



**Ceres and District Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Monday 10 July 2023**  
**Ceres Memorial Hall**

**Present:** Moira Henderson (Chair), David Beveridge, Alistair Ewan, Christine Hudson, Faith Nicholson, John Hudson, Cllr John Caffrey and six members of the public.

**Zoom:** Amy Ross-Henderson and one member of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr Margaret Kennedy, Cllr Stefan Hoggan-Radu.

1. **Welcome:** Moira Henderson (Chair) welcomed all attendees to the public meeting, both in the hall and on Zoom, and noted the apologies.
2. **Previous Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for public meeting of 08 May 2023 are approved as an accurate record and will be made available to the public.
3. **Flooding in Ceres:** Update:
  - The Chair summarised the primary problems and developments to date, including the C&DCC report and the subsequent multi-agency consultative meeting, concluding that another multi-agency meeting is to be arranged.
  - Local councillors are fully aware of the issues and have been fully supportive.
  - It was reported that a 92-year old resident has experienced problems in obtaining insurance due to insurers referencing the SEPA flood mapping. C&DCC will write to SEPA regarding the insurance problem and request a serious review of the Ceres map and add clarity.
  - The earlier intervention of Cllr Kennedy and MSP Willie Rennie regarding Moor Road was mentioned, in that Willie Rennie got agreement from SGN to carry out some remedial work, but SGN have since backed out and escalated it to their legal department. Alistair Ewan commented on the background and advised that unfortunately only SGN can work above over the gas pipeline.
4. **Ceres Traffic Consultation:**
  - Ceres traffic management improvements are effectively complete.
  - The new box-out at the school now has a bollard on the box-out.
  - Location of change from 20mph to 30mph at South Croftdyke remains an issue, the sign located before the car park entrance and also there are a number of residences beyond the current 30mph sign, which should also benefit from the lower 20mph limit.
5. **Other Traffic Matters:**
  - The problem of speeding through Craigrothie on both the A916 (Cupar Road) and the B939 (Ceres Road) was again restated, together with traffic speeds on Wemysshall Road and the Anstruther Road approaching to Ceres.

- Again, it was proposed that the speed limit on the A916 approaching Craigrothie should be reduced to 40mph from Struthers Barn to Craigrothie.
  - The junction layout at Craigrothie Village Hall incentivises drivers to dangerously cut the corner without slowing down. It was proposed that the A916/B939 junction is modified.
  - A blanket 20mph limit throughout Craigrothie was proposed, similar to Ceres and elsewhere in Fife. Cllr Caffrey commented that it may be possible to discuss this and other measures with MSP Willie Rennie for support.
  - Regarding the proposed speed survey for Craigrothie, Cllr Caffrey informed that there is now a dedicated Fife Council officer but that it will be the same officer as for the Craigrothie bus stop. However, it is hoped that there will now be some positive progress, although there is no definite information as yet.
  - Cllr Caffrey proposed that the old speed survey located by Cllr Kennedy be re-activated, however he suspects that it may have been lost.
  - Public Speed Watch was raised, however it was queried if we have people available for Craigrothie area, as it is generally preferable for people not to operate in their own neighbourhood.
  - The collapsed retaining wall on the road from Ceres to Baldinnie still remains to be rectified.
6. **Ceres & District Community Trust Update:** The Trust Chair, Florian Dargel, gave an update on the Trust activities.
- **The Glebe:** A 25-year lease for The Glebe is now under preparation. The collapsed burn bridge on The Glebe is being inspected by an engineer for the required works, which are estimated to cost £10,000.
  - **Burn Walls:** Reinstatement of the damaged areas caused by the works were sufficient for the successful Ceres Highland Games and due credit was noted for the work of Donald Grant.
  - **New Gate from Wemysshall Road to Tarvit Mansion Grounds:** A builder from a Newburgh company has agreed to execute the work and is approved. Alistair Ewan to meet and resolve final details.
  - **Denhead Public Right of Way (Ceres Road to Old Mill Road):** Local drainage contractor has offered to install new pipework and resolve the problem.
  - **Ceres & District Community Trust Membership:** Membership at only £5 for life.
7. **Local Authority Planning Applications**
- The application for a new residential building in Back Latch has been withdrawn but now appears to have been resubmitted. Due to the location, it is considered that it will probably be refused, but will be monitored.
8. **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 fallen direction sign at the Chance Inn junction was reported via the Fife Council online facility and a response was received from Mark Dewar, who confirmed that rectification was instructed. However, this is still outstanding.
9. **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 was acknowledged without comment, but it was noted that our community police officers are accessible.

- The Chair suggested that the website can facilitate reporting such issues and also that the email address for police matters in the C&DCC area is [CuparCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CuparCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk).

**10. Resilience Group / Warm Spaces:**

- There have been no further developments for Ceres, which needs a small group of volunteers to create a resilience package.
- Resilience planning at Craigrothie Village Hall is led by Kenny MacLeod.

**11. Toilet Facility in Ceres:**

- It was reported that Fife Council delivered 3 no. toilets to the Ceres Inn, then returned later and moved them to the car park. Unfortunately, the disabled toilet was left on a slope and locked. The day before the Games Fife Council engineers turned up and fixed the permanent toilets, which were then fully operable for the Highland Games.
- A permanent fully accessible disabled toilet is required.
- Community consultation is required to initiate action.

**12. Warm Places / Spaces**

- Ceres Village Café and Craigrothie Village Hall.
- Government funding was questioned.

**13. Proposals to Regenerate St Andrews Community Hospital:** No update received.

**14. Craigrothie Bus Shelter:**

- Craigrothie bus shelter is finally installed (after over 2 years since January 2021).
- It is proposed that a “Grand Opening” will be organised for the shelter and also the refurbished Craigrothie phone box, probably for the September Drop-In Tuesday – further details to follow.

**15. Twinning with Ceres in Italy:** No further developments.

**16. Any Other Business**

- **Fly Tipping:** It was reported that at least two farmers have reported problems with fly tipping. Blame FC’s policies at Ladybank and Cupar recycling centres, the booking system and restrictions on trailer size for free tipping. It is simpler for people to fly tip, which means that farmers have to waste time and money over getting rid of the waste legally and paying fees. They have requested the CC’s views and FC action. JC commented that FC are looking for a new site but require 3.2ha and this will take time.
- **Jim Duncan:** The community’s condolences were expressed regarding the sad death of Jim Duncan in Craigrothie and loss for Irene, his wife.

**The Meeting Ended: 9:00pm**

**Next Public Meeting: Monday 11 September 2023 at 7:30pm, Craigrothie Village Hall**