Minutes

The Royal Burgh of Kilrenny, Anstruther & Cellardyke Community Council

10 February 2025 at 7:30pm at the Lower Town Hall| Meeting called to order by Phil Wall

# In Attendance

Margaret Hellicar, Phil Wall, Paul Ambrose, Neil Anderson, Bill Bruce, Raymond Davis, Martin Dibley, Kevin Lancaster, Christine Wilson, Cllr Fiona Corps, Cllr Alycia Hayes, Cllr Sean Dillon

One members of public present – Graham Ellery

Apologies – Louis Theran, Lorna Jones, Carl van der Lee.

# Welcome & Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

# Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes approved by PA and seconded BB .

**Action Points from last meeting**

Silverdykes Applications: KL to reach out to Graham Ellery, MH to write to the Harbour Trust? GE contacted but not Harbour Trust

Waid Rep – ask Scott Duncan – MH – not asked yet

Waid Campus – arrange meeting – MH – not arranged yet

Invite Robbie Blyth to next meeting – MH – done

**Matters Arising** – **parking at Cellardyke Pool** – Robbie Blythe FCCT and Steven from parking team. Ownership – probably Council ownership but needs clarified. PW – not Common Good. Inappropriate overnight parking – at one point a fire set between campers. RB said that campers were breaking the law by staying overnight as using the car park as a ‘habitat’. However, some car parks do permit limited overnight parking. The road to the pool is adopted and the car park is currently non regulated, so vehicles can go on the road and park but not overnight. Suggested parking is managed during day but NO overnight parking. FC are not keen to take this CP on as there are cost implications. RB suggested that they could put rules of use in place so those parking were under a ‘contractual agreement’, but there would be no charge. Can design in a way to make people act more appropriately plus donation box. FCCT would include in their patrols. This would mean that the car park could be manage at low cost. PW – timescale? Can be done quickly but need consent and confirm social ownership. By this summer? PW – huge problem last summer.CC unanimous that consent be given. Costs for signs – FFCT can pay. Upgrading of car park eventually needed – will see if can get some funding. RB will get sign designed and sent to us for approval. FCCT hope to get signs up and take over management of  the area in four to six weeks barring complications.

Bricked off bit owned by caravan park. Scottish Water need access. Although there would be no overnight parking here, there are 70 overnight locations in Fife and there will eventually be 150, so there is provision

# Questions from the Public

GE – liaising with FC re goal posts in Bankie – suggest moving forward temporarily to allow the worn bits to be seeded or turfed. Approved.

Also – BB question from MOP: surprised the Sauna was sited close to their caravan after they objected to it at

the initial planning stage. They are most concerned about the wood smoke which was so badly affecting their

daughter who has asthma they had to make the decision to shorten their holiday by a few weeks. They were

surprised that FC gave permission for this type of wood burner so close to a kid’s park and caravan site.

BB – very concerning that someone who has been coming to Anstruther for 40 years is considering giving up

on the caravan they’ve had at Cellardyke for 24 years entirely because of this issue.

Cll AH – She has asked and FC to look into and FC have tested and say the fumes are not dangerous ‘do not affect a person in their own home’. Static caravans are not considered residential. Cll FC – will the sauna stay popular? PW – very popular just now. Cll AH has the reply from council so will forward to us and we will write to MoP.

# Multi Use Path

CvdL – not present.

# Councillors’ Reports

Cll SD Councillor’s Report

**Access to Cash:**

- Since being elected, it has been my priority to improve access to cash within Anstruther, Cellardyke, & Kilrenny as well as the wider East Neuk. While I was very quickly successful with the installation of the ATM on Shore Street, my work to obtain a cash hub in the village has taken a lot longer. However, I am pleased to confirm the LINK group recommended a cash hub for the village be installed and operated by the Post Office. While I cannot confirm the location or date of the opening of this service until the contract is agreed, I can confirm the following that it will operate from 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday and will offer free depositing and withdrawal of cash for both personal and business accounts. It will also offer a change service for businesses - It should be stressed that this service will only be offering services involving money. For all other Post Office needs, the mobile van will still operate. - The full report from the LINK group can be found at

<https://www.link.co.uk/media/1ohoxux4/anstruther.pdf?fbclid=IwY2xjawIXHxRleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHUCNjMs2BvKWy37tm0ddTqy4SCA5K7AgiUWJ6TUthYg_89xn8pSPMAO94g_aem_i-uDMSGNfxIog5Z_86mGcA>

**After School Care Provision:**

- The trustees of the East Neuk Centre are looking to provide after school care for children. There is currently a poll on the Trust’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/eastneukcentre.trust>) to gauge interest or alternatively, the staff can be contacted at info@eastneukcentre.org.uk.

