

Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council

Minute of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 8.15pm within Cupar Baptist Church Hall, Cupar.

Present: A Crockett, Chair
M Lumsden, Vice-Chair
R Graham, Secretary/Treasurer
W McSeveney
F McHarg
G Pay
D Adey
A Collins
M-E Robertson, Sustainable Cupar

In attendance: Cllr J Caffrey, Fife Council
Police Scotland (2 Officers)

Apologies: Cllr M Kennedy, Fife Council
Euan McLeod, Cupar Development Trust
Gemma Frail, Cupar Youth Cafe

1. Welcome & Apologies

Noted the monthly meeting had followed directly after the AGM. Returning Chair, A Crockett welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Members of the Public

Noted the former Driver Test Centre, remains insecure, Cllr Caffrey reported that Fife Council had been advised. Police advised there had been no recent issues and patrols had this on their matrix.

Heritage Centre closes for the season this week, invite to all community councillors to visit.

3. Approval of the previous minute September 2024

Minute approved, proposed F McHarg, Seconded by R Graham.

4. Matters Arising:

Red Route - M-E Robertson brought to the attention of the meeting that a route across the field had been longstanding prior to the sale of the land. The red route would see this re-instated. Noted.

Remembrance Service - noted Service would be held at the War Memorial, thanks to Councillors and others for intervening to have this relocated from the Haugh Park. Road closures will be in place, Police advised they will be on duty. Chair will lay Wreath.

Cupar Youth Cafe - letter received from N Graham, Gen Secretary thanking CC for their donation towards International Conference involving youth cafe leadership.

Solar Farm - noted display/information session advertised at the Howe Rugby Club, CC discussion to follow at future meeting when more details are available.

Small Injuries Unit - noted letter of concern had been sent to Chief Exec, Carol Potter NHS Fife re risk of closure or re-location. Awaiting response. Cllr Caffrey commented that numbers of use were low and that there is a risk that if it's not used then it could be at risk due to inefficiency.

Xmas Lights Switch On - 23rd November, Chair and B McSeveney will progress the Citizen of the Year to conclusion.

Why Not Scotland - noted event held at Corn Exchange, Chair had attended.

Recycling Centre - discussions ongoing, Chair had heard that Area Planning were in discussions at which we have had no input or involvement. Open invitation to Fife Council and Waste Management to consult locally, CC will gladly host even as necessary. Cllrs asked to ensure services/directorates were advised of our interest and offer.

Gateway - Flower Bed, meeting to be held with Curling Club and Elmwood in the near future.

Gazebo - design agreed, CC approved purchase, Treasurer to liaise with B McSeveney re purchase. Feather Banners, Gazebo and Weights. CC thanked Bill for his efforts to design and procure.

Springfield Rail Services/ Dundee Bus Station - D Adey will visit Springfield CC in the near future, noted local residents had indicated their support for improved rail services. Secretary had written to both Stage Coach and Dundee City Council re Sea Gate Bus Station and its poor access and information.

Citizen of Year - B McSeveney updated position with COY nominations, noted a group award/nomination could be considered as recipients. Agreed not to add an additional award. Noted ad hoc recognition had also been made in exceptional circumstances.

4a Police Report

Officers Smith & Shand, spoke to September Police Newsletter which had been circulated previously.

Noted engagement at BBHS and primary schools, youth cafe. Coffee with the Cop continues for informal engagement with community officers.

Noted impact on neighbourhoods/community dynamics where FC Housing allocations may be perceived as problematic.

CC concerns - Traffic management at entrance to Coop, pedestrians at risk and also Hill Street experiencing traffic driving wrong way up one way street to avoid congestion. Noted also visibility of electric scooters of Road safety at schools - officers looking for support to increase number of "kids police -pop up kid" - noted. Schools advised of common good fund which may be available to support. Cllr Caffrey will follow up.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence had been circulated, website had received enquiries which had been responded too.

Street Name suggestions for Gillesfaulds required. Advance notice to CC re suggestions. Secretary will recirculate.

6. Planning:

Planning Convenor 2024/25 - no nominations for this position. Will remain open.

Noted Secretary circulates the Dev Applications to chair, vice-chair and whoever is the planning convenor. Secretary will circulate Dev Applications to all on a weekly basis as these are received. Any planning concerns should be raised directly with the Chair.

Solar Farm, St Mary's Road - noted event at Howe of Fife. Thursday 7th November 3pm - 7pm.

Inner Court - noted this had started and liaison group will be set up.

7. Treasurer's Report

Balance of funds held £14,008 following tonight's AGM annual grant will be applied for. Unrestricted funds to support work of CC approx £5k after annual grant is received.

8. Fife Cllrs - update

Cllr Caffrey thanked community police for their local input. Noted their work in engaging with young people and local schools and youth projects.

Recycling centre - noted difficulty with finding site, has been allowed to drift regrettably, John Rodigan, Fife Council has been identified as the Lead Officer for this project. Presentation had been done at Area Committee.

Cllr Kennedy had sent a note to secretary - Fun Fair, local consultation with Events manager early in the new year, also Inner Court development, liaison group.

9. AOCB

D Adey raised supported required to assist at Hogmanay Ceilidh.

Remembrance Service, Sunday 10th.

10. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 7.30pm

11. Meeting closed 9.10pm