

Ferryden & Craig Community Council

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MINUTE OF THE
AGM & ORDINARY MEETING OF
FERRYDEN & CRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2024
18:30 AT FERRYDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Attended By:- FCCC:- 8 Community Cllrs, Angus Council:- Cllr Braes, Cllr Duff, Cllr Stewart (4), and 15 members of the community inc. several basin boat owners (27 Total)

ITEM	DETAILS	DATE ADDED	ACTIONS BY	DATE CLOSED
1	Chairperson's Welcome Very warm welcome to our AGM followed by our ordinary meeting			
2	Apologies Mrs Minty (School), David Cameron (Planning)			
3	Membership Present Graeme Newton (Chair), Michelle Fletcher (Secretary/Treasurer), Carol Cameron (Vice Chair), Lynn Wilson (DPO), Sandy Nicoll, Dan Paton, Dave Pullar, Tracey Crowe (Assoc)			
4	Approval of Previous Minutes Proposed by S Nicoll Seconded by D Pullar			
5	Chairperson's Annual Report "I'm happy and proud to say that Ferryden and Craig Community Council have a very strong and active membership. I am also very grateful for the support we get from the members of the public that attend our mtgs and for those that may not attend, but still lend their support when required. As we all know we have a very good attendance from our elected Councillors and as our first point of escalation it is key that we have this. Many issues have been taken by the Councillors directly at our mtgs and also remotely as and when we contact them. So a big thanks to everyone for making my job a bit easier and for making Ferryden and Craig Community Council an effective group. As you know we are statutory body that Angus Council shares information with and likewise we are often the first port of call for the public to raise to Angus Council itself. We don't hold much power as such, but we have seen many issues being resolved or escalated again through the year. Many activities have been carried out for example the installation of 2 notice boards this year, which I would say are over and above a normal community council role and again to those involved a big thank you.			

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	<p>Whilst we continue to manage small grant funding for Seagreen offshore windfarms, we also had the task of managing the larger grant funding process. Whilst a fantastic opportunity for our area, no one knew the amount of work it would create for our community council. Along with the ownership there came no real process. Overall we have all spent many hours beavering away in the background and at a several planning mtgs in preparation to manage this superb opportunity for the community. We have all worked hard but none more so than Michelle our Secretary, who has managed the small grant process as well as the massive amount of work she has done for the larger funding process. I also need to thank Lynn and Tracey who had larger workloads too due to Seagreen funding.</p> <p>As we head towards the end of the year, hopefully the workload has started to ease a bit now and we can focus fully on the bread-and-butter issues that are raised. As always, we will continue to work together to support and improve the community in which we all live. I'd just like to re-iterate my huge heartfelt thank you to every one of you that has played a part in supporting myself and Ferryden and Craig Community Council over the last year.</p> <p>Finally I would like to thank Sandy Nicol who is "retiring" from FCCC at this AGM. Sandy has been a member for numerous years as well as being a trustee for Ferryden and Craig Community Trust. Sandy will continue in that role which is great news as he has a wealth of knowledge about the village. Sandy has served our community well whether it be FCCC business, strimming grass or planting shrubs and I'd like to wish him the very best from us all. Daniel Paton has also decided to retire as well to allow him time to concentrate on writing a book on the history of Ferryden. Daniel has also been a long serving member of the community council. I would also like to thank Daniel for long service too and wish him well in the future."</p>			
a)	<p>Questions from the floor:- None</p>			
6	<p>Secretary & Treasurers Annual Report</p> <p>All meetings scheduled were held and quorum met. Website & Facebook running smoothly and notice boards kept up to date with important information.</p> <p>FCCC Calendars 2024 raised £272.70, we are grateful to all those who contributed with their photos and to those who purchased calendars last year.</p>			

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	<p>Account were Audited by Macdonald Accountancy Services, Stonehaven for a small fee of £35. These were submitted to Angus Council on 6th June 24 which allowed our operational grant of £400.00 which was received on 25th July 24.</p> <p>Balance Sheet @ Apr 24:- £15,672.31</p> <p>Consisting of</p> <table> <tr> <td>Trustee Funds</td> <td>£ 9,002.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seagreen Funds</td> <td>£ 4,827.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FCCC</td> <td>£ 1,842.78</td> </tr> </table> <p>Copy of accounts sent to all FCCC members and available on request to all.</p>	Trustee Funds	£ 9,002.53	Seagreen Funds	£ 4,827.00	FCCC	£ 1,842.78																									
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7	<p>Demit of Current Office Bearers/Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>Cllr Stewart asked for nominations for Chairperson:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Office Bearer</u></th> <th><u>Candidate</u></th> <th><u>Proposed</u></th> <th><u>Seconded</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>G Newton</td> <td>M Fletcher</td> <td>C Cameron</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chair</td> <td>C Cameron</td> <td>M Fletcher</td> <td>G Newton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>M Fletcher</td> <td>G Newton</td> <td>C Cameron</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>M Fletcher</td> <td>G Newton</td> <td>C Cameron</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning</td> <td>D Cameron</td> <td>C Cameron</td> <td>G Newton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DPO</td> <td>L Wilson</td> <td>M Fletcher</td> <td>G Newton</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Office Bearer</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	Chair	G Newton	M Fletcher	C Cameron	Vice Chair	C Cameron	M Fletcher	G Newton	Secretary	M Fletcher	G Newton	C Cameron	Treasurer	M Fletcher	G Newton	C Cameron	Planning	D Cameron	C Cameron	G Newton	DPO	L Wilson	M Fletcher	G Newton			
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8	<p>Date of Next A.G.M. :-</p> <p>4th Nov 2025</p>																															
9	Close of A.G.M.																															

