

Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council

Minute of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 27th August 20024 within Cupar Baptist Church Hall, Cupar at 7.30pm.

In the Chair: A Crockett, Chair
Members Present: R Graham, Sec/Treasurer
M-E Robertson, Sustainable Cupar
W McSeveney
F McHarg
A Collins
G Frail, Cupar Youth Cafe
In Attendance: Cllr M Kennedy
Cllr J Caffrey
Police Scotland (Community Police)
Apologies: W Lumsden
D Adey
S Stewart
G Pay
J Collins
E McLeod, Cupar Dev Trust

Police Report

Police report circulated previously - noted. General discussion re speeding traffic and the local challenge this brings for the wider community. Noted reduction in speed limits which are being proposed nationally.

Minute of the previous meeting

Minute of the previous meeting was approved by A. Crockett, seconded F. McHarg.

Matters Arising from previous meeting

Gazebo - noted this was now in hand and designs were being worked up for printing. W. McSeveney thanked for the ongoing work on this project.

Cupar North - Chair advised written response from Persimmons had been received and that he had extended an invite to meet with Developer locally, to date this had been declined on numerous occasions but the offer to meet locally remained on the table from the community council. Chair went on to suggest that in many aspects of the master plan it was not obvious that due diligence had been fully undertaken and it was hope that the Area Committee/Fife Council would see fit to turn down the masterplan in its current state. A. Collins asked that G. Pay's Cupar North analysis be re-circulated to the CC members.

Members of the public

Following items were brought to the attention of the meeting:

Former DVLC - insecure building and there had been a single fire incident in recent weeks. Any action which could be taken to secure would be welcomed.

Cupar Youth Cafe - G Frail, presented a short paper outlining potential youth involvement re community council, A Crockett will meet young people at the cafe in the near future. Also, noted young person representing Youth Cafe at World YMCA Assembly in Nigeria and fund raising was being undertaken presently to assist with the costs involved to attend.

Stagecoach

Noted the concern raised at the changes to the bus service involving bus services at Thomastoun and Industrial estate. MSP had met with Stagecoach and there had been a petition along with articles in the local newspaper. Response from Stagecoach being the timetable is a compromise and to maintain connectivity with other services it was not possible to stop at both locations.

Cllrs noted and will raise with Fife Council where appropriate.

Proposed 20mph limit - consultation

Community council agreed unanimously on the desirability of the 20mph. Secretary to write and advise Fife Council. Noted concern re enforcement, which was recognised as a separate issue on going.

CDT Big Clean

Chair reported on the arrangements in place. Dates agreed for the events were 10th, 11th and 17th September. Hope was to have a general tidy up and the use of a cherry picker to enable guttering and roof works to be completed - removal of tress etc. Noted and members encouraged to support local opportunities.

Cupar Gateway - Flower Bed

Chair reported that approaches had been made by three separate organisations wishing to be recognised via the Flower Bed. Chair asked that this be brought to the September meeting for decision. Cupar Quilters, Curling Club and Pipe Band had made representation.

Short discussion followed re various understandings, however, the Chair asked that this be deferred until September's meeting at which he hoped a preferred organisation/s might be agreed.

Noted too, discussions are required with "Elmwood" re planting along with any financial considerations re bedding costs.

Vacancies

Agreed to consider filling vacancies at the AGM (October), meantime various previous members had indicated informally that they would be willing to re-join. Noted too, that Kinloss Park had recently formed a residents association and an invite to the group could be extended re co-option. Noted any filling of vacancies require to meet the conditions et out in the scheme of establishment, including a competed declaration of acceptance. Chair would raise at September's meeting. Community Council has 8 full vacancies and also may co-opt too if necessary interested parties.

Citizen of the year

Noted "switch on" was scheduled for 23rd November therefore applications and decision would be required to this. Chair and W McSeveney would work up an application/last years template & sub-group with a proposed closing date of 29th October, 2024.

Secretary's Report

Correspondence had been circulated, Chair & Vice Chair copied into correspondence routinely, circulated wider as appropriate. Weekly development/planning forwarded to planning convenor - A Colins.

(Noted - events application re Fun Fair decision and refusal to approve use of Haugh Park, noted options for other sites subject to consultation.)

Fife Councillors

Cllrs had no specific items, but did note the Stagecoach situation. Update re Recycling Centre - remains something which is ongoing and that any solution could involve existing site being redesigned for landfill only. Cllrs will update as appropriate.

Planning

Cupar North - noted East Fife Councillors had been contacted re objections to proposed masterplan and that the Community council position was to object to the proposed design.

Red Route - noted that Red Route re active travel had been approved

Treasurer's Report

Balance of funds unchanged from June, including restricted funds £15,002.

Noted balance sheet, independently examined will be presented to AGM in October.

AOCB

None

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm within Cupar Baptist Church Hall, Cupar.

Close

Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.