

Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council

Minute of the Meeting held on Wednesday 31st January 2024 at 7.30pm within Cupar Baptist Church Hall, Cupar.

Present:

M Lumsden Vice Chair (In the Chair), R Graham, Treasurer, D Adey Minute Secy, F McHarg, G Pay, A Collins, B Mc Seveny

In attendance: Fife Cllr M Kennedy

Apologies: A Crocket, S Stewart, Cllr Caffrey

Welcome & Apologies

Chair welcomed all present.

Advised that A Crocket, Chair, had suffered a heart attack. Council resolved best wishes, and flowers be sent at a suitable time. Hopes for swift recovery.

Police Report - No Police report.

Secretary's Vacancy - Noted that following the previous meeting, R Graham had contacted the Chair and offered to fill the vacant post. Council agreed, with thanks.

Minutes of 29th Nov '23 meeting

Accepted with two alterations, proposed F McHarg, seconded R Graham:

- a) Add apologies from B McSeveny
- b) At 8b) Delete Round Table, insert Rotary.

Farmer's Market Stall & ideas to create open discussion links with the Community.

Council resolved, after discussion to:

- a) Purchase a suitable Gazebo to use at Cupar Market & other appropriate events.
- b) To equip it with display boards, plus banner (Royal Burgh of Cupar Community Council, including Coat/s of Arms.)
(local firm Sign FX recommended)
- c) Two members, on a rota basic, to staff it.
- d) Suitable display material to be worked up. i) What council present does...it's purpose. ii) some form of survey.
- e) Secy to write to organisations listed at Nov meeting to Co-opt Members (non voting) Sustainable Cupar, ABC, Youth Cafe, Rotary, Bell Baxter.
- f) That persons wishing to join the Council as Full Members be invited to be co-opted as non-voting Members, until next AGM. Then a process to fairly fill vacancies will be followed.
- g) That meeting of Council will revert to Tuesday evenings forthwith.

Flooding

It was resolved that the council holds a public meeting to enable Fife council, and other organisations involved to explain the situation after the December flooding to residents.

(This had been announced by the Chair, with the support of Min Secy, at a Kinloss Park resident's meeting.)

Cllr Kennedy advised that the Leader of Fife Council, Cllr David Ross, was keen to attend, along with suitable experts. A provisional date of 26th Feb was possible, and the use of OPC would be rented. This may need to move back slightly.

The flooding at Hough park was also discussed. Worst seen. Questions on possibility the Fairground heavy vehicles etc, had damaged the drainage?

Cllr Kennedy stated that the emergency response from Fife council had been lacking, and that an internal review was ongoing.

(Note. Sustainable Cupar - River Eden Project has meeting on 12th Feb in Letham Village Hall which will also examine Flooding issues)

Resilience

Agreeded that M Lumsden be added to our representation.
(B McSwevey continues as member)

Active Travel

Agreed that -

- i) Secy write seeking more time to the Fife council consultation.
- ii) A Collins authorised to hold 'Planning meeting' to work up response prior to our Feb meeting.
(No need for public participation, as purely advisory)

Public participation

- i) Commented on flooding in Hough park suggesting a new pipe under Pitscottie Rd to river flood plain.
- ii) Pointed out that Farmer's Market now known as Cupar Market.
- iii) Pleased that old Driving Test Centre now boarded up.
- iv) G Logan submitted by letter. Question re Douglas Bader money to be followed up by Secy.

AOCB

- i) Treasurer

£15.5k in funds

Some expenditure needed for parts for two of the defibs. Agreed.

- ii) Hogmanay Ceilidh

Charlie Anderson, and George had again run the Ceiligh. Only Council member to assist was Min secy.

£161 surplus. Nearly 200 attended.

Unlikely to continue if no one steps forward to take lead role. Has been running since 2000.

Noted.

- iii) F McHarg nearly run over in Hill St when litter picking.

- iv) Where is Cllr Hogan-Radu?

several reported in patient Hospital spells were understood. Also understood he works on a Wed evening.

Date of Next Meeting:

Meeting closed 21:30hrs

Tuesdays 7.30pm Baptist Church Hall, Cupar.

27th February 2024

26th March 2024

30th April 2024