Minutes

The Royal Burgh of Kilrenny, Anstruther & Cellardyke Community Council

10 June 2024, 7:30pm at the Burgh Chambers| Meeting called to order by Louis Theran

# In Attendance

Louis Theran, Margaret Hellicar, Phil Wall, Neil Anderson, Sarah Baldachino, Raymond Davis, Kevin Lancaster, Christine Wilson, Lorna Jones, Carl van der Lee, Cllr Fiona Corps,

Apologies – Paul Ambrose, Bill Bruce, Julie Lautredou, Cllr Sean Dillon

6 members of public present Graham Ellery, Vicky Guigou, Louise McEwan, Daryl Wilson plus 2 others

# Welcome & Declaration of Interest

LT welcomed everyone and took the opportunity to thank everyone involved in organising and running the Dreelside Park event on Saturday. It was a great success with about 200 attending.

CW agreed it was a great event but was spoilt for her because someone from the Keep Bankie Park Green group was quite aggressive and intimidating to her when she was helping at Banke Park (see later).

No declarations of interest were made.

# Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes approved by PW and seconded by CB

#  Questions from the public

**Graham Ellery** – he had previously sent an email about the state of the football nets in Bankie, possibility of marking the pitch and asking if any of the Bankie Park project money was still available. MH said that after investigation it was found that, as the surplus funds from the Bankie project had been left unused for 2 years, it was agreed by CC members that it could be transferred to the Dreel Park project. Therefore the CC does not hold any funds specifically for Bankie Park. MH has written to Colin Davidson regarding the state of the nets, how much replacements would be and about the pitch marking. CD replied:

‘The nets are all ripped and require replaced, nothing wrong with the posts. the goalmouths need soiled and seeded. We will move the goals away(so the kids can still use them) from the area needing reinstated.

I've asked the chargehand to get a cost for the nets.

If a pitch was to be marked out for proper games, then it would then be bookable and a cost for hiring it. Is it a proper football club or for a kickabout?’

MH asked GE about the latter – kick about or football club? The response was that marking the pitch out and making it bookable was a non-starter, but that it is a shame kids were not getting the opportunity to get used to a correctly dimensioned playing surface. It was suggested that a set of corner flags/markers could be purchased and stored by one of the local football playing families from amongst the kids around the park then these could be lent to the kids to help improve their playing experience.

CC feels that this is something the ‘Friends of Bankie Park’ could do, rather than the CC. If funds are still available through the SLC S75 fund, they could apply for this, or apply to the Common Good Fund.

# MUP update

Carl van der Lee.

**Joint Shared Use Path Group** - **Minutes of meeting held on Friday 31 May 2024 in the Murray Studios, Anstruther.**

**Joint Working Group Updates**

a.             **Land negotiation progress and programme**. Savills are setting up meetings w/b 3rd June with Mr Wilson, Tradesbox and Seabox representatives.  A call is awaited from Manse Developments. A response is expected from Scottish Water. (Holly is to check what contacts Gillian may already have.)

b.             **Maintenance agreement for the core path route**. A MOU has been signed between the Payback Team and Peter Mills on behalf of Pittenweem Community Council.

c.             **Dreelside Park northern path** – the need for the end bollard will be added to the list for the Small Works Contract.

d.             **Future Programme.** Holly Hunter explained that there may only be one round of available funding this year (and if so, it was in February and our project was not shovel ready). Everything needs to be completed well in advance of next Feb in case there is to be another round this year.

e.             **Connection to Levenmouth Area Proposals**. No progress.

f.              **Dreelside Play park joint event** – **Recent update** - Picnic in the Park on 8th June was huge success. Anstruther Shared Use Path members had a gazebo for the Dr Bike mechanics to use to repair kids’ bikes. Ali Macleod and Elizabeth Riches manned the pedal to make smoothies and we showed the public the plans for further paths and updates on the connections from Dreel Park to Pittenweem.

**Anstruther SUPG Updates.
Road edge lining** from Barnetts to St Andrews Road was strongly requested to provide continuity with the rest of the paths.

Safer Routes to School.  No further update.
**Small Works Contract programme progress**. A new member of staff has been employed and may start work in July.

