Minutes

The Royal Burgh of Kilrenny, Anstruther & Cellardyke Community Council

12 August 2024, 7:30pm Lower Town Hall, Anstruther| Meeting called to order by Louis Theran

# In Attendance

Louis Theran, Margaret Hellicar, Phil Wall, Neil Anderson, Sarah Baldachino, Bill Bruce, Raymond Davis, Kevin Lancaster, Lorna Jones, Carl van der Lee, Cllr Fiona Corps, Cllr Sean Dillon, Robbie Blyth FCCT

16 members of public present

Apologies – Paul Ambrose

# Welcome & Declaration of Interest

LT welcomed everyone. No declarations of interest were made.

# Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes approved by PW and seconded LT.

Action points from last minutes:

Email support re Lithium Batteries – MH Done

# Questions from the public

 GE – SLF – on Agenda

# Input re Multi Use Path

CvdL –

**Joint Working Group Updates**

**Land negotiation progress**. The lack of measurable progress was lamented. Savilles was employed by FC in November 2023 to bring all stakeholders together and engage with Seabox and Tradesbox Reps but a number of excuses over that period have prevented progress. Leave – Lack of an Agent – emails not responded to etc, etc. We have asked to be invited to the next meeting and won’t give up pushing FC on this issue

**Future Pittenweem to Anstruther programme**. Allan Maclean FC There has been a huge delay in funding allocation to Transport Scotland. When the funding does come in there is likely to be a block Grant of £2.3m Tier 1 funding for Fife that is not Ringfenced. Only shovel ready projects can apply – We are not shovel ready! – We need agreement from Landowners  - Applications have to be ready months in advance of the February deadline.

**Maintenance agreement for the Core Path route**: concluded.

**Dreelside Park northern path** – the new technician has started work so such items as the missing bollard will be dealt with.

**Connection to Levenmouth Area proposals.** Allan Maclean agreed to see if any paths could be built heading east.

**Dreelside Park joint event**. This had been a great success with a parade led by a piper from the skate board jam in Bankie Park all the way to Dreelside Park. Music, bouncy castles and icecream were all available.  Dr Bike was appreciated by those who used the service. £90 was left over after the event and it had been suggested that it is used to provide cherry trees for Dreelside Park.  ER to pay the money to the Community Council where other monies are lodged for path development.

**Adoption of SUPs**.  Allan will check that all the new paths are adopted (once lining etc is completed).

**AOCB:**  Anstruther Golf Course, in conjunction with Fife Coast & Countryside Trust (FCCT), are considering how the coast can be better protected by re-directing walkers along the raised beach level coming from Pittenweem until the half mile is reached, then encouraging walkers to head north, to cross the road onto the planned path.

# Cellardyke Tidal Pool

Andy Hancock Tidal Pool came to speak to us about the Tidal Pool, work done and future work planned. The Tidal Pool company is not for profit and has 9 Directors. The renovation has been done in different phases with a total cost £150,000 so far. They have applied for a 30 year lease of the pool, but have to have insurance before this can be concluded.

Phase 3 is next – access for less mobile users. A ramp will be needed steel or concrete - FC prefer concrete as more durable. Possible placement by playpark but there is a question of how to give access through the park.

There are various issue with the land around the pool:

