

Minutes of Meeting of Elie and Royal Burgh of Earlsferry Community Council held on 5th May at Earlsferry Town Hall

Present: Carol Birrell (Acting Chair), Grizelda Cowan, Kirsty Barclay, Cath McIntosh, Christian Aitken, Richard Smith, George Cowan

Apologies: Cllrs Alycia Hayes, Fiona Corps and Sean Dillon.

New declarations of interest: None.

December Minutes: Proposed by Cath and seconded by Christian.

No Councillors' Updates

Questions from the Public

We have received communication from Neil Grieve with regard to the increasing amount of rubbish on West Bay. It is believed that most of it has been washed up by the tide. Neil is happy to continue collecting and disposing of said rubbish but if anyone would like to volunteer to help, they should contact the CC via our website – www.elieandearlsferry.org.uk . Gloves and rubbish pickers are available to borrow.

The CC notes that the lower carpark at Ruby Bay, which is privately owned by Elie Estate Trust, is now charging for parking for both day visitors and overnight campervans. We received an enquiry asking if a change of use application should have been made for such but understand this was not necessary.

The CC has been asked to enquire why the planned mobile mast has not materialised; we understand that the reason for this is because the mobile providers have decided that there is no need as the signal in the village is perfectly 'satisfactory'. As we are all aware this is not the case, the advice is that all those for whom the signal is poor should contact their provider directly requesting a better service.

A member of the public has independently erected further fencing and signs in an effort to protect the dunes on Earlsferry Beach. It was agreed that it is still just possible to access the public bench despite the new fencing and signs.

The CC has been informed by Out of Hours @ St Andrews Community Hospital Group that it has been agreed to operate a three month trial to offer pre-op assessments at the hospital. This will be of great benefit to all those living in North East Fife and we hope that this service will become permanent.

Update from Elie and Earlsferry Water Group

An unusual high number of 'spills' have been reported recently and we understand that the quality of the water is to be monitored more frequently. We look forward to further updates from the group.

NnG Windfarm Funding

The CC has received applications from Elie Sailing Club and The Environmental Action Group. It was agreed unanimously that both applications should be approved. There still remains some funds in the pot so further applications will be invited with a deadline of end of September. Grizelda to publicise as before.

Toll Green

Grizelda has approached a number of companies which might be able to repair the flagpole and we are waiting anxiously for their quotations. Meanwhile, Carol will continue to liaise with Jo Mendum re ownership of the Toll Green and the flagpole.

Planning Matters

Georgeville 3 Links Road Earlsferry Ref 26/00979/FULL

It was agreed that the CC should submit an objection to this application citing that the proposed alterations are out of scale with the existing building and would seriously impact on the privacy with

its neighbours. The full objection will be posted on the FC Planning portal after the expiry date, 14th May.

Nicky drew the meeting's attention to proposed plans to build on Elie Estate. It was agreed that the proposals should be put to the CC at a separate meeting. Nicky to arrange date and venue.

Infrastructure

As ever the list of requirements grows ever longer - please see list -

<https://www.elieandearlsferrycc.org.uk/Index.asp?MainID=36593> which is constantly being updated

All concerns relating to Fife Council issues can be reported directly to

<https://www.fife.gov.uk/services/report-it-online>

Elie Kirk Update

The Open Day held on 2nd May was well attended. It has been decided to offer a share option as part of the funding exercise to enable purchase of the Kirk at £100,000.

For update on all activities please see:

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Elie-Kirk-Community-Enterprise-61570226601836/>

Contact: eliekirkCE@outlook.com

EAG Update

Members of the group have been hard at work planting out annuals in the villages' planters.

Treasurer's Update

Payment has, at last, been made to FC for part of the cost of the playpark.

Cath is still working on our change of bank account which, when finalised, will bring us into the 21st century and enable us to have an on-line account. It has been a long tricky process to say the least.

AOB

Alex Nairn informed us that spraying in Nairn Park is about to take place and that the public will be notified on the day.

FCCT are planning to start work on clearing the sand from roads at the Toft on 2nd June

Next meeting Tuesday 2nd June 7.30, Earlsferry Town Hall.