

# Crail Preservation Society

Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, 15th October 2024, Legion Hall

## AGENDA

1. **Attendance:** D. Gowans, D. Jerdan, S. Young, L. McMahon & P. McMahon
2. **Apologies:** T. Sullivan and K. Thurlow
3. **Approval of Minutes** of the Committee Meeting of 16th July 2024 - Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
  - Current Finances - Report Appendix A.
    - 2024 funds from Fife Council are from NE Fife Graves Settlement Trust, not Crail Common Good. **Action: PM**
  - Year End Reporting, will be complete by mid-Nov.
  - IE - Trustees agree to use Fife Voluntary Action.
  - AGM Planning — January timeframe. Could Kelsey deliver the Sea Boxes presentation?
    - **Action: PM.** Call short trustee meeting to approve accounts, before submission to IE.
  - CPS Archive Protocol
    - Minimum requirement is to keep for 7 years. Look for possibility to cover 10 years. Consider options to keep the accounts summary, but perhaps dispose of invoices and receipts. **Action. DG**
5. Reports
  - Membership Report (Liz McMahon)
    - Prepare scripts to go in standard emails, by mid-November. **Action: LM & DG.**
  - Denburn Park (DG)
    - Meeting of Denburn Park team held on 14th October
      - Original orchard was planted with 12 different Scottish apple trees. Strathkinness, for example, is planted to maximise apple production for community use so limited range of varieties.
      - Team's proposal is to go the heritage route with 5m spacing. **Supported by CPS trustees.**
      - Looking at preparing the land before planting, by ploughing or rotavating. Try to keep this minimal to avoid an uglier appearance.
      - Plan is to make the Miramar Hedge Rosa Rugosa, when will be an even greater deterrent with a more dense form of growth.
      - Grass control options with Geranium Sanguineum on fresh land and Yellow Rattle in existing grass.

- Requesting funding support by having £5000 transferred to the existing Denburn Park Restricted Fund to cover the current deficit (gates and installation) and future purchases. **Supported by CPS Trustees.**
- Planning Report (Dennis Gowans) - all main activities being driven by CCC and CCP, regarding airfield development. Waiting to see how owners may appeal the decision.
- Doocot Report (Sandy Young)
  - More Doos have been stolen. Bringing in about £20 per week. Some online donations being made using the QR code.
  - Floodlight damaged by gardener. Need to isolate the electrical supply. **Action. DG.**
  - New owners at Doocot Park. (Post-meeting: SY managed meeting with new owner (Cameron Ritchie), who is willing to cover Doocot electrical costs.)
- Kirkyard Projects (Dennis Gowans)
- Airfield (Kevin Thurlow)
  - SY visited site to measure for possible tarpaulin. Reported that there was a very disappointing reception from Airfield Manager.
    - Consensus was that we should hold off attempting any preventative works while ownership is uncertain. Initial works would need to be creating access from the road. Action to inform TAT building owners that we are not welcome on site. Would prefer to know more about ownership before taking any action. **Action: KT.**
- Denburn Wood - Community Asset Transfer -
  - Our CPS lawyer wrote to Fife Council on 14th Oct, to query why no response to our July Offer.

## 6. AOCB

1. Committee Recruiting - each committee member to try and identify one more committee member. **Action: All.**
2. CPS Flyer to be reprinted. **Action DG.**