**Anstruther Sorting Office:**

- Last week, I was made aware that Royal Mail are carrying out what is known as a “scoping exercise” that may result in the closure of our sorting office and the operations there being moved to Leven. While nothing has been fully decided, I am meeting union representatives on Wednesday to discuss the situation further and will update the CC in due course.

BB – received a private message from a sorting office employee requesting the CC to inform the general public

and encourage more local support in an effort to change Royal Mail’s plans. Cll FC suggested a ‘hard copy’

petition in local shops ‘Save our sorting office’. Name signature Postcode – so LOCAL. Put on FB that petition

is out. CW willing to hand out. PW agreed to design petition if Cll SD advises it after his meeting with the Union representative.

Cll SD – hold off on petition until after his meeting with the union representative on Wednesday.

Cll AH – nothing to add.

Cll FC nothing to add.

# Planning/Licensing Matters

None of interest.

# Common Good Fund

PW, KL and MH - Visit to slaughter house. KL and PW to work together.

KL – Asked if Cll A had received any answers AH? Insurance – No real response yet

PW and KL – are their deeds for slaughterhouse? Cll AH – two leases one for building and one for ground. Rent was set in 2021 and will be reviewed in 5 years. Rent is minimal and CC had no input into what rent was set at. CC should be made aware when rents coming up for review. MD – FC have 2 types of leases ‘Wind and water tight’ FC keep building W&WT, but new leases are ‘full repairing and insuring leases’ – tenant responsible. FC now want CG fund to maintain the properties – if this were the case, CG monies would soon run out.

# Silverdykes Fund

Friends of Bankie Park – further information received. Group not met yet to assess.

Have the Harbour Festival been contacted? No – MH will write.

MH has written to the skatepark group regarding their allocated funds. They wish to keep this allocation.

MUP has had money for 10 years so precedent set for Skate Park Group retaining. KL – can we have a financial update on MUP financial position.

Skatepark - BB asked why the issue had been passed to FC and he was in the dark regarding reasons for the

long term stalling of the project. Cll FC said it had caused too much ill feeling at the time, no further design

proposals were ever forwarded for consideration and it appeared the project has been lying dormant with

nobody expressing an interest in reviving it.

BB said he felt there still may be some wider public distrust of the CC and some of the political processes

involved, with a few people being critical of the democratic process that eventually led to some falling out, and

he thinks the people involved should try to resolve matters and try to find some areas where a compromise

may be reached. He said that he has assumed since joining the CC in November 2023 that the fallout over the

skatepark project was a deciding factor behind several CC members stepping down from their positions around that time. Cll FC said that the matter may be difficult to retrieve with FC but she would be willing to speak with BB further, to help with clarification of some of the details he perhaps wasn’t aware of. BB said he felt that whatever the problems may have been there will be some way to find more amicable resolutions.

RD – Can we ask for it to get looked at again? Cll SD wanting put forward motion to look at even finding if the

two sites were feasible. We will need to contact FC regarding allocation of Silverdykes funds following more

discussion.

We will need to contact FC to advised regarding allocation of Silverdykes funds once all decided.

# Report from the Fife Local Development Plan meeting

PA and BB attended online. Talked about how difficult it was to do etc BB – got the PDF of presentation sent and has signed up for 6 more. PW also going to sign up. BB thinks would be better to pay a consultation to do. CllAH -Finance from Planning Aid Scotland has helped other CCs – first part was £2000, then would have been £7000 for them to continue. BB – any grants available? MH – is it not too late – thought had to be in by end of 2024.. Cll AH – no, can still submit. In order to complete Local Place Plan, we would need to conduct

several public consultations in Kilrenny, Anstruther and Cellardyke.

# Website

Renewal for WIX (our website platform) was due, but it was double the previous price. MH, BB and PW met and changed payments to monthly; looking for new provider. BB to come up with a brief for review by the CC

and then look to obtain competitive proposals including costs from three web design professionals.

# Folly lights

Email from Ian Balfour FC asking if we could remove the section of lights at the white gate to the pontoon as they were ‘restricting access for our street lighting operations teams’. We replied asking what the specific problem was as they have been there for four years with no problem. We did not receive a reply so assumed the issue had been resolved. We then found that this section of lights had been taken down and left at the base of a pole, with one bulb smashed. It is unclear if they are cut or not as the end has insulating tape round it. MH wrote to Ian Balfour to complain, but he said he had not sanctioned this and then asked for our ’permit’ to put them up. MH responded saying we were never given a ‘permit’, but detailed all the communications, site visits and permission given by various FC personnel. He has responded to say he cannot find out who removed the lights and that it may have been ‘fishermen or delivery vehicles. He also said he did not think they should be up all year anyway. MH responded to say that, as there was a request to remove the lights for his lighting operatives teams, it seems surprising that it was not them that removed the lights. MH also said it would be difficult for us to take the lights up and down every year and we would have to discuss. Also said we need to investigate if they can be repaired as we cannot afford £2K for another set. I visited the Harbour Master Elaine.