**A917 Kilrenny to Crail.** Due to unknown future funding no progress has been made. Holly Hunter and Allan are both keen to develop this route once existing projects are completed.

**Windmill Road to Kilrenny.** Lack of maintenance.  Holly Hunter will pursue this.

MH asked about the original plan to do the roadside path to Pittenweem first as this was further on in the process. This was the original plan, but Alan Maclean from FC wants to do both paths at the same time (reduces costs)

# Murray Library Trust – Lorna Jones

 LJ, who has been a Trustee for 20 years, gave a very interesting review of the history of Murray Library which was established in 1908 with a bequest from Anstruther born David Murray.A photo of David Murray, donated by his sister Mrs Pittendrrigh hangs in the Murray Hostel today. The library was set up to provide library and reading rooms with educational and recreational facilities for the local community. The building was renovated in 2013, with the front part, known as the Murray Library Hostel, becoming a bacvkpackers hostel and the former snooker room at the rear becoming creative industry units, known as the Murray Studios. Many small businesses have used the Studios to launch their business before moving to larger premises. There is currently a waiting list for the units. There is also a meeting place which is available for rent on an occasional basis, giving access to the kitchen, social area and Wi-Fi facilities.

In order to fulfil their Trust Deed, the Murray Library Trustees award grants of a maximum of £750 for projects pertaining to education and recreation. Any group or individual living in the area of the CC can apply (email lorna.jo2@btinternet.com fore an application form).

The MLT is a limited company as well as a charity and there are 9 Trustees representing the CC, the Primary School, Waid Academy, Fife Council and the public. There are currently two vacancies, for a representative of the Primary school, and a member of the public. The Trustees would welcome expressions of interest for these appointments.

LJ told us that the first two original Minute books of the Murray Library had recently come to light. KL asked what would be done with these and LJ said they would probably be stored at the Burgh Collection. KL suggested the St Andrews university special collection as an alternative.

LJ also told us that Mrs Pittendrieff, Mr Murray’s sister, had bought a silver cup for billiard competitions. This had been kept in a bank safe but has since disappeared.

VG said she will ask at the Primary school about a representative as there are new personnel. JL said to remind them that MLT can give grants to the school.

TH thanked LJ for a very interesting presentation.

# Planning/Licensing Matters

PA - Nothing to report.

# Silverdykes Fund

MH has contacted Iain Wilson contacted to establish if there are still funds that are ‘allocated’ to projects that are not going to go ahead. As FCCT reduced the cost of the Crawhill bridges, there is currently £180 non-allocated money left in the funds. IW has written to his colleague Clare Hill who now deals with the S75 allocations, and has been following up some of the allocations e.g  the outdoor pool and cycle path. He will also arrange to meet with her soon, so we can get an update on the projected spend and monies remaining and will advise further in due course

Any monies that are found to be remaining could then be applied for. For example, we had an enquiry re putting calisthenic equipment in Bankie park. MH advised that this had been put forward before, but that they would need to do a consultation look for fund. The Friends of Bankie Park could also apply for football nets etc.

# Common Good Fund

KL and NA attended zoom meeting on 4 June 2024. Minutes now received. The proposal is to get a joint approach initially agreed by the NEF CC and then consider a further meeting to look at options.

Action Items

* Look into issues of representation by local councillors regarding CGF matters.
* Request an independent external audit of the Pittenweem CGF accounts.
* Ask FC to improve the format and readability of annual statements for CGF and to provide individual statements for each CC.
* Request that surplus revenue should be regularly reinvested into capital as per FC guidelines. Suggest that capital investment requires to be better diversified.
* Call for an explanation of the division of CG property into heritable property and property leased to FC.
* Request that maintenance of CG properties should be improved.
* Ask FC to be sure to consult CC concerning both CG property and funds before decisions on expenditure are made, in accord with the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
* Consider exploring the legal basis for CG being owned and controlled by FC rather than the CC and Burghs.

They have asked us to discuss this at our CC and let them know whether you would support some attempt to improve matters. and let them know if we have any additional suggestions. We do support.

