

# **CROMBIE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CRA)**

## **Minutes of a Management Committee (MC) Meeting Held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 19:00 at 5 Orchard Grove**

### **Present:**

Helen Baldwin  
Neil Baldwin  
Craig Mitchell  
Scott Mullings

Tony Orton  
Katherine Pearson  
Sandra Schafferius  
Hans Wallace

### **1. WELCOME and APOLOGIES**

Tony Orton welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. There were no apologise; however, Ruth Padmore was known to be on holiday.

### **2. RECORD of the GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 26 March 2013.**

The record of the General Meeting was unanimously accepted.

### **3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

Election of the Office Bearers:

#### **Chairperson:**

Tony Orton - Proposed by Katherine Pearson  
Seconded by Sandra Scafferius  
Unanimously carried

#### **Secretary:**

Hans Wallace - Proposed by Sandra Schafferius  
Seconded by Neil Baldwin  
Unanimously carried

#### **Treasurer:**

Neil Baldwin- Proposed by Tony Orton

### **ACTION**

Seconded by Craig Mitchell  
Unanimously carried

**Vice-Chairperson:**

It was decided to leave the post of Vice-Chairperson vacant.

**4. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

The newly elected chairman stated that the main strength of the new CRA was that, with the single exception of himself, the committee members had no association with the now discredited Community Councils. It was pointed out that at the previous two meetings it had been difficult to fend off the intention of some residents of the village to try and use the new CRA to hold the previous Crombie Community Council (CCC) to account. As Chairman it would continue to be his intention to look to the future and a new start. However, as an individual resident of Crombie he would continue to work with Fife Council (FC - Bill Welsh) to establish the facts surrounding the disbandment of the previous CCC. As was stated at the previous General Meeting he would encourage any resident of Crombie to follow his example and approach FC – Bill Welsh personally.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

To continue to achieve initial momentum the Chairman had already contacted FC (Lynn Hoey) to:

- have the Flyers and Constitution printed.
- apply for the initial set-up grant of £150.
- assistance to create a Child Protection Policy.
- assistance to create a survey questionnaire to establish what the village would like to see the CRA progress.

## **6. TO CONSIDER THE ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED AT THE GENERAL MEETING**

### **Crombie Primary School:**

The Chairman stated that he had contacted the Crombie Primary School (CPS) Secretary and attempted to contact the Head of Education for West Fife Donna Manson – Donna was on holiday. The Area Education Officer for West Fife (Adrian Watt) had stated that subsequent to the initial meeting of the Executive Meeting in October 2012 the Sustainability of schools in Fife was on-going. There would be a full Council Meeting on 4 April and an Executive Meeting on 16 April. However, the formal consultation process would continue to take several weeks. The earliest possible time for closure action would be August 2014.

### **Beautiful Fife Scheme – Clean-up Crombie Week.**

The Chairman stated that improving the environment of Crombie village was his personal ambition. Hans stated that he would like to see a repeat of the clean-up weekend that was conducted last year. The Chairman stated that he would support a repeat of a clean-up weekend this year. Scott Mullings stated that in the past he had volunteered to make planters if he could be supplied with the necessary wood.

### **Play Park:**

The Chairman stated that he had tried to contact Peter Houden/ Claire Lovett without success. However, Colin Davidson (Fife Parks Maintenance) had stated that the contract with the contractor for Fife Kingdom reconstruction was to reinstate the Play Park to its original state. However, a previous CCC had requested that under the concept of biodiversity, the land should be allowed to go to natural meadow. He could not

confirm the rumour that it would become an orchard. However, he did state that 10 trees were being stored in the depot awaiting the developer to improve the site.

### **Central Road:**

The Chairman stated that he had contacted Kingdom Housing and had been informed that on behalf of Fife Housing Association (FHA) they had been responsible for Phase I of the reconstruction of Central Road. However, Phase II was the sole responsibility of FHA. FHA (Allan Henderson) confirmed what had been stated about the Play Park and stated that Mike Creech would contact him when he returned from holiday.

## **7. TO CONSIDER THE SETTING-UP OF A BANK ACCOUNT**

It was agreed that the Chairman, the Secretary and Treasurer would get together to arrange for a bank account to be opened in the name of the CRA.

Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer

## **8. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

The Chairman stated that it would be helpful to spread the workload around the committee members if each member took on responsibility for a particular area of policy.

Craig agreed to take responsibility for Education Policy (CPS) and for liaison with the Play Park Group.

Craig Mitchell

The Chairman agreed to take responsibility for the Crombie village environment – Beautiful Fife and the clean-up weekend. Additionally, it was suggested that Fife Council should be encouraged to restart spraying weeds within the village.

Chairman

Scott Mullings agreed to take responsibility for liaison with FHA on matters to do with the reconstruction of Central and Main Road.

Scott Mullings

## **9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The following dates for future meetings were accepted:

16 April - MC meeting at 5 Orchard grove.

07 May - MC meeting at 5 Orchard Grove

14 May - General Meeting at Crombie Community & Leisure Centre.

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Meeting closed at 20:10