

Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council

Minute of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 27th May 2025 at 7.30pm within Cupar Baptist Church Hall, Cupar.

Present:

A. Crockett (Chair)

M. Lumsden (Vice-Chair)

R. Graham, Secretary/Treasurer

F. McHarg

G. Pay

M. Alexander

B. McSeveney

D. Provan

M.E. Robertson, Sustainable Cupar

In attendance:

Cllr J Caffrey

Apologies:

Canon P McNally

Cllr Kennedy, Fife Council

Cllr Hogan, Fife Council

D. Adey

E. McLeod, Com. Dev. Trust

G. Frail, Youth Café

Welcome & Apologies

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were recorded.

Noted that R Graham and ME Robertson declared an interest in the discussions regarding Elmwood/SRCU (Item 9).

Chair's Report

No additional comment all recent business was dealt with on the agenda.

Presentation:

Police Scotland – Newsletter posted on Community Council website; no officers were present.

Minute of the previous meeting held 25th April 2025

Minute of the previous meeting was approved, F McHarg, D Provan

Matters Arising from the above:

Flower bed – D Provan reported that no sponsorship had been forthcoming from his efforts. Noted that contact would be made with Curling Club re design of flower bed, risk/unlikely that this will now be actioned for this year due to “skills” gap. All other matters arising covered within agenda items.

Fun Fair

Noted that discussions with the organisers were ongoing via the Fife Council Events Team. Consultation for the Fun Fair proposed for the Summer would include Fife Cllrs, Community Council and residents surrounding Fluthers Car Park.

Additional, Secretary has sought clarification re “hire fees” and whether these would be deposited within the Common Good Fund. Community Manager will advise in due course.

Minor Injuries Unit

Noted Integrated Joint Board would be meeting 28th May to consider report on the future of MIU, Adamson.

Community Council remains opposed to locating to MIU to St Andrews and noted that there remained a high degree of scepticism in the community that the decision had been predetermined and that the subsequent consultation was in effect a “tick box” exercise.

Secretary circulated report prepared for IJB, publicly available via website.

SRCU/Elmwood

Community Council supported the “action group” formed to ensure a viable future. Noted that OSCR had been contacted regarding the “legitimacy” of the use of funds from the sale of assets by the SRCU.

Regular updates via W Rennie MSP and the action group.

Mary Ellen Robertson agreed to act as a liaison for this group. No other representative came forward to volunteer their time.

Haugh Park

Mary Ellen spoke to a range of issues/concerns/queries regarding the park. These include the hedges surrounding the play area, un-supervised dogs. The riverbanks require attention, and the culvert future remains inconclusive re whether this will be opened up or repaired. Opportunities for the park to link to the active travel route from Dairsie. The future of Watts is subject to planning application. Are there options to open the toilet block which is on site to prevent the need to cross main road to Fluthers Car park.

Douglas Provan agreed to write to Fife Council.

Secretary’s Report

Correspondence had been circulated to members, noted that Simon Baldwin had joined CDT in a paid capacity.

Members of the Public

Noted sign was to be placed on the reverse/rear of the toilet block at Fluthers in the near future.

The support for the action group re SRCU/Elmwood was noted, but lack of a volunteer to join the group specifically was mentioned!

Curling Club will feature as an exhibition at the Heritage Centre.

Planning

Solar Farm – no adverse comments had been received, unless otherwise raised the CC would not object to the proposal.

Watts Development – noted, CC members to participate in site visit.

Elected Member Report

Nothing to add. Which hadn't been covered in the general business of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Annual Balance sheet for 2024/25 was presented to the committee for approval. Agreed, unanimously – this will be independently examined and presented to AGM, October.

Noted: Total Income £2,049.04; Expenditure £5,336.72 : Deficit for the year was £3,287.68

Closing balance at 31/3/25 was £13,248.22 – held in Bank of Scotland Treasurers Account.

AOCB -None

DONM – Tuesday 24th June 2025 at 7.30pm

Apologies from Chair, M Lumsden, vice-chair will chair the June meeting in Alastair's absence.