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ORDINARY MEETING :-

ITEM	DETAILS	DATE ADDED	ACTIONS BY	DATE CLOSED
1	Approval of previous minutes:- Pt 11 a – LNR should be BLNR M Fletcher to amend and re-issue	05/11/24	M Fletcher	
2	Ferryden School Report:- Apologies from Mrs Minty & School children			
3	Police Report:- PC Mark Garnes - River Street still on list to be checked for speeding Active on the After Dark Campaign in Montrose etc, put cards round houses looking vulnerable, lights off, bathroom windows open etc. Will hopefully walk about Ferryden in next couple of weeks. Still working with schools, to encourage good relations with Police from a young age. Complaints raised about young drivers coming round Esk Road car park, smoking cannabis, inhaling big gas cylinders while driving. PC Garnes & PC Roberston are monitoring the area. Incident while paddle boarding at far side of the basin, where warning shots were fired close to paddle boarder. Complaint to be made to Police who'd speak to licensing			
4	Treasurers Report <u>FCCC</u> £ 2,217.47 Balance at previous meeting £ 2,217.47 Current Balance <u>FCCT</u> £ 9,002.53 Balance at previous meeting -£ 600.00 Chq 339 Trust Registration £ 8,402.53 Current Balance <u>Seagreen Community Fund</u> £ 1,998.00 Balance at previous meeting £ 1,998.00 Current Balance <u>£ 12,618.00</u> Total Balance in RBS Account Cheques for Signing:- £ 36.95 G Newton – Bolts for bench & Gift Bottle SN £ 583.68 Andrew Walker Ltd – Lighthouse Info Board frame & installation £ 20.00 M Fletcher – RBL Poppy Wreath Proposed by M Fletcher Seconded by G Newton			
5	Planning Report - None			
6	Chairman's Report - Nothing to add to earlier report			
7	Action Items from Previous Minutes			

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a)	<p>Speeding in Village:-</p> <p>G Newton contacted Sgt Caroline Patullo re speed on River St. Police have been checking Burnside Place & by School av. Speed below 30 mph.</p> <p>Complaints approx. 1am speeding cars at 120mph by public toilets – resident to send in video footage</p>			
b)	<p>Boat Moorings at Basin:-</p> <p>Info from Cllr Braes email - SEPA need to provide consent, Crown Estate need to provide a license for a fee, should be overseen by Montrose Basin Local Nature Reserve Management Committee</p> <p>BLNR meet 2 – 3 times a year</p> <p>Cllr Duff will email M Fletcher when last meeting date was, and will contact BLNR Secretary to inform them of our interest in the process.</p> <p>A number of boat and shed owners from the basin were in attendance to address concerns having read previous minutes, spokesman Dale Watson stated the following:-</p> <p><u>Mooring Complaints:-</u> They have been trying to find out who made complaint about the moorings having checked with MSC & Basin Reserve, boat owners are confused. Happy to work to resolve situation.</p> <p>G Newton will contact Sailing Club to check if they have any information on complaint/issues raised.</p> <p><u>Mooring Fees:-</u> Dale explained in 1950/60s Johnsons had 7/8 mooring there for their cobbles for their muscels and their ordinary boats, as well as other boats having moorings. There's no more moorings than there was 20-30 yrs ago.</p> <p>1980s – Crown & Basin Warden looked a charging for basin moorings and it got scrapped because there was a chapter where the King & Queen were brought across both rivers before the ferry, and he made it exempt for people of MTS & F/den to moor in the basin</p> <p><u>Car Park Signage Request:-</u> Suggested Car Park signs be installed so people don't park on the grass. Parking does become a huge issue when birdwatchers come to see a rare bird spotted. There can also be 10-15 trainspotters cars at times. Grass could be taken up and grave put down for parking as there is a lack of parking</p> <p><u>Boat Shed Application:-</u> No sceptic tank, intend to use chemical toilet, or a storage water tank that gets pumped out, and has a main drain so could have a macerator</p> <p><u>Esk Road Trust Fund:-</u> Mike Clark had the Sailing Club in 1964, his wife put a trust fund over to AC to maintain the road. The money was spent on slabs for St Marys Church, after which no</p>	05/11/24	Cllr Duff	
		05/11/24	G Newton	

