

Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council

Minute of Meeting – Tuesday 25th May 2026, 7:00p at Cupar Baptist Church Hall

Present

A Crockett (Chair)

M Lumsden (Vice Chair)

R Graham (Secretary/Treasurer)

B McSeveney

G Pay

D Adey

P McNally

M-E Robertson

L Elliot

E Pay (Cupar Youth Café)

N Alari (Sustainable Cupar)

K Cowcher (Cupar Arts)

In Attendance

Cllr J Caffrey

Cllr M Kennedy

Apologies

D Provan

M Alexander

F McHarg

E McLeod (CDT)

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Members reflected on the recent fire at the Ladybank landfill site. They noted concerns about air quality and disruption to services. Relevant authorities will investigate, and the Community Council will take a close interest in the findings and recommendations.

The Chair confirmed that Fife Council Planning has advised that the Cupar North application has been withdrawn.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

3. Police Scotland Update

Members noted that no report was submitted. The previously circulated newsletter was received.

4. Approval of Previous Minute (28th April 2026)

The Community Council approved the minute.

- Proposed: B McSeveney
- Seconded: P McNally

5. Matters Arising

- **ATS Display:** Work is ongoing. Completion is expected by the end of June.
- **SRUC:** Members continue to await the outcome of the business plan.
- **Gazebo:** The Community Council will attend the market on **20 June**. Members will seek volunteers to support this.

6. Community Input

- **Cupar Museum:** The museum has reopened with a programme running Wednesday to Friday from 15 April. Members welcomed the successful Fife Show.
- **Sustainable Cupar:** The group has launched a new “Town Matters” initiative, focusing on active travel. Members highlighted the film screening on **11 June at 6:30pm** linked to the National Emergency Briefing. The hydrology report remains pending, with wider public discussion planned from summer 2026.
- **CDT:** No update was provided.
- **Cupar Arts:** Members welcomed the potential to support entertainment at the bandstand. Cupar Arts will explore options through its network. The group is

also planning its **20th anniversary in 2027**, including a potential arts festival revival.

- **Cupar Youth Café:** The café continues to provide valuable support to young people. It will mark its **25th anniversary in September 2026**, with activities planned.

7. Secretary's Report

- **Haugh Park:** The Secretary will follow up with Fife Council regarding fencing and seek a second opinion if needed. Members continue to await publication of the hydrology report and will consider its implications.
- **War Memorial:** Repairs to the electrical connection are still outstanding. No date has been confirmed. Cleaning arrangements awaiting Fife wide approach being worked up.
- **Bonnygate Car Park:** Councillors will continue to pursue this issue, as works continue to affect access.
- **Elmwood Site:** Cllr Caffrey has contacted the Safer Communities Team to increase site patrols.
- **River Eden:** Members welcomed improvements to the riverside, including tree pruning. Volunteers and services have contributed positively, and work will continue.

8. Elected Members Updates

- **Ladybank Fire:** Covered under opening remarks.
- **Gap Site:** No progress has been made on housing. Members understand this depends on developer funding.
- **Balgarvie Road:** Councillors will continue to follow up concerns about flooding and road markings.

9. Planning

- **Cupar North:** Members noted that the Master Plan has been withdrawn.
- **Presentation:** Andrew Bayne will present at the **September Community Council meeting**.
- **Gilliesfauld PAN:** Members noted the current Proposal of Application Notice as previously circulated.

10. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported recent expenditure, including approved spending on the gazebo, tabards, and information materials. A full written report will be presented at the June meeting.

11. Any Other Competent Business

- **Defibrillators:** Members agreed to refresh publicity on locations. The Secretary will progress this.
- **Open Gardens:** Lindores Estate highlighted its upcoming event and encouraged attendance.
- **Road Safety:** Members raised concerns about speeding traffic and the location of the “Pop-Up Bob” speed sign. The Secretary will follow this up.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30 June 2026 at 7:00pm