

Royal Burgh of Cupar & District Community Council

Minute of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday, 29th April 2025, at 7:30 PM in Cupar Baptist Church Hall.

Present:

- A Crockett, Chair
- R Graham, Secretary/Treasurer
- W McSeveney
- G Pay
- M Alexander
- D Adey
- D Provan
- F McHarg
- M-E Robertson, Sustainable Cupar

In Attendance:

Fife Councillors Kennedy, Caffrey, and Kennedy (Cllr Kennedy left at 8:40 PM)

Apologies:

E McLeod (Cupar Development Trust), Canon P McNally, M Lumsden, Police Scotland (via D Adey)

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone present, and apologies were recorded. No conflicts of interest were noted.

2. Police Report

Apologies were received from Police Scotland. The monthly newsletter has been posted on the Community Council website.

3. Chair's Report

- Thanks were given to members and the public for attending last month's consultation on the Adamson MIU. No feedback had been received beyond an acknowledgment from the Participation and Engagement Team.
- Concerns were raised regarding the Fife Council Area Planning Committee's decision to approve the "raised table" at Bonnygate/Baptist Church. The Chair expressed frustration that Cupar Ward Councillors had proposed and seconded an amendment that disregarded objections from the Community Council and others. Further discussion took place under the **Planning Report**.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- **Tuesday 25th February 2025** – To be tabled next month (retrospective).
- **Tuesday 25th March 2025 (Open Health Meeting/Consultation)** – Minutes agreed. Attendance noted as exceeding 80 people. It was clarified that Cllr Louise KennedyDalby represents Balmullo. Noted: Concerns were raised about alleged

comments that the consultation was "tokenistic" and that the decision had already been made. Fife Councillors expressed disappointment and committed to following up with relevant bodies.

5. Matters Arising

No additional matters arising.

6. Secretary's Report

- **Flower Bed:** SRCU can no longer provide staffing for planting. Douglas Provan offered to speak with Calder's regarding assistance. Risk noted that the flower bed may not be planted this year.
- **Town Entrance/Gateway:** Inquiry received via website regarding planting cherry blossom trees at the town entrance. The Community Council is not opposed but will leave the matter to environmental groups.
- **Common Good Fund:** No objections to a Cupar Development Trust application. Matched funding is being sought through locality budgets.
- **War Memorial Cleaning:** Fife Councillors will follow up to ensure the memorial is included in a maintenance schedule. Cllr Kennedy to liaise with the Community Manager.

7. Members of the Public

- A second large sign will be installed behind the toilet block at Haugh Car Park.
- The Heritage Museum has reopened successfully, and members are encouraged to visit.
- Concerns were raised regarding the sale of assets related to the former Elmwood College. The matter will be included on the next meeting agenda.
- Cupar Market/Gazebo: Members were invited to submit ideas for community engagement before the next meeting.

8. Planning Matters

- **Bonnygate Raised Table:** The outcome of the NEF Area Committee was noted. Cllrs Hoggan-Radu and Kennedy supported the amendment, while Cllr Caffrey opposed. The Chair reiterated the Council's disappointment that ward Councillors did not engage before or after the decision.
- **Banners/Advertising:** Continued concerns over unauthorised signage at Haugh Roundabout. Community Council requested Fife Council improve enforcement and removal.

9. Fife Councillors' Reports

- **Cllr Hogan-Radu:** Supported the NEF Planning Committee decision.
- **Cllr Kennedy:** Supported the NEF Area Committee decision. Also noted ongoing discussions about potential traffic management on Balgarvie Road.
- **Cllr Caffrey:** Opposed the NEF Area Committee decision. Additionally, he highlighted the success of local cheerleaders at the World Championships.

10. Treasurer's Report

- **Bank Statement (March 2025):** £13,678.22 balance. Pending payments include hall rental, defibrillator maintenance, and data registration fees.
- **Available Funds (April 2025 onwards):** £13,445. Bank fees: £4.25.

11. Any Other Competent Business (AOCB)

No additional matters raised.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 27th May 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Baptist Church Hall.**

Meeting Closed: 9:15 PM