

# **CROMBIE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

## **GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday 06 September 2023 at 19.00 hrs  
Crombie Community Centre

### **AGENDA**

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1. **Welcome and Apologies**
2. **Minutes**  
GM Meeting 7 June 2023  
MC Meeting 16 August 2023
3. **Business Arising**
  - Update by Chair on Business from last meeting
4. **Correspondence**
5. **Reports**
  - Pertinent Reports from Management Committee
6. **Community Garden Report (CW)**
7. **Future Events (CW)**
  - MacMillan Coffee Morning
  - Halloween
8. **AOB**
  - Results of Facebook poll on Spending of £1000 left from Social Group –
    - Defibrillator
    - Sports Equipment for Play Park
    - Electricity for Cabin
  - Discussion of Suggestions from Crombie Fling Comment Box
9. **Calendar of future Meetings**  
  
MCM As and when required  
  

GM	Wednesday 6 December 2023	19:00 – Community Centre
AGM	Wednesday 6 March 2024	19:00 – Community Centre
GM	Wednesday 5 June 2024	19:00 – Community Centre
GM	Wednesday 4 September 2024	19:00 – Community Centre

# **CROMBIE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday 07 June 2023 at 19.00 hrs  
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## **MINUTES**

### **PRESENT:**

Katrina Kane - Chair (KK)  
Mike Coughlan – Vice Chair (MC)  
Caroline Welch – Social Convener (CW)  
Christine Middleton - Secretary (CM)

### **ATTENDING:**

Councillor Brian Goodall (BG)

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Ruth Padmore, Joeleen Hanlin, Ben Morris and Kate McQuillan. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted that once again there were no residents attending apart from the Management Committee and Councillor Goodall, which is a very poor situation and if this continues the Residents Association will be forced to consider other options, as the support is not forthcoming from the village. Councillor Goodall suggested one way forward would be to extend the boundaries for the Limekilns, Charlestown and Pattiesmuir Community Council to include Crombie, and to have a member on that. Councillor Goodall undertook to look into whether this would be viable.

The Chair decided to continue the meeting despite the lack of attendance.

### **2. Minutes**

AGM Meeting 8 March 2023– noted and agreed (proposed by CW, seconded by MC).

MC Meeting 17 May 2023 - noted, no queries arising (proposed MC, seconded by CW).

### **3. Business Arising**

- Lawn mower – still undergoing service/repair, awaiting spares. Phone company for update – action CM.
- Constitution – still on-going.
- Housing update – this has been further delayed due to a change of person in post for information and an issue with MoD. Work has not yet started and there is no firm date for this. It was suggested that the Management Committee write or e-mail to the Superintendent at Crombie Depot asking for an update, or for him or a representative to attend the next MC meeting.
- Speeding – recruitment is still ongoing for a speed camera training course by Police Scotland and 3 local villagers were suggested to be put forward for this. Councillor Goodall informed the meeting that the “Pop Up Police” were at the printers at the moment and 3 are designated for Rosyth, but one should be earmarked for Crombie. These figures should be moved around regularly so motorists don't get used to their position and should not be left out for too long. Also give thought to the best areas to target as cars speed along Ordnance Road where children play – add in to e-mail/letter to Base Superintendent.
- BG noticed the state of the grass cutting in Crombie, and had mentioned it to the relevant team. They have replied that they know it is not up to the usual standard, but it is due to holiday and

sickness leave and a second cut is scheduled. It is acknowledged they have done a reasonable job in bits, but not got to all areas. It was noted that if villagers don't have notice of when the grass cutting is taking place, cars etc cannot be moved beforehand to accommodate the grass cutting machinery.

- Councillor Goodall was asked if he could mention to the refuse collectors to please put bins back where they come from, instead of leaving them in the middle of the road – this was noted.

#### **4. Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence.

#### **5. Reports**

The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting but briefed the Chair that a large payment had been made to Tony Orton as he had finally supplied receipts for work undertaken on the garden cabin toilet. The next financial statement would show two large payments made for hall rent for the Warm Spaces Pop In events held recently.

