

# Crail Preservation Society

## Minutes of Meeting Tue 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Present: D Gowans, S Young, K Thurlow, L McMahon, P McMahon, D. White

Apologies: K Jackson Williams, D Black, T Sullivan

Minutes of 2/3/23 – approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

- £25,777 @ RBS + £33,800 @ Scottish Widows = £59,577
- OSCR – Accounts submission by End June. I have entered and saved 90% of what is required and will do the final submission in the next few days
- Gift Aid & GASDS – since this meeting Dennis has handed me a bag of Membership forms. I will go through these to sort re new Gift Aid claim (last one was for YE 31/10/21)
  - **SY** to see if he can provide me with 2 yrs GASDS amounts since last claimed (4/4/21)
  - **DW** to contact HMRC for my approval as Authorised Official and DG & SY as Approved Officials

### Membership Report

- 102 Members, 55 Life Members
- 47 Annual Members
  - 39 Gift Aid ticked
  - 8 Gift Aid unticked
- Donations YTD £480 from 17 members
  - Largest = £180 from Alan Pitts of Perth
- 17 Non-renewal/past members
- DG felt Life Members needed some special attention, DG & LM to prepare a CPS update letter which may encourage the odd donation

## Planning

- DG still waiting action by the owners of “the Italian Restaurant” re fascia and down pipes
- Crail Local Place Plan – there will be another review around the end of summer to update the LPP, for submission to Fife Council in January 2024.

## Doocot

- Sweeney’s have quoted £6,238 for fungicidal treatment and painting
- Will proceed in mid to late summer
- The Common Good Fund will provide 50% of the cost and DG confirmed we have £2,821 reserved for the Doocot in our Accounts
- SY confirmed we have has £1,631.30 donated since the refurb
- Electric supply is from Doocot Park. New owner, Gordon McLeod, is happy to pay the cost of our electricity which is approx. £144pa.
  - SY - would be better if we had the agreement to pay electricity costs in writing, as before.
- Owner also offered to host wifi too which could mean a saving for £200-£300pa if we could get rid of the current BT broadband
- Also investigating the possibility of installing an electronic gizmo to allow contactless payments of donations should visitors so wish. Less cash being carried post-Covid

## Lumsden

- The Lumsden project is closed out financially
- Fungicide has been applied. We could be trained up to do this ourselves and would then need to purchase the necessary hardware?
- DG & KJW meeting with the architects to investigate future Kirkyard projects e.g. the Lindsay memorial (with it’s links to Wormiston and family)
- DG to advise further on new projects once he has some quotes to discuss
- Lumsden and Mercat Cross projects to be closed down financially – PM to do

## Fundraising

- Perhaps we could target Life members for special attention?
- Flyers for visitors at known holiday residences?
- Flyers as Festival events?

#### Denburn Park

- DG – as of today, we are sheep-free!!
- Now we need to decide on what to do with the area – various options –
  - Open access from Balcomie Road and Denburn wood to coastal path
  - Formal animal leasing arrangement which could earn some revenue
  - Create a wild meadow
  - Expand the orchard
  - Mix of above
- DG will contact Will Cresswell re a preliminary grass/weed cut

#### Denburn Wood

- Request for placing a bench in memory of Jenny Brett has been made by the British Legion who will pay for same. Some concern about the dangerous precedent it may set however we do have a tree damaged bench in the wood so could allow it as a straight replacement for that
- Has been a minor issue with a Balcomie Green resident who has complained about the close proximity of cutting piles (funeral pyres!) near their property. They will be moved at the end of summer once any nesting animals are gone.

#### Mercat Cross

- A final payment of about £600 to be made. Thereafter only ongoing maintenance.

#### Any Other Business

- DW – can we think of/decide on a permanent address for the Society to reduce the disruption when we change personnel e.g. Dawn to Peter. Dennis thought the Museum was the obvious choice and would speak to those concerned
- SY – Guide to Crail (and the Isle of May) was last issued in 1935. Would we consider doing a revised edition, even to go on general sale?

