

Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council

Minute of the monthly meeting held on **TUESDAY 25th November 2025 at 7.00pm within Cupar Baptist Church Hall, Bonnygate, Cupar.**

Present:

A Crockett, Chair

M Lumsden, Vice Chair (joined 7.30pm)

R Graham, Secretary/Treasurer

D Provan

B McSeveney

L Elliot

P McNally

G Pay

F McHarg

ME Robertson

E McLeod, Cupar Development Trust

E Pay, Cupar Youth Cafe

N Alari, Sustainable Cupar

Members of the public in attendance 1

Apologies:

Cllr M Kennedy; Cllr J Caffrey

1. Welcome & Apologies

A Crockett welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced, new full member Libby Elliot and Ellie Pay, Cupar Youth Cafe representative.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. Opening remarks - Chair's Report

Chair welcomed new members to the meeting and hope each would feel able and comfortable in contributing to the discussions and also bringing items to the community council's attention.

The Remembrance Service had gone well and the CC laid wreaths at the War Memorial and also at the grave of Charles Jarvis VC at the cemetery.

The Christmas lights switch on had been well received albeit this year there were no nominations for citizen of the year, re switching the lights on.

4. Presentations:

- a) Police Scotland - no presentation, officers present - noted Police Newsletter was circulated as/when received and also posted on the CC website.

<https://www.cuparcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Index.asp?MainID=35686>

5. Minute of the previous meetings:

- a) AGM 28th October 2025 - proposed B McSeveney; seconded ME Robertson

<https://www.cuparcommunitycouncil.org.uk/webs/75/documents/AGM%20draft%20minute%202025%20copy.pdf>

- b) Monthly Meeting 28th October 2025 - proposed P McNally; seconded ME Robertson

<https://www.cuparcommunitycouncil.org.uk/webs/75/documents/CCC%20October%202025%20monthly%20meeting%20minute%20copy.pdf>

6. Matter arising from monthly meeting

- a) Christmas Tree - advised via Cllrs that timescales hadn't allowed sufficient lead in time to install electrical connections and prepare site. This will be followed up for next year. Noted suggestion from CC that a solar lights installation may be appropriate.
- b) ATS Display Panels Refresh - treasurer had met with D Kirk, panels to be replaced re content, refreshed. CC provision of £2,700 to support project. Likelihood to be actioned in the first quarter of 2026.
- c) Hogmanay Ceilidh - George Sharp, organiser had reported that the hall & Band were both re-booked in January 2025 along with the

Piper, and he has ordered the Posters & the Tickets to be printed by YMCA. (Ticket prices same as last Year).

Tickets go on sales on Saturday December 13th @ 9.30am in Corn Exchange, nothing else to do until December 31st @ 6 /6.30pm when the doors open at the Corn Exchange & the families start to arrive ready for 8pm.

- d) War Memorial Lights - Community Manager had advised Cllrs and community council that feedback from Property Services colleagues indicated that there is a break in the power line supplying the War Memorial lights, and its repair is the responsibility of SP Energy Networks. Unfortunately, works to reinstate the supply will involve partially digging up the road. Given the already significant travel disruption across the town due to various roadworks, it's not likely that this work will be undertaken until such time as the other works are finished. At this stage there is no timescale for this.

7. Members of the Public

Comment re the desire for a Xmas tree at ATS and that solar lighting would be appropriate, if achievable - noted.

Museum had now closed for the 2025 Season - successful year, noting the Curling Exhibition had created footfall from local curling enthusiasts and further afield.

Museum open April 2026 - noted Sugar Beet exhibition and also Elmwood College - call for materials, photos and associated information. Centenary of the Beet Factory 1926-2026.

8. Citizen of the Year

Chair reported that there had been no nominations for Citizen of the Year. After discussion agreed that a sub-group would be convened August 2026 to start to progress next year's nominations, publicity and criteria. Noted social media could benefit awareness and encouraging interest, recognition.

9. Haugh Park - Culvert

D Provan reminded members that a report re the condition of the culvert was overdue. Agreed Douglas would write to Fife Council and ask for further update. Discussions and the need for repairs have been ongoing since 2014, lack of progress, identified funds has been a source of frustration and disappointment.

10. **Secretary's Report/Correspondence**

- a) SRUC - meetings - A Crockett will attend meeting on 18th December at SRUC. Expected update re buildings, courses offered and community developments re trees/orchard and grounds.

Sarah Davidson had advised, Cupar Community consultation meeting dates with SRUC are:

Tuesday Dec 9th 10.15am - for the Natural Flood Measures meeting - SRUC, FC, RESP and SC (attendance at this meeting is primarily for community groups that are involved in flood mitigation measures).

Thursday Dec 18th 11am - follow up to the Cupar Community Reps consultation meeting

Allotment meeting - date in January still to be confirmed (all allotment holders and interested parties will be invited).

- b) Eden River/Bankings/Tree Maintenance - meeting 2nd Dec at 1pm, Lade Brae open invitation.

11. **Planning**

- a) Solar Farm - Over Rankeilour - approved at NEF Planning, invite to January meeting of the CC to hear proposals from developer.
- b) Solar Farm - St Mary's Rd - no indication of when this will be brought to the NEF Planning committee, agree to extend invite to attend Feb CC meeting to hear any update.
- c) Planning Convenor (vacancy) - no nominations or persons wishing to take this on at this point in time. Weekly planning circulated by

Secretary, any issues raise with Chair in first instance. Noted Watts development had been approved.

12. **Elected Members Report**

No Councillors were in attendance.

13. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report approved, noted balances and funds restricted for projects as detailed.

<https://www.cuparcommunitycouncil.org.uk/webs/75/documents/Treasurers%20Report%20Nov%202025.pdf>

Noted should future solar farms be approved in Cupar catchment, there may be community benefit agreed which could provide an income to the community council. This arrangement was independent of the planning approval.

14. **AOCB**

Traffic Island - South Road, to be discussed next meeting.

Rotary Sleigh - tour starts Saturday 29th November.

Future projects - agreed CC would look to identify projects for their interest/focus in the new year, members to bring forward proposals/suggestions/ideas

15. **DONM** - Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7.00pm

(Note no December meeting planned)

16. **Meeting Close - 7.55pm**

Chair closed the meeting and wished everyone the very best over the festive period and a Happy New Year!