

# **CROMBIE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CRA)**

## **Minutes of a Management Committee (MC) Meeting Held on Tuesday 16th April 2013 19:30 at 5 Orchard Grove**

<b>Present:</b> Tony Orton (TO) - Chair Hans Wallace (HW) - Secretary Neil Baldwin (NB) - Treasurer Craig Mitchell (CM) Sandra Schafferius (SC) Ruth Padmore (RP)	<b>Apologies:</b> Scott Mullings (SM) Katherine Pearson (KP) Helen Baldwin (HB)
<b>Guests:</b> Caroline Welch (CW)- Chair Crombie Social Group Claire Massey(CM)- Secretary Play Park Group	

### **WELCOME**

TO welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and then introduced the guests.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

SM KP and HB had submitted apologise for not being able to attend due to employment commitments. RP will be attending but apologises for having to arrive late.

### **2. MINUTES of the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (MC) MEETING Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.**

The minutes of the MC meeting were unanimously accepted.

**Proposed:** NB

**Seconded:** CM

### **STATEMENT BY CHAIR.**

TO stated that so that our guests would not have to stay for the whole of the meeting he was going to bring forward the Agenda items covering the Park Group and the closure of Crombie Primary School. The Park Group

### **ACTION**

would be dealt with first.

### **Play Park Group - TO introduced CM.**

CM stated that the Play Park Group were making inroads towards their goals, and would be canvassing the village for support. They were applying for substantial grant assistance to regenerate the park – however, they would be required to raise a percentage of the money themselves. CM also informed the meeting that the Crombie Caterpillars were back up and running, Jolene Hanlan taken over.

On behalf of CRA TO offered our full support.

### **Crombie Primary School Closure – TO introduced CW.**

CW had sent CRA a letter dated 11/04/2013 officially requesting the General Meeting scheduled for 14/05/2013 be brought forward with a view to discussing the potential closure by Fife council of the village school, and that the CRA initiate a consultation process. Additionally, that CRA assist in canvassing the Village for opinion on this, gather as many facts as possible, raise support against school closure, and petition Fife Council on Village opinion.

CW: school closure would affect all residents in different ways.

TO: proposed 30/04/2013 General Meeting to be held at Community Centre (CC) 1900hrs, with canvassing of whole village before meeting.

**Proposed:** TO

**Seconded:** HW

TO: petition to be worded to appeal to residents of Village not just School users. Discussed others agreed.

TO

HW: JW welcome, but risks taking focus away from school issue, his presence may disrupt meeting, a written statement of support may be better initially.

Discussed others agreed.

CW: CSG gala 15-20th July, left draft program, stated they have applied for funding, and on Mon 29th will be employing a youth leader, their focus on CC, and CSG would be affected by School closure.

The guests CW and CM left the meeting.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MC MEETING

**Bank account.** The CRA bank account has been set up by the three signatories, TO (Chair), NB (Treasurer), HW (Secretary).

Actioned

**Education – Crombie Primary School.** Dealt with earlier in the meeting.

#### **Crombie Environment:**

**Play Park.** Dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**Beautiful Fife.** TO stated that he had been in contact with Fife Council on behalf of CRA, and had met with Keith Jackson (KJ) (Parks and Community Events Officer). This had been a very positive meeting. KJ will help CRA with the Floral Enhancement Scheme and would also purchase floral enhancement items for CRA out of his own budget. Also agreed to a site visit in the Crombie village to start CRA off with a plan of action. CRA had come to the situation a bit late and would need to focus on next year's growing season.

TO & HB

**Clean-up weekend.** Will be decided upon later. Environmental Svs would supply skips for village clean-up.

TO & HB

**Weed spraying.** TO stated that Keith Jackson would put us in touch with the appropriate Fife Council department. SS: weed spraying may need to canvass village.

TO & HB

**Planning and Development – Central and Main Road.** SM had emailed to say there were no changes since Mike Creech had phoned TO.

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB had emailed TO to offer assistance with the Beautiful Fife Scheme.</li> <li>• CW had sent a letter to CRA request to bring forward GM with focus on school.</li> </ul>	Actioned
<b>6.BUSINESS TO CONSIDER</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Child protection policy.</b></li> <li>• <b>Village survey.</b></li> </ul>	
<p>TO had met with Sharon Hutchinson (SH) and Maureen Burgess (MB) from Fife Voluntary Action (FVA) - part of Fife Community Action Group.</p>	
<p>MB will email TO with an example Child Protection Policy. SH and MB will assist CRA with creating a general survey/questionnaire. They would review a similar survey done by Saline village a while ago and get back to CRA. Additionally, they would be able to support CRA with fundraising, including funding for the play park.</p>	TO
<p>Finally SH sees problems with CRA constitution that could affect CRA's ability to apply for grants. When time allows discussion and amendment needed.</p>	TO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The proposed CPS closure</b> - Dealt with earlier.</li> <li>• <b>Planning and development</b> – To be dealt with after the GM 30<sup>th</sup> April.</li> </ul>	On-going
<b>7.ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TO: after school focus on fundraising.</li> <li>• Need to revise constitution.</li> <li>• Investigate need for insurance.</li> </ul>	On-going TO Secretary
<b>8.DATE TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS</b>	
<p>GM: 30/04/13 1900 CCC</p>	

MC:	07/05/13	1930	5 Orchard Grove
GM:	11/06/13	1900	CCC
MC:	25/06/13	1930	5 Orchard Grove
GM:	13/08/13	1900	CCC
MC:	10/09/13	1930	5 Orchard Grove
GM:	08/10/13	1900	CCC
MC:	12/10/13	1930	5 Orchard Grove
GM:	10/12/13	1900	CCC

**MEETING CLOSED**

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