

Crail Community Partnership SCO 49189

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 3rd December 2024, 19:00, Town Hall

Attendees: David Jerdan, Dennis Gowans, Karen Vaughan, Aleks Scholz, Colin Morrison, Max Taylor

Apologies: Manuela Calchini, Sarah Morrison, John Freeth, Will Cresswell, Mark Rogerson, Neil McKay

Minutes of meeting held on November 5th: approved (minutes provided by AS)

1) Finances (KV): The report has been circulated. The new savings account has been opened. There are free funds of about 24000£ available; those will be allocated to reserves. Short discussion on fees for the bank account. We agreed to reallocate surplus funding achieved in the crowdfunder for the CCH curtains. This will now be used for other improvements in the building.

2) Community Hall (DG): The monthly report has been circulated, which includes all financial details. The profit is highly volatile from month to month. We are planning more cinema, as simple and straightforward events, and because there is external funding available for cinema in rural communities. Discussion of the mode of operation and licensing for cinema and theatre. Discussion of the pending repairs, see last month's meeting for details.

3) Airfield planning (DJ): The crowdfunding to pay for consulting during the appeal has been launched successful, on behalf of the CCC. At the time of the meeting 4200£ have been raised, of 10000£. We plan to switch to a goal of 6000£, with 10000£ as stretch. Discussion of the public perception of the campaign.

4) Harbour and coast (CM): We saw a recent uptick in activity around the harbour. A lot of tidying up has been done. A part time harbour master has been allocated to Crail. Report of a very positive meeting with transportation services which highlighted all the issues.

5) CCP land maintenance (DG): There has not been an update on trees, according to WC. Publicity will be organised in December. Also no updates from Roome Bay - see minutes from last month for status quo. The wetland in Kilminning has been renewed after the rain. Nothing new to report on land acquisition.

6) Tourism (MC): Report attached. Brief discussion of the East Neuk 50 cycle path project.

7) Sustainability workshops (DG): The publicity for the workshops is continuing. The planning is further along now. Everything looks good.

9) Community projects (DJ):

- The exploration of possible restoration of the coastal path continues. Discussions with proprietors are required as next step. CM had contacted Scottish Water who have a pumping station at the west end.
- The primary school playpark is now fully funded and will be built in spring. CCP is involved by channeling funding from various sources.
- Two new outdoor pickleball courts will be created on the tennis courts, funded by the CCT.

10) Publicity: More publicity for the sustainability workshops will follow.

AOCB:

Recruitment of further employee: No action has been taken. We are still having discussions on how we want to make use of the funding.

We noted that SM will be bringing forward additional procedures to sign off next month. Also, there will be a public drop-in tentatively scheduled for Saturday 11 January to present and discuss the Fife Local Plan 'Place Matters.'

Next meeting planned for Tuesday, January 7th, 7pm, Legion Hall.

East Neuk Local Tourism Update, December 2024 (MC)

Peter Wooding from Greener Kirkcaldy introduced the East Coast 50 project, which is based on the creation of a segregated cycling path (albeit by as yet unidentified other parties), encouraging cyclists to visit towns and villages along the way, From Kirkcaldy to Dundee. East Cost 50 is a Community Interest Company (CIC) and would undertake specific marketing around the future route, creating a business membership for a fee. Bike travel is both efficient and sustainable and has a wide target audience including those who spend considerable amounts of money on their bikes. Two years ago, a visibility study was undertaken which showed the potential for an extra £7 million spend in the area. The CIC is looking to hear from businesses to gauge the interest and potential support for the initiative.

Some questions were raised about the likelihood that the route will actually be constructed, but there is a drive for Net Zero, which Fife Council is signed up to and a dedicated cycle path would sit well within this target. Unfortunately, a vote on a 5 year strategy around Active Travel has been delayed.

For more information: <https://eastneuk50.org/>

- The Welcome to the East Neuk signs, complete with the Fisher Lass, will be replaced in 3 locations but it could take some months before the signs will be erected. The Corporate site for Scotland's National Tourism Organisation - VisitScotland.org
- The Transient Visitor Levy – no change here - it is being looked at within Fife Council, this is at very early stages and as part of the process businesses will have the opportunity to be consulted. o Local visitor levy - Tourism and events - gov.scot
- Short Term Lets – Those who applied before the deadline Oct 2023 application have now been processed and licences issued. Businesses are reminded that your Licence number, EPC where applicable and number of guests should be displayed on ALL marketing.
- The Z Fold Maps have been flying off the shelves. Once any changes have been made, the maps will be reprinted for the 2025 season.
- The East Neuk Tourism Association is applying to Welcome to Fife for another project grant of up to £4K, which will centre on creating new imagery and videos to use for businesses in their marketing.