

**CROMBIE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
Monday 29 June 2015**

Minute

Present:

Mike Coughlan (MC) – Chairman
Tony Orton (TO) – Secretary
Ruth Padmore (RP)

Apologies:

Cllr. Kate Stewart (KS)
Ramone McKenzie (RM)
Sandra Schafferius (SS)

Attendees:

Carol Young (CW) – 62 Central Road
Caroline Welch – 24 Farm Road
Alex Hastings – Crombie Farm
John Wilson – Waulkmill Farm
George Brown – 29 Central Road
Margaret Coughlan – 1 Little Foothorn

1. Welcome and apologies.

2. Resignations

Sandra Schafferius had resigned as Treasurer for personal reasons.

3. Minutes.

- AGM - Monday 23 March 2015 – approved at MC 25 May 2015.
- MC - Monday 25 May 2015 – Proposed TO – Seconded – Ruth Padmore.
- MC - Monday 22 June 2015 – Proposed TO – no seconder was present at the meeting.

4. Office bearers reports:

• **Chairman:**

- Last meeting before Summer Break.
- Congratulations to the Social Group for another excellent Gala – thankfully the weather was helpful this year.
- There will be an 'It's Your Neighbourhood' (a subsidiary of Beautiful Scotland) visit on 28 July to assess and advise on the village environment.
- 5 Year Plan – Using the survey conducted in November 2014 as a starting point a new survey will be conducted to establish the views of the community on what they like about the village, what they dislike about the village, a vision for the future and the main strategies and priorities to develop of an action plan.

• **Secretary (Vice-Chairman):**

- **Treasurer:** As SS had resigned TO presented the current bank account statement (attached) which represents all of the transactions made by CRA since it was constituted. The available balance is £56.90.

5. Business Arising

- **Election of a new treasurer** – MC asked for volunteers for the post of treasurer. There being no volunteers TO asked RP if she would be willing to take on the post – she agreed that she would.

Decision: RP was elected unanimously as the new treasurer.

- **CPS** – Fife Housing have declared an interest in demolishing the school to build houses.

Decision: CRA would oppose this planning application as it was the intention of CRA to develop a proposition to gain the use of the building as a 'community asset'.

- **Fife Housing** – Fife Housing Group have informed CRA that they have delayed the start of the Phase 2 constructions in Central Road until in order to carry out an assessment of the need for further affordable housing in Crombie and also what type of housing would be required. The feedback indicated that whilst there was no opposition to the Phase 2 construction because it mealy replaced houses that had been demolished, there was general opposition to flats in what is a small rural village.

- **Dog fouling** – more action - ongoing and will be included in the next village newsletter;

Decision: it was decided that a reminder would be included in the next newsletter.

- **Village Notice board** – TO had researched possible commercial notice boards and considered the cost (£400 to £1,500) to be beyond our present financial position; however, it could be included in our proposed grant application. As chair of the Social Group CW made a very generous offer of £500 towards a notice board if CRA went ahead and ordered one.

Decision: It was decided that, whilst the offer from the Social Group was considered to be very generous, CRA would await the outcome of its grant application before accepting this offer.

- **Village clean-up** – part of It's Your Neighbourhood (Beautiful Scotland);

Decision: To await the outcome of the Assessor visit on 28 July and any recommendations made by Terry Stott.

- **Gala 2015** – MC had thanked congratulated the Social Group for a very successful Gala in his report above.

- **Finance and fund raising;**

- Received email from Linda Bisset, Head of Democratic Services for access to the CC assets asking for a copy of the constitution – sent – still awaiting response.
- Grant application – ongoing;

- **Digital Fife** – Construction of website – still ongoing

- **Insurance** – To cover the Management Committee liability...

Decision: – As there were still insufficient funds this would be included in the proposed grant application.

- **Offer of voluntary assistance** - Nationwide Contact Centre - holding response received.

Decision: CRA would take-up this offer as part of the proposed 5 year plan.

- **Planning:**

- Development DP-CRM001 (John Wilson) – still not supported by FifeDev Plan.
- Planning Application – John Wilson was in the process of submitting a planning application despite the fact that the development had not been supported in the FifeDev Plan.

- Planning Application – 15_01165-FULL, Ordnance Road. Feedback indicates that the community would prefer this development rather than the continuing derelict condition of the Church and shop buildings. The Admiralty intend to object to this development because of the access to the road down to the base which is owned by the MOD.

- **5 year plan:**

Decision: As stated in the Chairman's report, using the survey conducted in November 2014 as a starting point a new survey will be conducted to establish the views of the community on what they like about the village, what they dislike about the village, a vision for the future and the main strategies and priorities to develop of an action plan.

6. **Any other competent business.**

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 20:15.

7. **Calendar of future meetings.**

Decision: The following dates were confirmed:

MC – 31 August 2015 19:30	- 5 Orchard grove
GM – 07 September 2015 19:00	- Community & Leisure centre