

Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council

Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 7.30pm within Cupar Baptist Church Hall.

Present: A Crockett, Chair
M Lumsden, Vice-Chair
R Graham, Secretary/Treasurer
W McSeveney
F McHarg
D Adey
G Pay
A Collins
M-E Robertson, Sustainable Cupar

Apologies: E McLeod, Cupar Development Trust
G Frail, Cupar Youth Cafe
Cllr M Kennedy, Fife Council

In attendance: Police Scotland (Officers Shand & Smith), Cllr J Caffrey

Members of the Public: G Waddell, D Provan.

1. Chair's Annual Report

It's been an interesting first year as chair. I have enjoyed the friendliness and support of the community council

I do feel a bit of a fraud because I have not done a full year.

In no way do I or my wife hold the CC responsible for my heart attack in January.

I have been so pleased in the helps with putting out chairs and about putting away tables etc.

We need and should acknowledge the work done by Stephen Stewart in servicing all of the Defibrillators in Cupar. Servicing replacing batteries etc. Checking after one is used.

If it were not for Stephens work perhaps the defibrillators' would not be available in an emergency.

The citizen of the year and the Cupar Lights switch on were well represented and enjoyed.

There was no Funfair in Cupar this year and we have been promised that we will be involved in Planning for next years, its position timing and advertising in meetings with the council.

Cupar North is still on the agenda. We have invited them to come and give a presentation to the Community Council and to the public. (I believe now the 4th time they have declined). The narrative that Persimmons are attempting to make is that they are meeting with some groups in town and that is enough with consultation.

I must insist that that is not consultation and cannot be used when the next planning application is made or discussed at an area planning meeting. It should be thrown out as Persimmons have not carried out their legal requirements.

I know our councillors are listening and will represent the views of Cuparians.

The Recycling centre in Cupar is still being discussed and we have pushed for an increased size and opening times have been pushed by the community council and we will continue to. As one who has to use Ladybank its simply not good enough or fair enough that Cupar gets a sub standard service compared to other areas.

Red route was progressed and our letter of objection was ignored, not counted as there is no mention in the letters from the neighbours.

Having spent many hours in discussion wasted in this forum the route will go ahead. I hope that no future community council is approached to take responsibility for this "folly" after it is flooded in the flood plain.

It was disappointing in my attempts to widen the Community Council in its vision.

It has been so nice to see a closer relationship with CDT and its representative here in Euan Macleod.

The leadership shown by CDT in having tidy up and to come gutter cleaning and tree removal in town will help in the look and care of Cupar streets in the centre of Cupar is good to report on

It has been so nice to have a positive voice in Mary Ellen as a representative of Sustainable Cupar and I hope for more interchange and support for Groups who want the best for Cupar in a collective way.

We look forward to having a talk tent for communicating at events in the community and thanks to that

In our AGM as discussed at our last meeting I hope that we will increase our numbers and also breadth of vision and participation for the coming year.

Lastly make I thank you all for your support of me, your support of the community council and of Cupar.

2. Nominations to fill casual vacancies.

D Adey proposed, seconded by G Pay that this item be deferred. A vote was subsequently taken and failed to reach a majority. Chair, A Crockett proceeded to identify interested persons who had expressed an interest in re-joining the community council.

The following persons were nominated, seconded and attained majority approval to fill 4 of the casual vacancies:

Nominations:

Pat McNally	Proposed: A Crockett	Seconded: F McHarg (Agreed)
Douglas Provan	Proposed: A Crockett	Seconded: M Lumsden (Agreed)
Gina Logan	Proposed: A Crockett	Seconded: W McSeveney (Agreed)
Charlie Anderson	Proposed: W McSeveney	Seconded: A Crockett (Agreed)

Noted that those elected would be required to sign the community council acceptance declaration which would be sent to Fife Council - Community Council support services.

3. Election of Office Bearers

Cllr J Caffrey took the chair and asked for any nominations for the position of Chair.

Chair - A Crockett was proposed by W McSeveney, seconded by F McHarg. No other nominations were received duly elected.

A Crockett, returned to the chair and sought nominations for the remaining office bearer positions:

Vice- Chair - M Lumsden proposed by A Crockett, seconded by F McHarg - no other nominations, duly elected.

Secretary - R Graham proposed by A Crockett, seconded by W McSeveney - no other nominations, duly elected.

Treasurer - R Graham proposed by W McSeveney, seconded by D Adey - no other nominations, duly elected.

Minute Secretary - no nominations were received at this time.

4. Approval and nomination of co-opted organisations:

The following local organisations were nominated and approved as co-opted representatives:

Sustainable Cupar: M E Robertson

Cupar Rotary: B McSeveney will act as representative (interim)

Cupar Youth Cafe: G Frail (young people reps to be identified in liaison with youth cafe)

Cupar Development Trust: E McLeod

Bell Baxter High School: unfilled presently

5. Approval of annual accounts for the period 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

Treasurer presented the balance sheet for the period which had been independently examined.

Income over expenditure for the period was £814.77

Cash in hand was £5.74

Balance of funds held at 31.3.24 was £16,541.64

Examined accounts were approved - proposed A Crockett, seconded W McSeveney.

Chair countersigned balance sheet as approved 29/10/24.

6. Appointment of Independent Examiner

J Melville, Lower Largo, Fife. was proposed by D Adey, seconded by W McSeveney - agreed.

(Noted Mr Melville undertakes this role voluntarily and is a member of teaching staff with Fife Council.)

Meeting closed 8.00pm

Appendix A:

Number of Positions/Establishment 18 persons (voting members)

List of CC Members (voting) - elected September 2023 **(10)**

A Crockett, Chair
M Lumsden, Vice Chair
R Graham, Secretary/Treasurer
F McHarg
W McSeveney
G Pay
A Collins
J Collins (indicated resignation pending at AGM 29/10/24)
S Stewart
D Adey

CC Members elected at AGM 29/10/24 (voting) (4)

G Logan
C Anderson
D Provan
P McNally

Co-opted Organisations 5 (non-voting)

Sustainable Cupar: M E Robertson

Cupar Rotary: Vacant - B McSeveney will act as representative (interim)

Cupar Youth Cafe: G Frail (young people reps to be identified in liaison with youth cafe)

Cupar Development Trust: E McLeod

Bell Baxter High School: Vacant

Vacancies: (5)

Number of casual vacancies (4) (voting)

J Collins - resignation (1)