PW – will go up ladder check the end and stick cables up pole out of the way. KL – get electrician down to check. MH will check if Brodie Smith can have a look at and assess if fixable and can lights function without a gap? If so we will leave a gap.

# Anstruther Access to cash

Email received from Lesley Wilson the Community Engagement Officer for Cash Access UK - Cash Access UK will be bringing a Cash Hub to Anstruther- bringing cash and everyday banking services to your community.

Your new Cash Hub will provide a counter service for everyday cash transactions.

A counter service operated by the Post Office, where customers can access the following services, Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm:​

o        pay in cash and cheques​

o        withdraw cash​

o        check your balance​

o        pay utility bills​

o        top up your gas and electricity​

o        access change-giving services (for small businesses)

Martin Rae is the Project Manager for Anstruther. They would very much appreciate our help and knowledge of the community to provide potential properties that would be suitable for the Cash Hub.

Ideas?

MD and Cll SD went round Anstruther and they have chosen two places to look at.

# Twinning

Twinning- Comité des Sages in Bapaume have extended an invitation to a group of up to 6 from Anstruther to their “Son et Lumière” show which will present the history of Bapaume. They suggest a visit from, 6th to 8th with travel on the 5th and 9th May so they can arrange some other activities on the Tuesday and Wednesday (museums, battlefields, places of interest in and around Bapaume, visits to Arras and/or Lille,…), with the visit culminating in the “Son et Lumière” performance on Thursday evening. They have generously said that they will cover the arrangements in Bapaume (hotel, meals, entertainment) if we can arrange the travel. We need to let them know who is interested in attending.

BB has asked Gillian Crozier Maclaren and her dad Tom Crozier if they might be interested, as Tom had

previously expressed interest in leading the twinning association before. BB said he is also interested in going

and will speak to some others he thinks might be good ambassadors for Anstruther for this visit.

# Secretary’s Report

**Most covered in other parts of the meeting**

**Dreelside Woods path upgrade** - We have received an invitation to the opening of the Dreelside Woods path upgrade on Saturday 19th April. the cutting of the ribbon ceremony, opening the path. This will take place beside the Dreel Tavern at 10.00am, followed by a short reception at the Dreel Tavern afterwards.

Julie would like to know numbers, so please let me know if you wish to attend.

St Ayles Park – wrote for update – no reply yet.

**Police Report January**Anstruther
36 calls to the police. 13 crimes recorded

Cellardyke
22 calls to the police. 4 crimes recorded

Kilrenny
0 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Some discussion on level of crime reported in Anstruther -0 most thought to be shoplifting.

# Treasurer’s Report

Treasurers report to end of January 2025.

Bank Statement to the end of January - Total funds £68277,88

Community Council Management Funds to month end - £5458.01

INCOME.

Total Income - £0.00

EXPENDITURE.

Santa Collection Safety bibs and bucket – £29.55

Cherry Picker - £270.00

Expenditure Total - £299.55

# Representation from other groups

FLORAL – BB - Julia Cowie (Dreelside Woods project) is concerned about the Floral Sub Committee since Sarah had to resign. Urged us to keep the budget for floral rather than for Christmas lights. What are we doing about getting volunteers? There are a number of separate groups in the town doing work, but they need co-ordination. CW – should just go forward with the separate groups? Difficult with splitting funding.

MH – we were advised of someone who may be interested on taking on the group – to be followed up. BB -

said he would ask Julia to see if she would like to create something aimed at attracting volunteers which the

CC can advertise on FB and posters.

MURRAY LIBRARY TRUST - LJ not present. Cll SD Annual Public meeting in 24 April 2025.

# AOCB

MD – Ladywalk House – state of play? Cll AH thinks Labour Administration is now going to fund in next budget to complete in 2027.

PW – Three pavement edge lights prized out and left holes between Cellardyke and Kilrenny. One post replaced and one removed along this stretch.

**Date of next meeting: 10 March 2025**

**Action Points**

* Contact Scott Duncan re school rep and meeting re library/café – MH
* Write to MoP re sauna – MH or BB
* Write to Harbour Festival re Silverdykes application – MH
* Assess Friends of Bankie Park Silverdykes Fund Application - BB, PW, KL and PA
* Skatepark – Cll FC and BB to arrange meeting
* MUP – contact re review of financial situation and lights removed from path at Kilrenny – MH
* Contact electrician re folly lights and lift cable to pole – MH, PA, KL
* Collate those interested in going to Bapaume – BB
* Collate those interested in attending Dreelside Woods path opening - MH
* St Ayles park fencing – follow up – MH
* Floral Group – follow up person who may be interested - 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