

Notes from meeting – Tuesday 28 January 2025

Present	M Kirkbride (MK), H Rae (HR), J Summers (JS), M Pollock (MP), J Wallace (JW), C Grubb (CG), B Chrishite (BC), J Patterson (JP), R Brown (RB), R Scott (RS), P Stafford (PS), M Jones (MJ), C Coutts (CC), M Irvine (MI), J Simpson (JS), T Morris (TM), W Gillespie (WG), G Baillie (GB), L Carrington (LC), I Anderson (IA), A Spence (AS), R Jones (RJ)
In attendance	Cllr I Cameron (IC), Cllr R Cavanagh (RC), L Winters (LW) – Fife Council, J Jack (JJ) – Safer Communities
Apologies	G Strang (GS), S Crooks (SC), A Rhiaro (AR0), D Rae (DR), S Bellfield (SB)

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome and declaration of interest – MK opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending.</p> <p>MK then asked if there was any other AOCB which will be documented in section 10.</p> <p>We then participated in a New Year Quiz in relation to ‘landmarks’ in Dysart.</p>	
2	<p>Notes of last meeting – The notes from 10 December 2024 were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Proposed by MK Seconded by RS and JS - meeting notes approved.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of last meeting –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Cook Street Play park Project LW informed the meeting that the design should be completed by 31/1/25. Funding of £100K has already been approved, LW stated that another £30K could be available from Fife Environment Trust if DCC can raise £3K by the end of March 2025. Once funds are released there has not been a timeline specified for the build on the play park to be completed. To date LW, EW and RS have agreed to be part of a group relating to the planning and design of this area. If anyone else is interested please pass names on to LW. There was a conversation in relation to fundraising, MK has planned his annual Garden Party in June and RJ stated that she would discuss with the Pastor of a local church to enquire if the church would be able to assist with fundraising.</p> <p>You Decide funding application PS stated that applications for You Decide funding were still being processed. There will be a public vote and the results should be announced Mid March 2025.</p> 	<p>If funding is granted a small working group will be formed. In addition if funding is granted the funds have to be spent within 1 year. The funds cannot be used for repairs or refurbishment.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Missing Lamp post’ - between 9 and 15 High Street and Fitzroy Square IC made an enquiry to Fife Council, to date he has not had a response. • Cardboard getting piled up behind bin opposite Chinese Takeaway • 116 High Street – Plastic and cans bin had not been emptied for 12 weeks • St Serf’s Tower The meeting was informed that Historic Scotland carried out a survey 10 years ago, following the survey Fife Council only carried out minor repairs. MK stated that Health & Safety Officer from Fife Council is going to inspect the tower. • Dog poo bag bin has been removed from path between The Walk and Pan Ha IC made enquiries following December’s meeting. • Steps at the end of The Walk was overgrown and the stairs are unsafe IC made contact with Fife Council Grounds and Maintenance Team. • Ivy has been removed from the wall between Shore Road and The Carmelite Monastery it has exposed a wall that appears to be unsafe IC made contact with Fife Council Heritage Officers following December’s meeting.. • Bottom of West Port – cars not stopping at the bottom to give way to oncoming traffic IC informed the meeting that the line making equipment is faulty and that there is approx 1 years worth of this type of work outstanding. It was suggested that a STOP sign may be effective. LC stated that double yellow lines are still required to be repainted in the harbour area. 	<p>IC to make further enquiries. In addition he will make Fife Council the lights that have out for a number of weeks and been reported have not been repaired. Also he will report that the Victorian Lamp light is not working.</p> <p>JJ stayed that this was not the remit of Safer Communities.</p> <p>RC stated that this was reported and the bins have now been emptied.</p> <p>MK stated that planning an open day is proving to be complicated – this is going on hold until further notice.</p> <p>No response/update and have not been replaced. IC stated that Fife Council have agreed to install a number of new bins which are suitable for dog waste in Edington Place, High Street and Pan Ha.</p> <p>No update received. Fraser Nicol – Fife Council Grounds Maintenance is attending DCC meeting on 11 March 2025.</p> <p>No update received.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floral Enhancement Grant <p>MK informed the meeting that DCC have been granted £250 grant. The gardening group is currently GS, SB and CG – anyone else interested in joining this group please get in touch.</p> <p>It was also suggested by MK that DCC should consider planning a Community Day for planting and a general tidy up of our green spaces.</p>	
4	Service Updates – No updates provided.	
5	Planning Applications – <p>Shutters have been installed on the old Post Office (50 High Street, Dysart) without planning. The owners will be applying for planning retrospectively. To date no planning application is on Fife Council Planning Portal.</p> <p>Following December's meeting IC made contact with the enforcement team as over 30 days had lapsed for applying for retrospective planning permission.</p> <p>Liquor Licence for above premises – HR stated that a liquor licence was granted around 3 years ago and this premises has not opened. HR asked if an objection to this licence could be submitted as it is not in use.</p> <p>Following December's meeting IC made enquiries in relation to the above.</p> <p>Nimbus Sign on shop front at The Port – HR stated a sign has appeared on the shop front. This shop vacant, it is felt that this is being used as a means of advertising for their shop elsewhere. No planning for this signage has been noted on Fife Council Planning Portal.</p> <p>HR and IC contacted planning at Fife Council in relation to the above.</p>	<p>This has been passed to a planning committee.</p> <p>No update received. IC to make further enquiries.</p> <p>No update received. IC to make further enquiries.</p>
6	Reports from Working Groups – Nil reported.	
7	Update from Fife Council Ward Councillors – <p>Cllr I Cameron – The demolition of flats is due of start 27/1/25 Residents in the area have not been made aware of this.</p> <p>Cllr I Cameron – There will be a public consultation in relation to the plans for the redevelopment of Howard Place site. The date for this is still to TBA.</p> <p>Cllr R Cavanagh – Will be judging poetry competition at Dysart Primary Scholl on behalf of DCC.</p> <p>JJ – Safer Communities stated any antisocial behaviour should be reported to the Police and Safer Communities as evidence has to be collated.</p> <p>AS stated that the Police have not been helpful.</p> <p>JJ explained that a lot of 'background' work happens and the gathering of evidence is an important part of this work.</p>	
8	Correspondence – Nil	
9	Treasurer – No report provided as GS was not in attendance at meeting.	
10	AOCB – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fencing at rubble left at Normand Road Church – <p>Concerns had been raised in relation to piles of rubble being left following the removal of the steeple; there is also lots of fencing left on the site.</p> <p>IC stated that Safer Communities and Environmental Health are</p>	

	<p>aware of this situation as it has also been notes that there are numerous dead pigeons in this area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Hall Windows – HR stated that the three green sash windows at the Town Hall are in need of attention as the paint is flaking off. • X 58 & 60 Stagecoach Bus – Concerns were raised that the above buses no longer stop at The Strathern Hotel or Nisa. • Table tops from picnic tables at the harbour – JMCL stated that once the new table tops are made by Men's Shed his is happy to fit them to concrete bases. 	<p>HR to email IC who will contact the appropriate department in relation to this.</p> <p>IC to make contact with Stagecoach.</p>
11	<p>Date of next meetings – Tuesday 11 March 2025 Tuesday 29 April 2025</p>	