

CROMBIE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 06 December 2023 at 19.00 hrs
Crombie Community Garden Cabin

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
2. **Minutes**
GM Meeting 6 September 2023
MC Meeting 15 November 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)**
 - Christmas events
 - Warm Spaces
8. **AOB**
 - Update on poll on Spending of £1000 left from Social Group –
 - Defibrillator
 - Sports Equipment for Play Park
 - Electricity for Cabin
 - Query from Tony Orton - *Why does the CRA Committee accept that the Social and Garden Sub-Committees can distribute leaflets to promote their events whilst CRA is unable to distribute leaflets to promote the quarterly CRA General Meetings and to distribute the Papers of CRA General Meetings to CRA members.*
9. **Calendar of future Meetings**

MCM As and when required

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
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Wednesday 06 September 2023 at 19.00 hrs
Crombie Community Centre

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

ATTENDING:

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Kirsty Baldo.

The Chair mentioned that there were 5 members attending so the meeting was quorate, but no members of the village had attended. It was mentioned that the small hall in the community centre had been hired and this had saved the committee money as there was no need to hire the large hall due to the small number of attendees. The Chair mentioned the monthly Police Report and suggested that it should be circulated on the Facebook page.

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

2. Minutes

GM Meeting 7 June 2023– noted and agreed (proposed by CW, seconded by MC).

MC Meeting 16 August 2023 - noted, no queries arising (proposed MC, seconded by CW).

3. Business Arising

- Contact the Base Superintendent regarding speeding cars – still to do. Noted MoD had erected a speed sign which is helping to appease the villagers and reduce speeding.
- Pop up Police and refuse collectors – ongoing to be updated by Cllr Goodall.
- Community Council update required from Cllr Goodall.
- Councillor surgery times to be put on Facebook page.

4. Correspondence

Dougie from the Ceilidh band that played at the Crombie Fling had been in touch to say invoice paid and happy.

5. Reports

The Chair informed the meeting that the last couple of months have been good, the cheese and wine evening was a success and even though not well attended, was enjoyed. Floral and gala grant going through had helped. The purchase of a Card reader has been a great help and will be useful in future events. The Macmillan coffee morning has a QR code to use in place of cash.

Highland Fling was very good – the events and the band were great and will be used in future. The children really took part and had a great day. The weather was very kind and with lots of events being inflatable, a windy day would have been unfortunate. The Ceilidh was well attended, but BYOB was a problem. There was confrontation with some members of the village but it was brought to a peaceful conclusion. Things like this will get reported back to Fife Council and may affect future events. Some people who attended hadn't paid so things to be put in place for next year to avoid this happening again. To be treated as a learning curve.

Treasurer – accounts in hand – bank statements are not in until 10th of the month, but will be reconciled for next Management Committee meeting and General Meeting.

Raffle ticket money to be reconciled but after taking outgoings into consideration there will be a small profit for the CRA.

6. Community Garden Report

CW informed the meeting that Mara Padmore as now joined the team and is a great help to the Community Garden and follows instructions well. The garden is in good shape and finances are steady – they will be concentrating on growing bedding plants from seed for next year. Lots of grant money is being spent on fuel for the grass cutter.

It's Your Neighbourhood – Crombie achieved a Thriving award this year, which was very generous but the garden team was pleased that mention was made about getting access to the toilets and keyholder status at the community centre. Nigel is cutting back on work next year so will be able to lend a hand more to achieve Outstanding status.

7. Future Events

MacMillan Coffee morning – Saturday 30 September 10 to 12 – games from MacMillan can be overseen by Mara and Destiny. 9am start – to put up marquee. Leaflet and posters to be produced. Gas leak in cabin is requiring fixing. Stalls are to be offered at £6 a stall donation directly to Macmillan on the day.

8. AOB

- Defibrillator – Treasurer has details and will update at a later date
- Revamp of Play Park – there is currently no money to undertake this. Discussion about installing equipment to be tabled at a future meeting.

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GM	Wednesday 4 September 2024	19:00 – Community centre

MC meetings as and when necessary

**CROMBIE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**
Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 19.00 hrs
Community Garden Cabin

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

ATTENDING:

Kate McQuillan

9. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Ruth Padmore, Treasurer (RP) and Joeleen. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

10. Minutes

No minutes were presented.

11. Business Arising

Regarding the issue of monies being needed for purchases by CRA members the Chair stressed the need for a second bank card for the CRA bank account. This has been on-going for a long time, and is causing hardship to some CRA members. At present, money is being spent and re-imbursed by the Treasurer, and with the Warm Spaces starting up again, these sums can mount up. It would be better to have money on hand before purchasing rather than after. It was agreed that a float of £500 should be given to the Vice Chair, and £300 to Caroline for purchasing of food etc for sundries for the Warm Spaces – all in attendance agreed. It was agreed that the bank should be approached to see what the hold up is with providing a second bank card – Action KK.

The Chair informed the meeting that she was not in favour of moving forward with the grant for £4,000 for the Warm Spaces if it meant that people would be out of pocket when buying things. She would rather hand the money back. There was the opportunity to use some of this money on a Defibrillator and blankets/rugs and an electric fire for the Community Centre, as the heating takes a long time to heat the building. CM to speak to Tom O'Shaunnessy if the building is not warm enough this week.

12. Correspondence

No correspondence was discussed.

13. Future Events

Santa's Grotto - The two Santas are organised and the grotto is in hand. It was decided to either get Big Chocolate Santas from Aldi or the Chair had been in touch with someone who does children's Christmas treats for gifts for the children. To be discussed when more information is to hand. No gifts for the Santas this year, but Thank You cards to be printed and handed out as necessary.

Christmas Light Switch On – Still to confirm that JJ Chalmers is available to do the switch on – RP to confirm as soon as possible. The Chair had been in contact with a man who runs a Ukelele orchestra – possibly contact and see if he would provide music. As per last year, mulled wine / mince pies/ soup to be provided; wood burner for heat and disposable barbecue for toasting marshmallows to

be provided; Bob supplying electricity with a meter reading being taken before and after the switch on. Disposable cups and diluting juice to be purchased. Black fabric for polytunnel to be purchased.

KM to look into getting someone to PAT test the Christmas lights before the event.

Agreement was given to various purchases of Christmas lights and decorations. Programme to be drawn up giving approximate times of the events – Action CM.

Warm Spaces – back running every Thursday in the Community Centre – for Burns Night it was suggested that a Haggis, Neeps and Taties Takeaway could be provided and if people can't make it to the Community Centre for the activities, they could pick the meal up later in the day.

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