Ownership

Parking

Availability of water and electricity

Lighting

Bikes and bike racks

Questions:
CvdL – toilets? The toilets are at the top of the hill so not accessible, and they have no electricity. People want toilets and changing with showers nearer the pool, so it is better to have a block at road level. This will be 2x10m. RB – some funding is available for accessible toilets. AH – saunas was in list of ‘wants’ and planning permission has been granted. LT – congratulated AH on the achievements of the Tidal Pool group, but there are problems with parking and traffic. – asked RB for input. The CP at the pool is a non-regulated car park. Many other CPs have rules under Fife Council’s Transportation Services ‘consolidation order’. BB suggested that a ‘no overnight parking’ rule is put in place, with free 2 hours day time parking. This would increase turnover and reduce the number of camper-vans if they cannot park overnight. MH – decision? We need to approach the Council. Who to operate? FCCT possibly. PW – need signage further away from pool eg on main road, to make drivers aware before going to the pool area as there is a problem of vehicles going down and then trying to turn and get to the main road through narrow roads including Dove Street, which is difficult to turn from at the top. DW why no overnight for any vehicle? RB – makes it clearer if no overnight parking for any vehicle, though there could be a system of permits for local people or for specific events. FCCT staff tour round car parks to check if any vehicles parking outwith rules. MoP – time frame of when this could be implemented? Hopefully for next season. CllSD and FCCT both willing to write to FC. MoP –People also going to the car park for the other businesses there. Hopefully order would increase turnover so spaces available. MoP – local roads not built for all this traffic - CllSD – there was a suggestion of one way system but this not acceptable by the local community. MoP – Could the road up to Kilrenny be made up to provide better access and a ‘way out’? This road not adopted after a certain point.

CC will try to get people together to discuss with RB FCCT

# Councillors’ Reports

Cll Dillon:

**East Basin Beach:**

Earlier in the month, elected members had sight of the proposed lease of land to the RNLI at the East Basin Car Park to allow for the construction of the new lifeboat shed. As part of this, it is proposed that the beach at the East Basin will be closed to all members of the public for the duration of construction. This will clearly impact on residents and visitors alike and I have a meeting next week with Property Services to see whether at least part of the beach can remain open. I will update the Community Council on the outcome of this as soon as I
can.

**Burnside Terrace Bus Stops:**

Over the summer, I have had several complaints regarding vehicles parking across the bus stops at Burnside Terrace. Having spoken to officers within the Transportation Service, they have agreed to install a marked bus bay at the southbound bus stop to encourage vehicles to park elsewhere. Unfortunately, due to the number of disabled bays by the northbound bus stop, they are unable to install a marked bus stop bay.

**St Ayles Park Fence:**

Before Kirstie Freeman began her new role as Communities Manager for North East Fife, I spoke to her about the plans for replacing the fencing at St Ayles Park. There has now been quotes and identified budget found to carry out this work. The housing department will now take this forward.

**Express Bus Services:**

From the 29th of July, Stagecoach took the decision, without any consultation, to stop their Express Services (X60/61) from serving almost 40 stops between St Andrews and Leven. Now, only the following bus stops in Anstruther & Cellardyke will be served;

- Craws Nest (Beacon Court)

- Shore Street (Murray Library)

- Toll Road

- St Andrews Road (The Co-op/Old Waid)

I am deeply concerned by this decision, the lack of publicity it received, and the impact it has on elderly and less mobile members of our community and have created a petition calling for a rethink, which can be accessed at https://www.change.org/SaveOurStops.

I have also written to the Chief Executive of Stagecoach East Scotland expressing my concerns and have received a positive response which states that they will review the situation after 90 days and are open to reinstating at least some bus stops.

**Education Maintenance Allowance:**

Applications for the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) are open between now and the 30 th of September. This £30 a week payment is available to school pupils are planning to continue in post-compulsory education from August 2024 and come from households with a taxable income of less than £24,421 or £26,884 depending on whether the household has one or more dependents’.

Further information on the payments and how to apply can be found at
www.fife.gov.uk/ema.

**Fife Council Bus Network Survey:**

Earlier this year, funding was made available to undertake a study of the bus network in Fife, focusing on the council’s supported services. In the East Neuk, this means the 95 service however, you can comment about any other services you use. The transport consultant WSP has been appointed to undertake this work which will involve the analysis of the supported bus network will assess its performance, connectivity, customer needs and value for money. In particular this work will look at options for the council to run its own buses as opposed to contracting services in order assess if better value can be achieved and/or allow greater control/flexibility and improved connectivity.
The survey can be accessed at https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BusFife/ and is open until the 2nd of September. If you use the bus services regularly, please take the time to complete this survey and if you know of anyone else that regularly uses the bus, encourage them to do so too.

