See Appendix 1

BB has been very busy contacting various people involved with the original twinning arrangement. Do we have the desire to resurrect? Yes, particularly in terms of opportunity for exchange visits for pupils at the Waid. Many went a number of times and continue to be in contact to this day, so lasting friendships were made. Exchanges can still happen though a bit harder because of more stringent safeguarding. MH - Scott Duncan’s support will be pivotal because we need school involvement. MH – how was it funded before? - Original funding from fund raising events and some funding through FC.

Tony Banton is coming on 27th to Anstruther and BB organising dinner, inviting various guests with experience of Twinning. Permission to fund this? PW -yes as we have funds from the original Twinning organisation before it closed. BB to send MH a summary.

# Secretary’s Report

**Crawhill bridges –** both now completed to a high standard. Many thanks to FCCT

**St Ayles Park Fence** – three options put forward by FC – two timber, one metal, bow topped. FC recommend the metal as most appropriate and longer lasting. I have spoken to some of the residents alongside the park and they agreed. FC informed. It is good that the fence will be replaced as, apart from cars regularly turning on the grass, or by-passing the bollards, *eleven* cars parked on the grass on bonfire night.

**Street signs** – FC now aware of the ‘cars only’ sign at the folly car park and will probably change to ‘no coaches’. They will also remove the Tourist Information sign and the signs for The Cellar as neither now exist.

**East Neuk Nursery provision** – We received an email about the fact that both the Bee Curious and Little Farmer Nurseries will be closing at the end of the year. Local school nurseries only provide limited hours (even if places are available), the East Neuk Playgroup no longer operates, and there are no Fife Council Out of School Clubs in the whole of the East Neuk, leaving very few options for working parents needing childcare provision in the East Neuk. I have written to Willie Rennie (MSP) on behalf of the CC. He is aware of the problem and has attended a meeting at the Dreel Halls to discuss.See also Cll reports above.

**Remembrance Day** – My husband and I attended the Remembrance service at St Ayle Anstruther and the parade to the cemetery. I placed the wreath on behalf of the CC. We later placed the other wreath at the Cellardyke Memorial. Many thanks Linda Ednie for doing all the arrangements at the church, including refreshments afterwards, and also to the Police for their help with the rolling road closure or the parade. LJ – we usually give donation to church for help with refreshments – PW to check and we will remedy.

**Police Report October  
Anstruther**62 calls to the police. 21 crimes recorded

**Cellardyke**23 calls to the police. 6 crimes recorded

**Kilrenny**2 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Finally, I have written to all the members of the CC about what I feel is a general lack of support. I often get no responses to emails, or just one or two, even for confirmation of the Minutes being correct, let alone requests for feedback on issues such as the OOH service, or volunteers to go to events. This job is very time consuming and it is very disheartening when I don’t feel the backup is always there from all members of the CC. I would be grateful is CC members would at least respond to emails.

# Treasurer’s Report

**Treasurers report to end of October 2024.**

Bank Statement to the end of October - **Total funds £67877.50**

CC Budget to month end £5460.64

**INCOME**.

No transactions

Total Income - Nil

**EXPENDITURE.**

Hall Hire - £15.60

Tom Swankie Hanging Basket Watering - £270.00

KL Adhesives for signs - £26.97

KL Replacement Saltire – £7.99

**Expenditure Total - £320.56**

**Audit of CC accounts**: I am meeting with the Auditor from SVA, on Thursday this week to

sign off our income and expenditure accounts for the last financial year. I will submit the

paperwork required to claim our FC grant for 2024-25 next week.

**Haven Buy In Group**: I have been informed that the group is making good progress on

formally/legally registering the group as a Community Benefit Society. Once registered they

will apply for a business account, when active I will transfer their remaining funds to their

account. We will continue to hold and manage funds for the group until further notice.

# Representation from other groups

FLORAL – SB - We need to plan for next year, but SB will be coming off CC due to personal circumstances. CC members expressed many thanks for the work she has done this year. MH - any in group that could take over? SB not really as there are so few. This is why she felt they need to consolidate what we have and maintain them in good order, rather than trying to maintain more than is manageable. Some areas eg across from coop and across from Craws Nest, are difficult to manage. FC did do Craws Nest this year, so hopefully may next year. CC will need to look into who can take over.

MURRAY LIBRARY TRUST – LJ

* Defibrillator now in place on Shore Street
* No progress on web site as yet
* Two Trustees spoke to the Anstruther Parent Council on 2 November 2024. The Trust would like to have a representative from the Primary School as a Trustee. The PC were also advised on the grant funding available to apply for.

# AOCB

RD – fireworks night. Car parking and traffic was mayhem and many drivers ignored the ‘Road Closed’ signs. There was also a safety concern as cars were driving along the shore even though crowds were walking in the street. A police presence is needed but may not be possible because of lack of staff. What can be done? When FC bring ‘closed road’ signs could drivers also be directed to the overflow car park? If fewer cars in the town itself, it may ease traffic flow out. MH 5- Ask Nigel Hampton FC re signage as there is none to the overflow car park, which the RNLI funded but is not being used.

KL – offered to take on CG applications and Silverdyke applications proposal. proposal for floral. MH thanked him.

**Date of next meeting 9 December 2024**

**Action Points**

Contact FCCT to ask re progress to stop overnight parking at the |Cellardyke Pool – MH

Follow up with Cll SD re Cellardyke Harbour and holiday let in Kilrenny MH

Send Santa posters to BB - MH

Signage for overflow car park - MH

**Abbreviations**

**FC –** Fife Council

**FCCT** – Fife Coast and Countryside Trust

KACCC – Kilrenny, Anstruther and Kilrenny Community Council

**MoP** – Member of the Public

**MUP –** Multi Use Path

OOH – Out of Hours