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	<p>more funds were gifted for the maintenance of the road.</p> <p><u>Dog Bin</u> Right next to benches by car park – request for re-siting</p> <p><u>Shed Removal</u> Disappointed shed from 60's removed by Bldg Control</p> <p><u>Fly Tipping/Dumped Boats</u> Fly-tipping at grass area under viaduct, can be reported to Police at the time but would be AC. Man from Carnoustie being paid to take 30ft boats from Dundee and dumped there. Dale has kindly offered to provide labour to fill a skip with the fly-tipped rubbish/boats if a skip was provided</p> <p>Note of thanks to Dale Watson & co. who have done a fabulous job clearing up the basin, paddle board & kayak users notice there's no long a stink of fuel and the area under the viaduct is noticeably tidier</p> <p>Cllr Braes will check process for dumped boat removal</p> <p><u>Basin Moorings Association/Club</u> It was suggested D Watson and fellow boat/shed owners set up an association/club to officially look after moorings etc, they are now considering this idea</p>	05/11/24	G Newton	
		05/11/24	Cllr Braes	
c)	<p>Lighthouse info board</p> <p>Now installed by Andrew Walker Ltd</p>			05/11/24
d)	<p>Rossie Terrace Steps & Railings</p> <p>Cllr Braes awaiting to hear back from AC either Roads or Housing will come and have a look</p>	03/09/24	Cllr Braes	
e)	<p>Steps by Hairdressers –</p> <p>G Newton has written to MPA to confirm if they are happy to pay for works</p>	01/10/24	G Newton	05/11/24
f)	<p>Beacon Terrace – Parking Exemption</p> <p>Exemption not possible as missed the opportunity during the nationwide consultation stage</p>	04/06/24	Cllr Braes	05/11/24
8	Agenda Items:-			
a)	<p>Vacancies</p> <p>With recent retirements we now have 3 vacancies. To advertise these on FB etc. If anyone is interested in applying to become a CC please request a form.</p>	05/11/24	M Fletcher	
b)	<p>Seagreen Large Fund Process Update</p> <p>Panel voted on 2 projects on 23rd Oct. Results are now with Seagreen who will set aside some time this week to look through everything, and we are expecting a call with next steps.</p>			
c)	<p>FCCC Calendars</p> <p>M Fletcher to share photos with the FCCC for selection, production will take 1 week.</p> <p>C Cameron will design the page for Ferryden in Flower</p>	05/11/24	M Fletcher	
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d)	Secretarial Workload – Sharing of Duties Workload reduced now SG process complete. Suggestions for minute taker, or a minute rota, hall booker. M Fletcher to keep a note of time and tasks and feed back in Jan.	05/11/24	M Fletcher	
9	Correspondence			
a)	Marine License – Dredging & Sea Deposit Standard license			
b)	AC Resilience Fund – No Open until 22/11/24 £160K fund secured for 2024/25 - potential to ask for sea defences for basin is SG doesn't come through			
10	Seagreen Community Fund <u>Grants Issued:-</u> None Balance – £1998.00 <u>New Applications:-</u> £583.68 FCCC Lighthouse Info Board Stand & Inst * £325.00 Montrose Tennis Club – P3 Taster Sessions* <i>*Unanimously approved</i> <u>Outstanding Applications:-</u> £500.00 Jennifer Robertson – Bench by Elephant Rock £250.00 Jennifer Roberston bench installation Approved on provision land owners permission granted <u>Applications on hold:-</u> £500.00 – MTS Academy Rugby Achv Prg – Buses – M Fletcher requested more details – awaiting response			
11	A.O.C.B.			
a)	Appointment of Associate Member – Dr Dan Paton -Historian Proposed G Newton Seconded M Fletcher/Unanimous Dan is keen to write a new History of Ferryden book under the CC, AC have offered the help with funding for publishing. Dan will be wealth of knowledge assisting various historical projects ongoing – The Old Public Lavatory archaeological dig, revamp of Heritage Trail Info Boards, and has offered to be a Trail Guide			
12	Questions from the floor			
a)	Annat Bank Practice Cllr Duff informs that proposals are going before IGB NHS Tayside this week			
b)	New Bins – River Street 12 bins together currently, would be 18 with new bins. Suggest to share new blue bins with neighbours.			
c)	Ferryden in Flower Coffee Morning FiF are holding a coffee morning on 23 rd Nov at F/den Church Hall -10am–12pm – Baking Donations Welcome			
13	Next Meeting Tues 3 rd December 2024 – Ferryden Primary School			