

## **Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council**

Minute of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7.00pm within Cupar Baptist Church Hall, Cupar.

### **Present:**

A Crockett, Chair  
M Lumsden, Vice- Chair  
R Graham, Secretary/Treasurer  
F McHarg  
M E Robertson  
B McSeveney  
P McInally  
G Pay

K Cowcher, Cupar Arts  
E Pay, Cupar Youth Cafe  
N Alari, Sustainable Cupar

### **In Attendance:**

Cllr S Hoggan, Fife Council  
Cllr J Caffrey, Fife Council  
Cllr M Kennedy, Fife Council (7.30pm)

### **Apologies:**

E McLeod, Cupar Development Trust  
M Alexander  
Donald Adey  
L Elliot  
D Provan

Members of the public present - 1

### **1. Welcome & Apologies**

A Crockett welcomed everyone present and in particular Cllr Caffrey following a period in hospital, was present this evening. Chair wished everyone a belated happy new year and hoped this forthcoming year would be a successful one for the community council. Apologies for absence were noted.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were intimated.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

Chair paid tribute to Joe Priest, who's death had been reported recently. His active role in the community, Foodbank and armed services were acknowledged. Chair had attended a community meeting re SRUC in December, noted that conversations were ongoing and that SRUC would be undertaking further engagement. Strong feelings from community that the College should have a strong and sustained presence in the town. The concerns and future of the former main building were recognised. Again, community concern regarding its future use and condition were expressed. Community Council will continued to be represented at these meetings.

Alastair reminded everyone that the community council had yet to find a planning convenor, any expressions of interest would be appreciated and welcomed. In the meantime, secretary will circulate weekly planning update received via Fife Council. Any issues or concerns should be raised with Chair, in the first instance.

Successful coffee morning had been held by CAMS in advance of their show "My Fair Lady" - both of these had been well received and supported by the community.

#### **4. Presentations**

Police Scotland were not in attendance, however the Police Newsletter had been circulated to members and posted on the community council website.

Noted community council remain concerned with in town speeding and that despite recent 20mph restrictions, excessive speed seems to continue. Increased traffic police presence/speedwatch camera presence would be appreciated.

#### **5. Minute of the previous meeting held November 2025**

Minute of the above meeting were approved, moved by P McNally and seconded by M E Robertson.

#### **6. Matters arising from the above meeting**

- a) ATS display - Secretary and D Kirk, CDT continue to progress work to replace the existing art work at the former ATS site. Provision within community council funds.
- b) Hogmanay Ceilidh - Ceilidh had been a great success. Volunteers thanked for their support and attendance on the evening. A small surplus had been achieved £153. Main organiser G Sharp; C Anderson both of whom were keen to see the event continue.
- c) War Memorial Lights - no progress had been made by FC to identify a time slot for the works to fix the broken electrical connections. Reminded that rerouting of the cables to within the park may be a feasible option to avoid digging up the main carriageway in the future.

#### **7. Members of the Public**

No matters were raised by member of the public which hadn't been raised earlier or scheduled on the agenda for this evening.

#### **8. Cupar Development Trust - Public Meeting**

Invite received from CDT to public meeting to discuss options for County Buildings. Secretary would represent community council, other members may be present representing other local stakeholders. Secretary will report, circulate note afterwards.

#### **9. Haugh Park - Culvert**

Noted with some disappointment that no detailed information had been received regarding repair to the culvert and associated path within the Haugh Park. Recognising the delays due to wider survey work re flooding and lack of dedicated funds - it remains an eyesore and requires a resolution at the very earliest opportunity. Outcome of the survey awaited. A management plan for the Eden we hope would be forthcoming which focuses on the town, its entry and egress from the town boundaries and wider environs.

#### **10. Secretary's Report**

Correspondence had been circulated to members as appropriate.

Noted SRUC meetings are scheduled and there's hope for specific meeting re allotments too in the near future.

Eden River Bank/Tree Maintenance - noted sustainable Cupar and others had assisted trim branches and overhang in key areas along the river walk. Noted a management plan for the future would help maintain and undertake work to prevent any issues or concerns re flooding.

Fife Council had updated/approved a revised Scheme of Establishment for community councils. This was approved and members were asked/reminded to refer to this as appropriate.

#### **11. Planning**

St Mary's Solar Farm - noted consultation had closed, additional information from the developer had been posted on the Planning portal. Date for determination has yet to be

advised. Community Council maintains its position of objecting to the development - details on the Planning portal.

Planning Convenor - remains unfilled.

**12. Elected Members Report (Fife Council)**

Xmas tree - noted, that a connection to electrics may be installed at the ATS site for future use. Sponsorship, funding requires to be found for this.

Traffic Island - South Rd, noted that the location and need for this had been subject to community consultation, including neighbours most affected. Any request to have the island removed or relocated should be mindful of the previous engagement and outcome.

County Buildings - all 3 Cllrs will be present at CDT meeting later in the week. Their views that a Council presence in Cupar should be maintained, albeit recognition that County Buildings requires significant investment.

**13. Treasurer's Report**

Annual Grant had been received, surplus from Ceilidh had been banked. Balance of funds - £14,010. Restricted funds £11,500 - Defib, ATS display, Gazebo Art Work/Display.

Noted that room hire rental would increase from £15 per hour to £20 per hour advised by Baptist Church. Noted and approved.

**14. AOCB**

South Road - traffic island, ongoing desire to have this re-considered.

VC Holder - C Jarvis VC, noted that the gravestone was very modest, discussion whether the CC could explore, seek permission to mark the burial site with an appropriate headstone. Appropriate and respectful communication with War Graves Commission and any surviving family members would be required.

Projects - Chair asked members to bring any suggestions for projects to the next meeting.

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 24th February 2026 at 7pm within Cupar Baptist Church Hall.

**16. Close**

Meeting closed at 8.20pm