NA – 4 NEF CCs joined the meeting but not Elie as it clashed with their CC meeting. The CCs have different issues. Crail has been looking at CGF for 8 years without much progress. Pittenweem – CGH fund had been emptied but when FC challenged, half of the money was returned. St A – asked why not receiving rental, only to be told property had been sold. NA – we get rental from properties not listed as CG. Local Authority Scotland Accounts Committee say Councils need a common accounting technique for purpose of auditing. Does it carry any weight with FC? It suggests several funds inherited should have separate accounts. CllFC – FC will probably say it is FC’s money not CCs. Can be used in the area but FC own the buildings. DW – they ask us to approve external applications, but they do not ask CC approval when FC are spending CG money, and why is CG not increasing from rents eg golf club? There is a lack of transparency and a lot of confusion. CLLFC - FC are aware people not happy and there is a new subcommittee, but will it engage with local CCs?– PW asked the total values of CG? Not known. If don’t know what you have, it is difficult to know if to approve applications.

NEF114 – East Neuk centre app for £4500. LT the guidance is ‘The grant applied for should normally be a maximum of 50% of the total project cost’. The total cost here is £6000. LT ‘Council can approve contrary to above principles.’ Should we approve? SB – this seems a good use of the money for local people and so we should request and see what happens. KL – the form says 50% and so he was worried that this sets a precedent and other groups had only requested 50% of total. A vote was held. The result was not unanimous, but the majority approved. MH to confirm with FC. Going forward, we would like clarification on the guidance of 50%.

# Boat Shed Project

Asked for support from the CC

Andy Peddie is on the trust hoping to save the old lifeboat shed. There is a planning condition with the permission for the new shed for the old shed to be demolished. This condition will have to be revoked in order to save the shed. This will have to be done by the agents of the RNLI. Some of the Boat Shed group met Roy Giles, the station operations manager, recently and he requested that the current CC discuss and if CC still support saving the old shed then can we drop him a note to that effect. The previous CC did offer their support on the back of public meetings and an online consultation but it is important that the current CC discuss and make a formal decision. If anyone requires more info on the project Andy will be delighted to try and help but unfortunately is unable to attend tonight as abroad. LMcE did attend and outlined the progress so far. LMcE brought questionnaires with her and they need at least 400 responses to this, so we were asked to complete. We could also share a link to the questionnaire on FB page. LMcE asked if someone from CC would be available to come to their meetings, which are about every two months. They hope to take over the shed in 2025. CC happy for MH to send a message of support.

# Secretary’s Report

**Dreelside Park Opening**
Again – many thanks to Daryl Wilson for organising and running the event on Saturday in Dreelside Park, celebrating the new equipment which the sub-group worked so hard to get funding for, and the new MUP through the park. It was a lot of work – especially all the ‘permission’ forms she had to complete, so many thanks. Also, thanks to JL and CW for helping.

**Bus stops** – there is now a bus stop sign and timetable at Burnside Terrace, but still none at the shelter opposite Bankwell Road.

**Transport report** – response from Emma Gilmour:

* New signage near the Waid is being implemented and that they are moving forward with the new disabled bays at the harbour.
* They have decided that they need more data and information about coach operators needs to assist in a review of the current and possible future coach parking and drop off arrangements in the town. Therefore, working with 'Welcome to Fife' tourism officers they are organising an Anstruther coach operators survey to provide information for us to utilise. They hope to review the situation when this survey is completed.
* We will look at coach parking, and continue to provide car parking management within their control. They can also look at evidence of specific issues if traffic management concerns are raised.

**Rubbish Bins** – Not changed yet. I checked with Sandy Alexander and he says that ‘the last update from Future Street who supply the bins was that the bins are ready to go we are just waiting on final branding being delivered to the Warehouse. Bill has done a terrific job supplying photographs for them so I’m sure it will be worth the slight delay in getting them installed. I will pass on an update when I can confirm the installation date’.

**Ice -cream bike –** I met with Walker Murry from the Anstruther Fish Bar. He had been advised that the Community Council was opposed to any retail on the folly and so he could not go ahead to apply for an ice-cream bike on the folly. I looked into and found that the CC was only against new businesses on the folly, competing with established businesses on the shore. I wrote to FC to confirm. WM has now been advised by FC that he can apply.

**St Ayles Park** – MH has contacted Kirstie Freeman again and she said she is still trying to obtain some additional quotes for the fence. MH has also sent photos of FC vans parking on the grass! Cll FC £36,000 to reinstate.

