

## **Crail Community Trust**

Meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 48 Nethergate

**1)Present.** Helen Armitage, James Aird, Donald Macgreggor, Mhairi Mackenzie, Jack Jarvis, Dan Clayton

**2)Apologies** Ed Stephens.

### **3) Trust Objectives**

The trust's objectives have been modified since it became apparent that the sum required to clear the liabilities of the former Childrens centre had increased to approximately £63k . To service this debt and operate the centre would require an income of perhaps £600 per month. This would not be feasible with the projects that were being considered for the centre. The present state of these activities are discussed below.

The Secretary was urged to contact Henderson Loggie concerning the present status of sale of the Centre and if a sale was not forthcoming to ask that the Centre be put on the market for sale since its liabilities was increasing merely through the passage of time.

### **4) Trust membership**

In order to comply with our articles of Association we need to increase our membership to at least 20 persons. After discussion it was agreed that there would be adult and youth membership – No advantages were seen in having other than members with full voting rights and it was decided that adult membership would be a single one off subscription of £10.00 and youth membership was to be set at £5.00. A public meeting to discuss the ambitions of the Trust and to invite members will be held as soon as we have our projects under way rather than just ambitions without substance.

### **5) Financial Position**

We have received grants from Hi-Arts Scotland to purchase our Own Projector for the Film Club. In addition we received a £4500 grant from the Locality Budget part of which was allocated for the purchase of a sound system for the Club. A Transfer from the Community Council has been used to purchase a Larger Screen. Donations have been received from the Burns supper, Strolling Players and Wormiston Gardens open Day. Personal loans have been credited to the Trust but were related to the possible purchase of the Children's centre. These will be repaid following the breakdown of negotiations to purchase the centre but no time limit is placed on this repayment. The Film club has received £1200 in annual subscriptions and £242 from payments at the door. We still have fees to be paid for several films but will be able to offer at least 2 films more than those advertised.

### **6). Current Projects**

a) **Town Hall**

A Committee comprising Mhairi Mackenzie, Ed Stephens, Jack Jarvis. have been elected to manage the running of the Town Hall. At the moment rental income does not meet expenditure on insurance, heating and rent. This situation is made more difficult through the loss of former users of the hall and more effort is needed to increase use. A new Yoga class will help in this matter. No maintenance has been carried out this year and income needs to be increased to cover such items. A lift to transport people to the Hall is needed to improve access. Jack will have a weekly coffee and cake morning on a Tuesday morning to supplement funds and raise money to install a lift.

**b) Community Hall**

Although a meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> September with Joe Macguiness, Fife Council, to discuss a lease arrangement for the Community Hall there has been no further progress to date. We have no idea at the moment whether this will be advantageous to the Trust and accordingly whether the Trust will be able to run the Hall at a profit. Fife council will investigate whether the Council would be able to continue to be responsible for the employment of the caretaker.

**c) Film Club**

The Film Club is now well into its first year of operation and must consider how to continue into the second year. A grant for equipment has been obtained from Hi-Arts – Screen Scotland that has been used to buy a Panasonic Projector. Money from the Locality Budget has been used to buy a new surround sound system and a larger screen – 14 feet wide is currently on order. We have a viable membership of 44 residents but our attendance rarely attracts most members and a number have not attended any film. It is important to increase attendance since we need the present level of membership to continue into our 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

Arrangements are being pursued to show films at Anstruther. This may include Saturday morning showings for a youth audience as well as possible showings for an evening Film Club.

**d) Multiuse games Area**

Discussions have been initiated with Alan Bissett of Fife Council concerning Tennis Courts and a MUGA pitch in Beechwalk Park. Indications are that Fife Council will be prepared to deal with aspects of this proposal e.g. Design and Planning. Ronnie Webster was quoted at £108,000 in April 2009 for Two Tennis Courts and a 36m x 36m MUGA. This should be well within the budget for the revenue raised from the sale of the former Tennis Courts. It was considered that any former restrictions on development in Beechwalk Park would not apply to the proposed sports project.

**e) Snowdrops by Starlight**

The Trust has been asked to facilitate various aspects of the proposed Snowdrops by Starlight Project at Cambo this coming year. This involves the Cambo woods being illuminated by floodlights during two weeks at the height of the snowdrop display to attract tourists. Crail would act as a centre for overnight accommodation and departure point for people in order to minimise traffic into the Cambo estate. All arrangements are being undertaken by Catherine and Peter Erskine and the Trust is primarily acting as a vehicle through which funds may be channeled. The Trust is prepared to undertake this role provided that it has no financial liability towards the venture.

#### **f) Community Energy**

The government is anxious to increase the amount of renewable energy used in Scotland in order to reach its target of 20% by 2020. Accordingly, communities are encouraged to invest in renewable power supplies such as wind turbines. It is estimated that a 250kw turbine could generate as much as £100k for a local community. Initial conversations with people in Crail give positive support. It is envisaged that a 39metre high turbine somewhere near Kilminning would be sufficiently remote to cause little noise pollution and have a restricted visual impact from the village. The tower would be about the same height as St Rules Tower. A meeting is being held on 26<sup>th</sup> October to discuss possibilities with Tom Young of the communityenergyscotland project. Grants are available for feasibility studies and probably towards turbines.

#### **g) Christmas Gift and Card Sale**

We are very grateful to Helen for organising the Christmas Card and Gift Sale in the Community Hall on the 31<sup>st</sup> October at which profits will go to the Trust. This will raise the profile of the trust in the village. Coffee and soup will be served by the Red Cross throughout the day. To date 20 Tables have been booked for the event.

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