



Ceres and District Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting Monday 13 May 2024
Craigrothie Village Hall

Present: Moira Henderson, David Beveridge, Neil Martin, Alistair Ewan, John Hudson Cllr Margaret Kennedy, and six members of the public (Sandra Smith, Kenny Macleod, Jude Holden, Wendy Jack, Mick Allsopp, Chris Goodman).

Zoom: Florian Dargel (Ceres & District Community Trust).

Apologies: None.

1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed all attendees to the public meeting, both in the Craigrothie Village Hall and on Zoom. No apologies were recorded.
2. **Kevin Buttercase Bereavement:** The Chair noted the sad bereavement of Kevin Buttercase and David Beveridge spoke of the sad loss for his family and also for the community. Kevin was a young family man at 39 years of age and his sudden passing is a tragic loss to his wife, young children and wider family. Kevin was also a local hero, has done a considerable amount of voluntary work in the community, often turning out in seriously bad storm or snow conditions to clear roads, move fallen trees and the like.
3. **Amy Ross-Henderson / Neil Martin:** The Chair noted that, after many years of service, Amy Ross-Henderson has resigned from the Community Council because of family commitments and The Chair thanked Amy for the considerable work on behalf of the Community Council. At the same time, the Chair was pleased to introduce and welcome Neil Martin, who has agreed to add his experience and expertise as a Community Councillor.
4. **Ceres & District Community Trust Update:** Florian Dargel reported via Zoom on the Community Trust actions and ongoing project developments.
 - **New Gate on Wemysshall Road to Tarvit Mansion:** The work is now successfully complete, the gate fully operational and the general responses are all complimentary.
 - **Denhead to Old Mill Road Footpath-:** This work has also been completed, all funded out of the Community Trust resources.
 - **Ceres Church – Future Plans:** There was a meeting at Ceres Church on Friday 10 May, at which various proposals for the redevelopment were presented. The Community Trust attended and will convene in order to develop a response to the Church list of ideas. In summary, the proposals are ambitious and will undoubtedly need considerable work to be done. Further details will be available in due course.
 - **Ceres Memorial Hall:** Various matters were considered at the AGM, including possible refurbishment options and a survey has been commissioned. The Memorial Hall does not currently have charitable status.

- **The Glebe:** The Trust is now getting to a point where they are making genuine progress, however the Church of Scotland have discussed a “minimum rent”, which is something new. The Church of Scotland asked if the Trust wished to purchase the Glebe, although a lease is preferred. The Church Session is in support of the Trust taking over the Glebe. Although the Trust does have a large workload, the Glebe is a priority. The proposals for the Glebe will require considerable funding but the Trust will consult fully with the community once the lease situation is resolved.

5. **Flooding in Ceres:** Update:

- A flood management meeting has taken place chaired by Willie Rennie MSP and included Cllr Margaret Kennedy, who will circulate minutes. Cllr Kennedy did confirm that the meeting agreed on implementation of a sustainable drainage system (SuDS) at Gladney to resolve the flooding onto Wemysshall Road and that there are three priorities, being Anstruther Road, Bridgend and Wemysshall Road.
- With regard to Anstruther Road, it was noted that the meeting had agreed that some measures are to be implemented by the owner. However, there is concern regarding a triangular section of land adjacent to the land in question.
- The problem of stormwater and mud deposits on roads in Chance Inn was raised. This is a recurring issue, which residents have cleared in the past. This should be addressed by Fife Council in future.

6. **Traffic Matters:**

- Cllr Kennedy noted that the Fife Council traffic calming proposals for Craigrothie and Chance Inn are now subject to amendment due to problems with locating both build-outs on the A916. It is proposed that the scheme will now be subject to revision and redesign. The Community Council had not been informed of these proposed changes, although this may have been due to problems recently experienced with the CC email system. It was agreed that the Community Council would contact Fife Council to seek further information, request CC participation in the redesign process and for public consultation to be included.
- A St Andrews Road resident in Ceres has complained of persistent excessive speeding through the village, well in excess of the 200mph limit on the B939, particularly early morning.

7. **Local Authority Planning Applications**

- There were no reports of any significant planning applications.
- No other planning applications of note were reported.

8. **Craigrothie Village Hall**

- There are proposals to upgrade and refurbish Craigrothie Village Hall, for which grant applications are being considered. There is potential funding available from the Community Ownership Funding, but to apply for funding the Village Hall will need the Ceres & District Community Council to apply or agree to be co-applicants. There is an Expression of interest required prior to the 10 May. The Community Council confirmed that it agreed to become involved and cooperate with the application.
- The process may be of equal interest for Ceres Memorial Hall and cooperation is being considered.

9. **Local Road Maintenance Works**

- The CC noted that the Fife Council website <https://www.fife.gov.uk/> has a facility for reporting on maintenance problems. This is effective and is relatively easy to use.
- The collapsed wall adjacent to Anstruther Road above Ceres remains unrepaired. It was reported last September and raised in Fife Council. The wall is the property of the landowner and there is a difference in opinion as to the potential risk to the road. It

10. Police Report

- General advice for reporting crimes and other emergency incidents can be found on the gov.scot website <https://www.mygov.scot/report-crime>
- The Police Report has been issued but is usually a statement of statistics.

11. Resilience Group / Warm Spaces:

- Chris Goodman reported on progress in exploring resilience options in Ceres. He gave a report to the Ceres Memorial Hall AGM, which was positively received. It was agreed that the activation plan as presented should be adopted. Thanks were noted to Kenny McLeod, at Craigrothie Village Hall for support.

12. Any Other Business

- **Ceres Highland Games:** The annual Games are set for Saturday 29 June, with community events throughout the preceding week. The Games Committee are looking for as many local volunteers as possible to assist.

The Meeting Ended: 9:00pm

Next Public Meeting: Monday 08 July 2024 at 7:30pm, Craigrothie Village Hall