

# Crail Community Partnership SCO 49189

## Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 7th January 2025, 19:00, Town Hall

**Attendees:** David Jerdan, Dennis Gowans, Karen Vaughan, Aleks Scholz, Max Taylor, Will Cresswell, Mark Rogerson, Sarah Morrison, Neil McKay

**Apologies:** Manuela Calchini, John Freeth, Colin Morrison

**Also present:** Stuart Tait

**Minutes of meeting held on December 3rd:** approved (minutes provided by AS)

**1) Finances (KV):** The detailed spreadsheet and the summary statement has been circulated, with a closing bank balance of close to 60K£ on December 31st. The total restricted funds are currently at 36,364£. A savings account is now in place. In this context it was noted that the AGM is tentatively planned for the first Tuesday of April.

**2) Sustainability workshops (DG):** The last burst of publicity is underway. The flyers are currently being distributed in Crail, aiming for full coverage of all households. The first two workshops will happen over the coming weeks. The CCP Trustees agreed to support this initiative and continue this effort.

**3) Community Hall (DG):** The insulation above the small hall has now been put in place, just before Christmas. This seems to be working very well. We secured 6K£ to install better rails at the steps at the main entrance. The airlocks are still in the process of being planned.

**4) Tree planting (WC):** A new crowdfunding campaign is planned for the coming weeks, for the '10000 trees for Crail' project, followed by a consultation in Crail Matters to find out where to put the trees. The plan is to give the people opportunities to pay for extra trees if they donate more. Some funding that is still available for specific areas will be used for this purpose as well, but crowdfunding is seen as a way to engage the community.

**5) Land management and acquisition (WC, DG, NM):** We had a brief discussion on the Kilminning wetland; a stone walkway is planned at the coastal path to assist walkers. Nothing new to report on Roome Bay. The acquisition of Denburn Woods seems to be progressing within FC.

**6) Community projects (DJ):** Related to the coastal path, the progress has stalled, and the meeting with proprietors has not happened yet. DG added that he is looking for funding for the research on the coastal path renewal.

**7) Planning for airfield (ST, SM, NM):** After the appeal from the developers has been lodged, a lot of work has happened to prepare a response. The document that has been produced is looking very strong and is ready for submission, on behalf of the CCC. The deadline for our response is January 13th. We would like to share the official response to the

community and give people an opportunity to support it. A template letter for possible additional objectors is currently being produced, to facilitate community engagement and expression of objections. Possible benefits and pitfalls of this approach were discussed. This template will be distributed via Crail Matters and via the crowdfunder list. The target for the crowdfunding was reached. The Trustees were informed about the subsequent process, which can take a few different forms (written representations, hearing, or public inquiry). The Board commended the team for their excellent work.

**8) Fife Plan (SM):** A draft of the designed version of our document has been circulated to the Trustees, and feedback has been collated. It includes one table showing what we want to do, and a technical document for suggested policy changes. The public consultation will be in late January or early February, with a public meeting and an open invitation to submit feedback. The document needs to be submitted by Feb 24, but this requires converting it into an online form. We discussed the nature of the process, and the logistics for the public engagement.

**9) Publicity (MR):** Outreach for the 10000 Trees project will start over the next few weeks, with publicity planned in conjunction with the crowdfunder. This may also lead to press coverage. We need to be prepared for more press coverage on the airfield planning in the coming weeks.

**AOCB:**

Next meeting planned for Tuesday, February 4, 7pm, venue to be decided.