

Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council

Minute of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 30th June 2026 at 7pm within Cupar Baptist Church, Cupar.

Present:

A Crockett
R Graham
M Lumsden
D Provan
M Alexander
M E Robertson
E Elliot
F McHarg
B McSeveney

In attendance:

E McLeod, CDT
N Alari, Sustainable Cupar
Cllrs Caffrey & Hoggan, Fife Council

Apologies:

Cllr Kennedy, Fife Council
P McNally
D Adey

Members of the public:

G Waddell; B Poole
Community Sgt - Police Scotland (NEF-Cupar)

Welcome & Apologies

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies noted.

Declarations of Interest

R Graham re discussion re allotments, M Lumsden re incident at Tarvit Park.

Chair's Report

Noted invitation to community meeting re the future of Elmwood 3rd July at Corn Exchange. Secretary will attend.

Duffus Tennis Centenary - Chair/Secretary presented trophy at competition organised by Club, sponsored by community council.

Successful Talk Tent event at Cupar Market, good feedback, many visitors and positive comments re town and its friendly community.

Noted not possible to mark VC holder Jarvis at the cemetery but a roadside plaque could be explored similar to other villages and towns. Noted, agreed to proceed.

Police Scotland

Local officers would be more visible in town due to internal restructure of how duties are allocated. Feedback included engagement with Bell Baxter Pupils; Kinloss Park Action

Group. Noted traffic unit had been active in Cupar and fixed penalties and advisories had been issued. Location of POP UP Bob would be confirmed, last used South Rd; Kilmaron and Bell Baxter approach road.

Noted that there had been an incident re suspected use of catapult injuring cat at Tarvit Park. Noted potential seriousness and impact on animal/pet. This would be placed on safer community/police matrix for increased patrols.

Minute of the previous meeting

Noted roll call for previous meeting had included Cllr Hoggan; E Elliot and Cllr Caffrey had been listed in error.

Minute Approved by B McSeveney seconded by A Crockett.

Matters Arising:

ATS Display - boards completed and in place, a media release would be organised over the coming months. Noted support of D Kirk re arrangements.

Gazebo - noted engagement had gone well at the Market Stall event, next session at Cupar Y, Saturday 4th July at 10am. Agreed purchase of Bibs, B McSeveney will follow up.

Flower Bed - noted planting of flower bed had been done. Noted appreciate for the work done by community volunteer A Kydd. Tennis Club Centenary Design.

Community Input

G Waddell welcomed the engagement efforts of the CC at the Market and the Y. Cupar Museum remains popular with an highlight of local interest in the authors of the American Constitution, including a local Fife (NEF descendant).

B Poole, spoke to the community council regarding the recent outcome of Cupar North. His understanding of the impact this has had on the development of the town over many years. Emphasis on the need to be pro-active to ensure the Cupar does not continue to lag behind wider developments. Noted the revised Fife Plan timeframe and potential opportunities in the Tay City deal. The need for the whole community to press Fife Council re the next steps; a reasonable demand that whatever is planned as a result involves the Cupar community. The lessons of the CN Masterplan, should be learnt. He concluded that there was a role for the community council, CDT and others to increase FC's planning response and engagement.

Co-opted Groups

Sustainable Cupar - support for a repair cafe remains high; SC AGM to be held on July 2nd, change to constitution to allow CAT were being considered. River Eden remains a priority, interested parties have been involved in local work and development of the wider project is progressing positively. SC remain committed re future of Elmwood and associated footprint of the Campus.

CDT - Update of feasibility study re County Buildings; community stakeholder feedback had been well received. ARC Cupar have been appointed consultants for the study, Noted review could take up to 12 months.

Concessionary Travel Card (Rail)

Noted changes to rail travel and requirement to purchase tickets prior to journey. Noted that fines will not be imposed by rail company for those with concession cards, arrangements were in place to ensure where ticket machines didn't accept/recognise cards would not result in fine.

Secretary's Report

Haugh Park/Culvert - waiting outcome of hydrology report, noted trees were due to be thinned out.

War Memorial - waiting on lights being repaired and schedule for cleaning, expected by Autumn on both counts.

Bonnygate Car Park - expected timescale October, re works completed.

Elmwood - noted this was on going, CDT to host stakeholder meeting, CC would be represented.

Elected Members

Cllrs noted the impact re illegal dumping re Ladybank Landfill, South Road (Traffic Calming) noted the build out would be remaining (status quo!); Crossing points on Bonnygate are in hand (Zebra); Union Flag at Haugh Park had been replaced. Waiting follow up re Coal Road and shrubs/bushes at junction/path - requiring attention/trimming.

Planning

Cupar North - noted letter re C Williams re "what next" re Cupar North and role of Community Council.

Agreed to write to Pam Ewing/Carol Connolly, Fife Council, post AGM (August)

Treasurer's Report

Report circulated, balance of funds 30/6/26 - £12,945.22

Approved, annual grant will be applied for following AGM - August 25th 2026.

AOCB

Co-op Entrance/Bonnygate - noted the signage for vehicles exiting would benefit from being highlighted - risk to pedestrians on the main pavement from cars exiting!

Urban Speeding - noted concerns re urban speeding and the hope Police Scotland would maintain or indeed increase enforcement of 20mph zones.

Austin McPhee - noted Austin's role at World Cup (Football), recognition of achievement and contribution to sport by Cuparian.

DONM

Tuesday 25th August 2026 at 7pm

AGM 7pm & Monthly Meeting - Directly afterwards.