CllFC – nothing to add.

# Boat Shed Project

Email message of support set re Boat Shed

BB and RD attended recent meeting of the Boat Shed Project.

BB - Over 80 people attended the first community meeting held in 2020, with a large majority in favour of saving the shed. In Autumn 2021 the Community Council commissioned a feasibility study and business plan for the purchase of the RNLI boat shed at Anstruther Harbour for turning it in to a community asset.
All the folks who attended the meeting back in 2020 were included in a mailing list, and invited to subsequent meetings, but the number tailed off as more was being asked of them to help progress things.

Sixteen people were at the meeting in the East Neuk Centre two weeks ago in response to the call out for help to save the project. Two people were from Fife Voluntary Action and four out of the six directors currently on the project group were also there to confirm they could no longer commit any more time to it, effectively resigning from their office bearing roles, while expressing some willingness to help whoever might want to take up the reins now. Most of the others round the table also voiced support for the project but were clear they also didn't have enough spare time to get on board and fully commit their skills to it.

I was at the meeting to find out more about the project and to hear how it had got to the stage where all the main crew were unable to continue and ask questions. In response to an email I then sent, I received a lot of very detailed information and comments from Louise McEwen, CvdLee and Andy Peddie.

I'll use some of Andy's words to sum up what looks most likely if the shed can be saved from being turned in to a car park by Fife Council (as per agreed plans)

**Two types of groups might achieve a more positive outcome:**
Group 1. People who want to save the building by working more effectively with the community to help find a variety of suitable uses for it (which is what's been attempted so far]
The main challenge for this group has been in obtaining enough community support for the cause and the project - Andy said around 10% of the local population (400/500 people) was needed as primary evidence – but the online survey fell way short of expectations with just over 100 responses received.

Group 2. A different set of people who can demonstrate enough passion and commitment for a project which could utilise the whole building and comply with the requirements for a CAT
(Jaye Hutchison expressed some interest in this, giving Forgan Arts Centre as an example)

Andy's view now is that to try and progress with the Group 1 type approach a New Chair will need to be put in place, and that person will need to find other potential office bearers who can present new and more attractive propositions to attract the level of community support needed. Alternatively, the current project group and CC throw everything behind Jaye and her arts centric partners to come up with a simpler CAT compliant plan.

AP – the project has to be taken over by community asset transfer but now running out of options. There were 4 potential Directors at the last meeting, but time very limited. DW – there is already a business plan and architect plans etc, but it’s a big project to take on. It can be done but need people willing to do it.

# Planning/Licensing Matters

Nothing to report

# Report from Teams meeting of Fife CCS

Questionnaire re funding – not completed. LT will report at next CC meeting.

# Common Good Fund and Silverdykes Fund

**Common Good Fund** - Confirmed approval of Common Good Fund application NEF114. Footprint East Neuk - £5000 for Dreelside path improvement.

**Silverdyke Funds**
Iain Wilson – updated us on the remaining S75 funding.

‘As it's been a number of years since the Bankie ramps were installed and no charges have come through, we've decided to add that amount back into the remaining total. This gives us a current value of £21229.61 left’.

We will need to advertise the fact that funds are available and invite applications, using the original application form. Applications can then be assessed using the scoring system previously used.

# Secretary’s Report

**Information Boards** – large boards now received – KL and PA to try to replace the smaller one at the Harbour Master’s. Martin Dibley to find a different – not so busy – joiner.

**Signage at school and disabled bays** -
-B9131 Anstruther Gateway Sign Improvement
-B9131/Primary school access Signs and Markings improvement
-Conversion of Harbour owned non-regulated taxi bays to 2 or 3 regulated blue badge disabled parking bays

The first two items (B9131) were instructed to our Roads Maintenance Operations team on 7th May, with the conversation of taxi bays to disabled bays being instructed on 6th June. They usually quote 3 months’ timescale for non-urgent/emergency works, but this is dependent on availability of very stretched resources. Unfortunately, there are at present significant backlogs with both the signs factory and the road markings operation.