**Information boards** – we obtained a quote for re-printing the Information Boards at the correct size @ £75 each. It was agreed to order these and I have emailed Linn Williamson to request.

**Next Fife CC Teams Meeting** – 25 June 2024. LT will attend.

**Lithium batteries** – Ron Baily, who is the researcher for Lord (Don) Foster and also the parliamentary advisor to Electrical Safety First, a UK Charity dedicated to reducing the deaths and injuries caused by electricity, has contacted us to ask to support their campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bike and e-scooters) and their disposal.

Lord Foster and Electrical Safety First are promoting a Bill to ensure greater safety in the use and disposal of lithium batteries and are aiming to get it into law as soon as possible. The Bill is being supported by many national organisations.

Are we happy to say we support? Yes.

**Police Report**

Anstruther
61 calls to the police. 11 crimes recorded

Cellardyke
30 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

Kilrenny
3 calls to the police. 0 crimes recorded

# Treasurer’s Report

Treasurers report to end of May 2024.

 Bank Statement to the end of May - Total funds held £68992.56.

 CC Budget Funds £4999.65

 INCOME.

 None

 EXPENDITURE.

 Room hire £10.40

 Haven Group Payment £500

 Haven Group Payment £313.73

 Information commissioner £40

 Out Total £868.13

It was agreed that we would give SB authority to authorise petty cash payments to the volunteer members of the Floral group, making purchases for annual and other planting for the rejuvenation of planters around the area. Proposed by TH, Seconded by CW.

In line with Fife Council Financial guidelines Petty cash vouchers will be used to attach receipts and cash given will be signed off by SB and later counter signed by PW. An initial cash float of £200 from the floral donation budget was agreed.

# Councillor’s Report

**Cllr Fiona Corps**

CALLING ALL EVENT ORGANISERS

In 2023, Fife Council’s Events team assessed over 450 events across Fife, taking place in parks, coast and

countryside areas, beaches, and green spaces. Already in 2024, they have received 350 event applications. **Note that all events taking place on Fife Council and Fife Coast and Countryside Trust land and waterways should be assessed by the Fife Council Events team.** As elected representatives, we have been asked to get the word out about the events process currently being run by Fife Council. Any event organisers should check out the FC website

-Planning an event | Fife Council. The team can be contacted for advice, or an application pack obtained via email at fifeevents@fife.gov.uk, or by phone on 01592 583109. Looking ahead to the second half of the year, the team would particularly appreciate your applications as early as possible so that they can help support organisers of any higher risk events such as fireworks displays and bonfires, and events taking place on roads such as Christmas lights and Santa’s sleighs, this will hopefully alleviate any issues when applying for permissions and licenses.

CHANGES TO DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTIONS

Major changes to the Domestic Waste collection Service across Fife will be implemented on Mon 14 October 2024. The Service will be moving from the current twin shift to a single shift, with the crews working a 4-day week, however, bins will still be serviced Monday to Friday. This will affect most households; their collection day and/or scheduled waste stream date may also change. This will result in some households getting a bin serviced a week earlier than expected, or a week later. NOTE any excess waste can be presented as side waste, and it will be collected when the bin is serviced. The Bulky Collection Service will not be available to be booked over the period 07 – 15 October 2024, however, all pre booked collections will still be uplifted over this period. Online Bin Collection Calendars. Households can view the changes to their waste collection service via the online collection calendars, 4 weeks before the implementation date: 14 October 2024.

ANSTRUTHER CARE VILLAGE – MAYVIEW

It has recently been reported that there has been an increased cost of over one million pounds for the Cupar Care Home, which is to be funded from the overall Care Home Replacement Budget. This would in turn reduce the budget for the Anstruther Care Village where work is due to commence before the summer of 2025. I have expressed my concern on behalf of all residents within the East Neuk &amp; Landward Ward regarding the loss of these funds for the Anstruther build and the big delay to the project overall. I have been reassured that money will be found as part of the up-and-coming Capital Plan Review and that no corners will be cut when the final plans are submitted. The last update received in December 2023 – Anticipated construction on the Mayview site will commence before summer 2025 with completion Autumn 2026.

