

Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council

Minute of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 25th August 2026 at 7.45pm within Cupar Baptist Church Hall, Cupar.

Present:

A Crockett, Chair
M Lumsden
R Graham, Secretary/Treasurer
B McSeveney
E Elliot
G Pay
D Adey, Vice Chair
M Alexander
M E Robertson

N Alari, Sustainable Cupar

In Attendance:

Cllr M Kennedy
Cllr J Caffrey

Apologies:

E McLeod, Cupar Development Trust
D Provan
P McNally
F McHarg

Members of the public:

G Waddell

1. Welcome & Apologies

Chair, welcomed those present to the August meeting, noted that this meeting had been preceded by the 2026 AGM.

2. Opening Remarks

A Crockett thanked Councillors for their continued support and attendance at meetings.

Mention was made of recent Centenary Competition at Duffus Tennis Club. Also that a delegation from the Club had visited Wimbledon. Group comprised young people and adult members of the Club. The Haugh Park had trees thinned out improving the vista and general sight lines. Bandstand roof guttering had been cleaned, re vegetation and weeds.

3. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

4. Police Scotland

No officers were present. Noted that there had been vandalism/criminal damage at the Moor Road Walk, scoping stones dislodged, removed. If this hadn't been reported, advice was to report to Police and advise Safer Communities Team, Fife Council.

5. Minute of the meeting held 30th June 2026

Minute had been circulated and posted on website. Proposed D Adey; Seconded M Alexander.

6. Matters Arising

Co-oP - car park entrance/exit. Noted that responsibility for signage/markings lay with the Co-oP and that transport services would attempt to raise concerns with them. Noted the risk to pedestrians on the pavement on the Bonnygate pavement.

Hydrology report - this had still not been released for public viewing. FC considering mitigations upstream of the Eden. Cllrs reported that once this had been considered the report would be shared wider rather than issuing the report prior to this.

Bonnygate Car Park/Inner Court - noted that works were expected to start around October. This was welcomed re housing and also general improvement of the visual amenity of the area.

Elmwood - noted Secretary had attended CDT meeting at Corn Exchange. After discussion it was agreed that the CC would elect not to serve on the main action group, but support any necessary actions requiring wider community attention. Agreed to circulate the Professor Boyd Report. Cllr Kennedy to follow up request re Tree Preservation Order - noted there were memorial trees which the community council recognised as appropriate to be protected and "looked after".

War Memorial - noted SPN would undertake work to reconnect lighting approx 20th September, work will be undertaken overnight to reduce disruption. Cleaning contract/scheduled had yet to be concluded for Fife. Community Council asked that there was a risk of this not being in place for November, that a one off clean be undertaken, possible use of Common Good Fund if necessary to achieve this. Cllr Kennedy will enquire.

Flower Bed - discussion re the best way on how to proceed to achieve planting and design. Agreed to host meeting with interested parties before the new year. The design and planting of the Duffus Tennis Centenary was appreciated and volunteer involvement in design/planting recognised.

7. Community Input

Castle Furniture Project - Cllr Caffrey describe a pilot initiative being developed in the KY15/KY14 postcode area. Residents who are registered to receive support having their bins placed at the road side could seek assistance to have "bulky upload" assistance through support from Castle Furniture Project. There will be a booking procedure. Service will be provided free of charge. Anticipated launch date 1st October - 31st March 2027.

G Waddell, brought to the attention of the CC events programmed at Collessie; Auchtermuchty. Noted that he had a copy of a tree walk pamphlet - Elmwood Tree Trail. Details passed on the Cllr Kennedy and others. Noted support for the need for TPOs.

Sustainable Cupar - N Alari, reminded members that a Repair Cafe was being organised and that volunteers/interested parties being invited to participate. Publicity and activity in partnership with Cupar Y - environmental project worker Mellissa Young. Sustainable Cupar remains very much interested and active in Elmwood, River Eden and Active Travel initiatives in the local and wider area.

8. **Secretary's Report**

Correspondence had been circulated as received, actioned as necessary.

Active Travel Consultation - invitation/publicity

Liquor Admin - Mill Gate application, no objections raised.

FC Procurement - information gather re community defibs and supply of consumables.

Common Good - FC awareness session

Elmwood Future - CDT questionnaire/response

Noted Secretary would check to see if follow up report re Fun Fair had been received. Cllr Kennedy will enquire/Secretary will review email. Noted that an Events Application for the Fun Fair was anticipated - no further detail presently.

9. **Elected Members Report**

Items had been covered earlier in the meeting, in addition -

Area Committee - 20MPH zone, Foodieash, this was being consider tomorrow. Hope would be to support the measures suggested by residents who wished to see an extension of 20MPH; 30MPH and 40MPH zones. Village/Hamlet prone to excessive speed, narrow roads and associated pedestrian safety.

Street Cleansing/Management - noted redesign of service, improvement to local service in Cupar anticipated. A revised system of removing weeds, new equipment was being purchased.

Noted Bollards had been damaged across from Cupar Y/Baptist Church.

10. **Planning**

Chair advised that planning convenor vacancy remains open. Noted proposals for demolition of buildings at Springfield House, Stratheden Hospital.

Weekly planning circulated on a Sunday evening.

Presentation September from Housing Developer - A Bain, Cuparmuir.

11. **Tresurer's Report**

Treasurer reported on income & expenditure - balance of funds at 14th July 2026 - £12,468.72. Chair confirmed bank statement reconciliation.

12. AOCB

- Tennis Club visits to Wimbledon.
- Moor Road - vandalism
- Linings - car park bays (noted due to lack of resource that lining was being done in batches and not on a individual basis) Cllr Kennedy to enquire re size of list required before works actioned.
- Citizen of the Year - agreed to begin the process of application, noted clarity required re criteria and timescales. B McSeveney and Chair to progress for October determination.
- Bollards knocked over - Bonnygate
- TA - noted TA army looking to raise awareness of recruitment opportunities.

13. Close of Meeting - 8.45pm

Cllr Kennedy advised of her apologies for the next meeting.