Warm Spaces – it was reported to the meeting that after deducting expenses, there was an £860 underspend, which would possibly have to be repaid to Fife Council. BG undertook to ask if this can be put to ongoing measures. The initiative is continuing in Mike's house, so could possibly be able to be put to that, or could CRA inherit it for other funds – Action BG to investigate. If we are allowed to keep it, can we be advised on how to spend the shortfall.

The Chair reported that a Cheese and Wine evening is to be held to get other people involved so it might be able to be put to that under the Come Together banner.

#### **6. Community Garden Report**

CW informed the meeting that the Community Garden committee was grateful to the people who came to cut grass and strimmed, - thanks very much. The Cake and Catch Up event recently had used £1.40 of Bob's electricity. Bob is not very well at the moment, and it underlines how much of a go between he is and how much he does for the community garden. The main concern for the garden committee is whether Nigel is giving us bedding plants? If not, some will need to be bought to go out now. It was agreed to take money out of donations just now to purchase. Mike to ask Nigel regarding the bedding plants. After discussion, it was agreed a sum of £50 can be used to be spent on bedding plants for the coming months.

#### **7. AOB**

- Cheese and Wine and Highland Fling – more information to follow on Facebook
- Parking on Farm Road – this issue was raised on the Community Facebook page again recently and it was again emphasised that the cars are taxed and MoT'd, just there are a lot of them belonging to one person taking up a lot of communal spaces.
- CW said that the CRA is missing out on hearing about planning permission as we are only a Residents Association. As mentioned earlier if we linked up with the CLP community council we would have this information and this could run concurrent with the CRA. The area is short of people who want to stand as councillors, so might be glad of new bodies. BG said possibly pay a visit to the next community council meeting to see if it would suit Crombie – BG to let us know the date of next meeting.
- The Chair mentioned the £1000 which had been earmarked for gym equipment in the park, but this was now thought to be too expensive. The village should be asked what they want this money to be spent on – either by the village survey or on the Facebook page.
- BG said the Nature Conservation Group in Charleson is helping with their community garden in the school and some of their projects could be expanded to Crombie and it

would be useful to make people aware so literature includes Crombie. There are opportunities to swap cuttings/advice and produce in the community gardens.

- The Chair asked to get a list of surgery dates and times to put on the village notice board and Facebook page so villagers can attend.

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MC meetings as and when necessary

**CROMBIE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST AT 7 PM – COMMUNITY GARDEN CABIN**

**LIST OF ACTIONS FOR CROMBIE FLING**

Present – Katrina Kane (Chair), Mike Coughlan (Vice Chair), Caroline Welch, Christine Middleton (Secretary), Angus

Apologies – Ruth Padmore

The meeting was called by the Chair to discuss the arrangements for the Crombie Fling and Ceilidh on August 26th 2023 and to devise a task list for actions and for personnel to undertake specific roles at the events.

The Chair took the opportunity to thank all personnel involved in the last week's organising whereby the MC were able to secure the community centre for the ceilidh, even though the correct paperwork for a BYOB function and Risk Assessment had not been filled out. Thanks go to Tom O'Shaunnessy and also to Kate McQuillan for obtaining the licence.

It was noted that the new CRA website was under construction and all members are urged to have a look and see what should be updated / amended / deleted from the old website. This can be viewed at [crombielcommunity.org.uk](http://crombielcommunity.org.uk) – all comments welcome.

Action	What	By Whom
Crombie Fling	Jenga / Connect 4 / Snakes and Ladders	CM
""	Water & Wine Stall / Tombola	MC
""	Caber Toss /	KK
""	Javelin Throwing	Lindsey
""	Check with Penny & Kathleen regarding soup and shortbread	CW
""	Raffle Tickets – money and stubs to be in ASAP	CW
""	Music / Welly Boot	JH
""	Haggis Hurling	RP
""	Bouncy Castle	Michaela
""	Tidy Up	BM
""	Erection of Tent – Saturday 9 am.	RP
""	Staking of Arena area	Bob
""	Inflatable Axe Throwing and Archery	KB
""	Tuck –go to Bookers / Haggis to be priced / rolls from Baynes / Stephens the Bakers	CW & KK
""	Cheerleaders etc to be sourced and practice to be organised	CW
""	£10 to be given to each piper from raffle money	CW
""	Prize money for event winners agreed at £5 to come out of raffle money – all present agreed	CW
Complaints Box and poster	Have Your Say, anonymous and unjudgmental comments can be left	CM
Leaflets	Print double sided in colour	CM/MC
Ceilidh	Money for Band – check how it is to be paid – Bank Transfer?	KK
Date of Nest Meeting	Wednesday 23 August at 7 pm in Garden Cabin.	



## IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD - MARKING SHEET

<b>Name of group: Crombie Residents Association</b>	<b>Assessment date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023</b>
<b>Name of assessor: Colin Ainsworth</b>	
<b>Introduction:</b>  Crombie is a small village located a few miles south of Dunfermline. It has extensive views of the Forth and is a quiet residential area with a mix of housing. Crombie's main problem is a lack of local amenities. The residents association was formed to try to re-establish community spirit in the village. The group's main hub is the community garden which successfully acts as a meeting point for the village. It is a pity that access to the Council run village community centre is not given to the group as it is adjacent to the community garden and has toilets which at present cannot be accessed by the group.	
<b>Section A - Community Participation (40%)</b>	
<p>The group have a core of local volunteers who look after the community garden, including maintaining the grass, looking after the large poly tunnel and successfully growing a number of vegetables which are available to the village.</p> <p>The many planters located throughout the village are planted by a small group of locals. The majority of the plants are grown on from plug plants.</p> <p>As well as the core of regular volunteers, the group can call on additional help from residents and local trades.</p> <p>The group appeals to a wide range of volunteers and are lucky to have some experienced gardeners including a retired Fife Council gardener who worked in Pittencrief Park in Dunfermline.</p>	
<b>Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30%)</b>	
<p>The group's planters utilise a substantial amount of upcycled containers and materials to construct them. In the community garden, the majority of the water used is from rainwater harvesting, and the power sourced for the cabin is from a solar panel.</p> <p>The group compost most of the green waste created, and a local resident includes the waste from his chickens.</p> <p>The group also enhance the work done by Fife Council to keep the area litter free as well as encouraging residents to be responsible with dog fouling.</p>	



### Section C - Gardening Achievement (30%)

There is a great deal of horticultural experience in the group, the experienced members mentor less experienced members.

The group is growing crops that are of interest to the local children, such as sunflowers and pumpkins, which has helped to encourage families to get involved in the community garden. Much of the produce grown in the community garden is available to local residents for a donation.

There is a great deal of planters located throughout the village, all adding colourful displays. There are feature areas on street corners, with a wide range of plants being grown from plug plants.

#### OVERALL LEVEL ACHIEVED

**Level 4 - Thriving**

#### Areas of achievement:

The community garden is an excellent area and seems to be well used by the local community. The plants being grown are in good health and from the evidence seen on the visit, appreciated by the local community in Crombie.

When I was last assessing Crombie, the funding had just been secured for the polytunnel and the area for the community garden had been identified and agreed with Fife council. It was great to see the development of the garden and it being used and appreciated by the local residents of Crombie. The floral enhancements dotted around the village and the fact that the village is on the Fife Coastal Path shows anyone passing through that the village is cared for. It was good to see a wide age range using the garden at the time of the visit.

#### Recommendations/suggestions from your assessor:

Look into more perennial plantings as doing this will help cut down on the amount of plant plugs required for the planters. It was mentioned that a source of perennials maybe available from a large private garden. If this link is successful, then changing the ethos of planting in the village will work well. As you have experienced horticulturalists, then practical demonstrations of seed sowing and general propagation could be done.

Perhaps think about farm to fork demos as well as there are ample vegetables. Hopefully Fife Council may be amenable to having a member of the residents Association being a key holder for Village Community Centre so facilities could be accessed by the Community Garden.





## RESULTS

Level	Description
Level 1	Establishing
Level 2	Improving
Level 3	Advancing
Level 4	Thriving
Level 5	Outstanding

