



Ceres and District Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting Monday 10 March 2025
Ceres Memorial Hall

Present: Moira Henderson, David Beveridge, Alistair Ewan, John Hudson, Cllr Margaret Kennedy, Cllr John Caffrey and nine members of the public.

Zoom: Three members of the public.

Apologies: Neil Martin.

1. Welcome / Apologies / Chair Introduction:

- The Chair welcomed all attendees to the public meeting, both in the Ceres Memorial Hall and on Zoom. The Chair noted the apologies as received.

2. Fife Community Councils

- Updating of personal details for the Community Council account with The Royal Bank of Scotland are slowly being resolved and subsequently the Fife Council grant application can be submitted.
- However, the bank account is healthy and it has been agreed that C&DCC will donate £1,000 each to Ceres Memorial Hall and Craigrothie Village Hall. There will also be a donation of £500 to Ceres & District Community Trust for PPE and equipment necessary for voluntary work in clearing access above Moor Road for the contractor.

3. Ceres & District Community Trust Update: Florian Dargel gave an update on the ongoing Community Trust activities and projects.

- **Ceres Memorial Hall:** Transfer of the Hall to the C&DC Trust was completed on 28 February 2025, with the formality of purchase for £1.00. However, it will be necessary to reimburse lawyers, which will be reimbursed via grants.
- **The Glebe:** The final agreement between the Trust and Church of Scotland is almost complete, only requiring an agreement on the date of entry. The 25-year lease will be settled with a single rent payment in advance. The Trust will now look towards development of The Glebe, including a replacement bridge, although it was noted that this will require a substantial amount of money.
- **Moor Road:** DT Stewart have met with the Trust, who need to arrange for the clearance of vegetation in order to provide access. DT Stewart will then install new ditch works and clear the existing ditches. DT Stewart will also provide a quotation for the upgrade of the Gladney ditch.
- **Ceres Church and Session Hall:** No further developments.

4. Flooding in Ceres:

- **Scottish Flood Forum:** The Scottish Flood Forum aims to maintain a network of community resilience groups in flood risk areas and assist communities in coping with flood problems.
- **Ceres Flooding Update:** Alistair Ewan gave an update following the report by Cllr Margaret Kennedy and noted the unpaid support from DT Stewart. However, key areas in the community

require attention. The major issues requiring priority include Wemysshall Road, the road adjacent to DT Stewart's yard and the continuing problem gully / drain on Cupar Road. Regarding Cllr Kennedy's report, it was noted that there is very little progress, with the exception of works to the Anstruther Road speed table. The Gladney burn pipe under the road across from Stewart's yard regularly backs up and overflows discharging

- Cllr Margaret Kennedy requested the Community Council to respond with full details of the major issues.
- **Latch Burn Wall:** The wall built in Latch Burn at the back of Wemysshall Road is still obstructing the burn and that the problem currently sits with Planning Enforcement. an enforcement order.
- The walkway by the burn from Bow Butts to Meldrums is still not repaired.

5. Traffic Matters:

- **Craigrothie and Chance Inn Traffic Calming Measures:** Absolutely no progress. The Fife Council planned commencement of work, already in substantial delay, was again postponed from 25 January 2025 and planned for 07 April 2025.
- **Craigrothie Bus Shelter:** The Craigrothie bus shelter destroyed in a traffic collision is still not resolved. The car has finally been removed, but the temporary barriers are unfixed, are often moved and pose a constant risk.
- **Wemysshall Road:** The request for a 40mph limit on the entire road remains a key issue and the proposals for a warning sign at Old Mill Road by "Jeans Gate" stating "Pedestrians Crossing" is a requirement. It was proposed that a speed table should be installed at the commencement of the Ceres 20mph zone.
- **Ceres Road Markings:** A member of the public noted that the road markings throughout Ceres are eroded, which leads to increased speeding. These need maintenance.
- It was reported that two more cars have been recently damaged on Main Street in Ceres. Traffic density and the necessity for on-street parking remain issues that are difficult to resolve with infrastructure work.

6. 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.
- **Dangerous edge erosion near reservoir on Garlie Bank.** Fife Council have now repaired the eroded edge to the carriageway, but unfortunately it was observed to be poor quality work and will undoubtedly soon need further attention. The problem on the road persists, because there is more erosion developing a short distance down the road and other potholes are appearing near to this location. The road is a main A-road, carries a lot of traffic and the condition of the complete road from Craigrothie to Cupar is unacceptably poor and needs maintenance.
- The wall in the field adjacent to Anstruther Road is still collapsed. However, there are differing opinions as to the responsibility for the repair work.
- Landslide on road to New Gilston is still coned off but there is no sign of any repair being planned.
- The speed flashing sign at the entry to Ceres from Craigrothie has been repaired and is now operating.

7. Accessibility

- The general accessibility issues in Ceres were discussed, in particular the challenges of pavement widths, steep hills, etc. It was proposed that a designated parking bay directly outside the door to Greens should be considered.
- It was noted that a number of disabled parking spaces in Cupar do not have dropped kerbs, which are essential for wheelchair access from the road.

8. **NHS Fife Annual Review**

- The potential reductions in service funding and proposals for permanent cuts in the Out of Hours and minor injuries services and the online survey for public consultation were highlighted again by Cllr Margaret Kennedy.
- There is a formal consultation scheduled for 30 March 2025 and Wendy Chamberlain MP and Willie Rennie MSP intend to be involved.
- Cllr John Caffrey advised that the survey unfortunately offers three similar options on the way forward, whereas something very different is required.

9. **Resilience Groups & Warm Places / Spaces**

- Chris Goodman – team lead in Ceres.
- Kenny McLeod – team lead in Craigrothie. It was noted that with the impending renovation works due to commence, the Craigrothie Village Hall will be temporary unavailable as a Resilience Centre.
- It was noted that the recent power outage caused considerable problems, particularly for vulnerable residents. Unfortunately, Scottish Power failed to address this obligation adequately. It was noted that a small generator powered a few houses in Craigrothie, but not the centre for resilience. It was also commented that Scottish Power saw fit to provide free fish suppers in Cupar but failed to provide temporary generators where they were actually required most urgently.

10. **Area Internet & Mobile Phone Connection**

- Next update pending the return of Neil Martin, who is on a trip to Antarctica..

11. **Local Authority Planning Applications**

- There were no reports of any new significant planning applications.

12. **Police Matters**

- Incidents reporting on gov.scot website <https://www.mygov.scot/report-crime>
- A community newsletter was issued in December.
- There is no information regarding the possibility for Coffee With A Cop, however the CC will request an update.

13. **Any Other Business**

- **Craigrothie Village Hall:** Craigrothie Village Hall refurbishment and improvements crowd funding programme, supported by Aviva, is currently successful.

The Meeting Ended: 9:00pm

Next Public Meeting: Monday 12 May 2025 at 7:30pm, Ceres Memorial Hall.