

Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council

Minute of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 7.30pm within Cupar Baptist Church Hall, Cupar.

Present: A Crockett, Chair

M Lumsden, Vice-Chair

R Graham, Secretary/Treasurer

W McSeveney

F McHarg

G Pay

D Adey

D Provan

P McNally

M-E Robertson, Sustainable Cupar

E McLeod, Cupar Development Trust

In attendance: Cllr J Caffrey, Fife Council

Apologies: Cllr M Kennedy, Fife Council

G Frail, Cupar Youth Cafe

S Stewart

1. Welcome & Apologies

Chair welcomed everyone to meeting and Douglas Provan and Pat McNally, returning members to the community council.

Noted resignation received from Andy Collins, Chair has acknowledged and thanked Andy for his contribution. Secretary will advise Fife Council accordingly.

P McNally, commented that there is a real frustration that Fife Council seem not to be listening to Community Councils and cited examples of issues with transportation, roads

and at times planning concerns. It was understandable that individual members may choose to leave as a direct or indirect result.

Also, noted that our 3 Fife Councillors have a role to represent community, support community council concerns by way of raising directly with officers or via ward meetings.

2. Chairman's Remarks

Alastair, thanked Bill McSeveney for his work regarding the Citizen of the Year, Junior Citizen of the Year. Chair had also attended the Solar Farm presentation, the developer and concerned residents have also been invited to future community council meeting as appropriate. Community Council had laid wreaths at the remembrance service and at the cemetery, marking the grave of Charles Jarvis VC.

3. Police Scotland

No officers in attendance, November Newsletter/Report hadn't yet been received, will be posted on website www.cuparcommunitycouncil.org.uk when received.

4. Approval of the previous minutes AGM & October meeting 2024

Both Minutes were approved, proposed F McHarg, Seconded by B McSeveney.

5. Matters Arising

Gazebo - invoice paid and delivery of the Gazebo and Feathers are expected 8-10days. Hope would be to begin use at the February Cupar market. Bill thanked for leading on this. Cost of purchase: £2,306

Casual Vacancies - Michael Alexander, South Road, Cupar was nominated by Alastair Crockett, seconded by Douglas Provan. Agreed unanimously, secretary to send declaration of acceptance letter for completion.

Cupar Youth Cafe - date for meeting with representatives would be followed up, Chair & Secretary to progress.

Citizen of the Year - Michael Fyffe, Cupar in Community had been honoured with the Citizen of the Year 2024/25. The chair, spoke of Michael's voluntary contribution, a worthy recipient. Noted no individual Junior Citizen of the Year

applications had been received.

Small Injuries Unit - noted a second letter of concern had been sent to Chief Exec, Carol Potter NHS Fife re risk of closure or re-location. Noted Willie Rennie MSP will contact chair if there's any further information.

Xmas Lights Switch On - 23rd November, this had gone well and enjoyed by local people. The organisers would welcome any assistance from interested parties for next year.

Gateway - Flower Bed, meeting to be held with Curling Club and Elmwood, Chair to progress, noted this had slipped from last month.

Springfield Rail Services/ Dundee Bus Station - D Adey will visit Springfield CC in the New Year.

6. Correspondence

Correspondence had been circulated; website had received enquiries which had been followed up.

Scotia Homes - discussion re housing development in the future Local Plan (January)

Kingdom FM - re Cupar North, radio broadcast (Chair had participated)

Licence - Imperial Bar, noted deadline for comment 7th January 2025, circulated to members for comment - noted change to included "indoor and outdoor sports" – Secretary to follow up with Fife Council re interpretation of sports? Hours remain unchanged.

7. Members of the Public

Appreciation of Xmas Switch on noted small improvements observations re sound system and visibility of persons on the stage/flat bed. Chair, noted and hoped that the community would get involved and support next year's organisers. Suggestion that reports on CC could be submitted to the local paper - agreed, subject to volunteer taking this on!

(Information posted on website: www.cuparcommunitycouncil.org)

8. Cllrs Update

Cllr Caffrey advised community manager for the area was Kirstie Freeman, County Buildings, the hope ward meetings would restart.

Dangerous building notification at The Cross, enforcement/public safety action was being taken by Fife Council. Noted impact may result in traffic disruption.

Members raised the following:

Graffiti - Tarvit Avenue, reported via Cllr Kennedy, request update re progress on removal.

Xmas Tree - noted that there was no external Xmas tree in Cupar, was there a reason or oversight?

9. Treasurer's Report

Balance of funds £11,647. Gazebo purchase £2,306. Annual Fife Council Grant would be submitted for the December deadline. Treasurer/Secretary will progress.

Noted BoS had advised that Treasurer's Accounts would be changing, and bank charges would be applied. Impact of CC is minimal given the volume of transactions involved.

(Raised under AOCB: Agreed to meet 50/50 cost of a planter at the Notice Board, Cupar

Parish Church - Caring for Cupar will contribute. D Adey will progress, advise - noted Cupar in Bloom have indicated a willingness to plant up!)

10. Planning

Solar Farm - presentation at future meeting

Street Names Gilliesfaulds - suggestions submitted to Fife Council, Councillors (FC) will make final decision.

Weekly applications - no issues of concerns raised; applications circulated weekly.

Local Development Plan - call for suggestions, this had been circulated, noted place plans already registered need not be submitted twice.

11. AOCB

Updated risk assessments required re use of Gazebo.

Request for Sustainable Cupar re support for active travel and establishing a wider group interested in local arrangements, including input to Guardbridge/Cupar route.

Noted - recognised Fire Fighters had raised £10,500; support Andy's Men Club
Rotary Sleigh - 17 nights planned, any support would be appreciated - contact B
McSeveney

Noted Solar Panels were soon to be installed at the Howe of Fife, Sports Centre.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 7.30pm
(Including presentation from Scotia Homes)

Meeting closed: 8:45pm