FLORAL FUNDS

It was noted during a recent ward meeting that some Community Councils had yet to apply for their Floral

Grant. If you are interested, please complete the form below. All Local Community Planning Budget Applications including Floral Grants must be completed online and submitted electronically using the link below.

Please ensure you have all supporting documents to hand and follow the link bellow:

https://www.fife.gov.uk/services/form-pages/apply-for-a-grant-from-the-local-community-planning-budget

For all other local funding information or applications:

https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/council-and-democracy/community-group-support-and-

funding/fife-grants

POLICING MATTERS

Police and the Safer Communities Team have been made aware of recent incidents at Dreelside, Toll Booth Wynd and further Anti-Social Behavior under the bridge over the Dreel Burn. They would like to inform residents of how important it is to report all crimes/incidents no matter how small you think they may be. It can be done anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111 or the non-emergency Police Scotland number 101. This helps all agencies build a clear picture of what is happening in these areas and can help tremendously when resources or warrants are required to access a property.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

There are 14 volunteers to date who have registered their interest in this scheme. 5 have submitted their

paperwork and will undergo Police Scotland’s vetting process. Anstruther, Cellardyke &amp; Kilrenny CC and Elie & Earlsferry CC have already adopted the Speed Watch Scheme so as soon as the vetting process

has been completed, volunteers can be rolled out.

# Representation from other groups

FLORAL - SB – A meeting held on 29 May with members of the group:

Main points from meeting:

1) Mapping exercise identified several areas requiring urgent action:

 Removal of damaged barrel at the entrance to The Marches (this may be replaced with planter currently located on Shore Road)

 Removal of damaged potato boxes on Windmill Road (plants at this site will be repurposed for this site or used for other planters).

 Two plastic reservoir tubs situated on Windmill Road to relocated.

 4 damaged wooden planters to be removed from Pickford Crescent (plant stock to be repurposed)

 Prior to potentially moving planter on Shore Road leafleting exercise to be carried out with residents living close to planter.

 Planting plan to be created for beds across from the CO-OP. It was noted that the ground / soil in these beds is difficult to manage. Location of area also makes it difficult for volunteers to work at. New planting may include some plants from the 2 beds across from ‘The Crow’s Nest’.

2) Boat at Primary School

 Letter to be sent to school asking if they would like to be involved in managing/maintaining the boat.

3) Hanging baskets to be collected from Pathhead in the coming weeks. These will be collected by Andy and hung up by Andy and Phil.

Other matters:

 Request that Gallery 495 and AIA beds be included in mapping exercise.

 AIA identified that 6 planters require replacement at Dreel Halls

It has been agreed that SB will hold petty cash for the group to make things easier.MH asked re Blyth Court – SB has been in contact. Moving forward sustainability is the problem – we have a huge water bill.

MURRAY LIBRARY TRUST - Nothing more to add

# AOCB

* Can CLLs report get moved nr top of the Agenda – yes.
* LJ – If travelling down Burnside, bearing left from Fowler Street this is the main Road, but the white markings are gone meaning some people go straight over (right) into Glenburn Road. CllFC – FC will be having a review of roads in Cellardyke.
* LT - wanted to emphasise that the future of any Skatepark is now in the hands of FC and there is no current discussion in CC. GE – Said the mental health of residents around Bankie Park had been affected for 6 years and the community is worried that CC is in favour of Skatepark. MoP said that the email from Skatepark group about plans for the park had worried residents. DW – Explained that a number of community groups had been invited to the Dreel Park opening, including the Skatepark Group and this was legitimate. VG was upset that CW had helped as her friend and had then been subject to verbal abuse. SB said that there was no call for this – all should behave in a civilized manner whatever their cause and no member of the CC should feel intimidated. LT agreed this should be emphasised, and again reiterated that the future of any Skatepark is nothing to do with the CC.

**Date of next meeting 12 August 2024** (no meeting July)

**Action Points**

Send email re Boat Shed – MH

Confirm approval of NEF114 - MH

Email support re Lithium Batteries – MH

**Abbreviations**

**FC –** Fife Council

**FCCT** – Fife Coast and Countryside Trust

**MoP** – Member of the Public

**MOU** – Memorandum of Understanding

**MUP –** Multi Use Path