**Big Belly Bins** – all now in place – and in the correct place after some problems to start with. Many thanks to all involved. KL – how to dispose of cigarettes? Ask Sandy Anderson - Better instructions? Lit cigarette through hole? Bins overflowing at harbour Sunday night. Every bin had red light flashing.

**Crawhill** – first bridge has been completed and is excellent. FCCT told us that they had hoped to have started work on the upper bridge by now. However, they found that where the old bridge footings were, the bank has eroded considerably since their initial inspection. To stabilise and secure would mean extensive works which are not practical or cost effective. They are therefore planning to move the bridge further down the burn to a location where the banking is more secure. However, this involves contacting SEPA to get approval, which has been done, but the permissions take up to 30 days to come through. This means that there will be a delay in the works starting unfortunately, but they would still be looking at completing the works by October. Permission got today.

**Community Hub ‘Wheely Hub mobile shop -**– email sent to support but question how it would work (no response)

**Installation of Rev David Gordon** Episcopalian Church Elie – MH attended on behalf of KACCC

**Innergellie woods** – tree felling – wrote in agreement but suggested re-purposing of wood cut (no response)

**Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries** – email written to MP re House of Commons Ballot on Sept 5 – asking her to adopt the Bill if she is successful in the ballot.

**Stagecoach X60 changes** – petition added to FB

**Old Waid buildings –** Complaint re untidy state on entrance to village. Contacted FC , the buildings have been sold and up for sale again, so would need to write letter to current owners. Not done yet.

**Police Reports
June**Anstruther 32 calls to the police. 3 crimes recordedCellardyke 15 calls to the police. 3 crimes recordedKilrenny 9 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

**July**Anstruther 40 calls to the police. 8 crimes recordedCellardyke 17 calls to the police. 1 crime recordedKilrenny 7 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

# Treasurer’s Report

Treasurers report to end of July 2024.

 Bank Statement to the end of July - Total funds £68030.68

 CC Budget £4905.90

 INCOME.

 Bank Interest - £247.15

 EXPENDITURE.

 Building materials – notice board repairs- £22.45

 Meeting Room Hire - £48.45

 Fife Council – Sign Printing x 3 - £270

 Expenditure Total £340.90

Audit of CC accounts I have completed the preparation of our accounts for official

verification and audit and will be taking them and all supporting documentation to Fife

Voluntary Action. Once the audit is complete we will claim our Fife Council funding for the

year.

Haven Buy Out Group I have been informed that the group is in the process of opening a

bank account. Once completed all money held in our account for the group will be

transferred to their account.

# Representation from other groups

FLORAL – SB – Swanky watering. Started removing some damaged tubs, then look at sustainable planning for next year. Going to speak to head gardener at Cambo for ideas. Boat across from Barnetts tidied up and may try and make a place for seating. Make plans after the summer and see how much money we have. £1000 received from Community Kist. KL Aske Fisheries if have an old anchor – just for a display. KL – arec we going to keep Begonias? Will try. KL – need storage area.

MURRAY LIBRARY TRUST - Last few months – 3 grants – EN Lighthouse family learning club, Anstruther Primary parent council for trim trail, East Fife Riding for the Disabled – some Waid pupils go and ned sponsorship.

# AOCB

KL Old Christmas lights – do we sell?

KL – Propose that some of revenue from CG fund put into capital. How do we minute proposals and take action? Look at and formal proposal at next meeting. LT – guidance not clear and also how money is spent is not followed up. Eg money for AIA projector – has been bought but we only know this by chance. Put on Agenda for next meeting.

**Date of next meeting 9 September 2024**

**Action Points**

Write re old Waid buildings – MH

Write to Sandy Anderson – MH

Find out how much in Common Good Fund - 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