

Ferryden & Craig Community Council

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MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF FERRYDEN & CRAIG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2026 18:30 AT FERRYDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Attended By:- FCCC:- 5 Community Cllrs, Angus Council (3) :- Cllr Braes, Cllr Gall, Cllr Stewart, Ferryden PS. Mrs Minty & 2 P7 reps, Mrs Baxter (Ferryden Playgroup) & 1 member of the community (13 Total)

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1	Chairperson's Welcome G Newton welcomes all after our short summer recess			
2	Apologies Cllr Duff, David Cameron, Sheenagh McLaren			
3	Membership Present G Newton (Chair), C Cameron (Vice Chair), M Fletcher (Secretary/ Treasurer), D Pullar, D Smith			
4	Approval of Previous Minutes Proposed:- D Pullar / Seconded:- D Smith			
5a)	Ferryden School Report Mrs Minty accompanied P7s Sophie & Abby who both presented the attached report with perfection! Special thanks to Mrs Minty & her class for setting up the hall for our meeting.			
5b)	Ferryden Playgroup Emma Baxter, Manager of Ferryden Playgroup, spoke about the playgroup's strong links with the school and wider community. The playgroup is a registered charity working in partnership with Angus Council and undertakes fundraising throughout the year. Emma proposed holding a small community gala in the park, potentially in June 2027 before the end of the school term. The event could include stalls, games, raffles and tombolas, with local organisations such as the lifeboat and fire service invited to attend. It was hoped that the gala could become an annual event and grow over time, while allowing participating organisations to raise funds. The practical requirements were discussed, including permission from Angus Council, parking, first-aid provision, toilets, licences, insurance and risk assessments. It was agreed that a separate meeting should be arranged to explore the proposal, identify volunteers and establish which organisation would take the lead. Emma advised that the project would support the			

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	playgroup's improvement plan, which focuses on community engagement, and agreed to share the relevant section with the Community Council. Actions: • Emma and the Playgroup Committee to investigate the requirements and costs involved. • Emma to share the community-engagement section of the Playgroup's improvement plan. • A separate meeting to be arranged to discuss the proposal, responsibilities and volunteers. • Michelle to send Emma Eve Mosher's (Sea Change) contact details	01/09/26 01/09/26	E Baxter M Fletcher																																								
6	Police Report Apologies from Police – monthly report received A rural crime WhatsApp group has been established for farmers to report suspicious activity; however, no incidents specific to Ferryden had been reported. Fly-tipping remains an issue around Ferryden. A recent incident was reported to Angus Council with supporting evidence, but no update had been received. Angus Council has removed approximately four abandoned vehicles from the village, with two still remaining. Untaxed vehicles should be reported to the DVLA, while abandoned vehicles should be reported through the Angus Council website. A traffic police vehicle was observed patrolling the village on 30 August.																																										
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8	Planning Report Nothing contentious																			
9	Chairperson’s Report The Chair advised that the Community Council had remained busy during the summer recess. An update was provided on the Ferryden and Craig Community Trust (FCCT). Sandy Nicol has retired as a trustee, leaving three remaining trustees. The Trust is temporarily unable to carry out financial transactions while the necessary paperwork is completed to re-register the current trustees with the Registers of Scotland. This was expected to be resolved shortly.																			
10	Action Items from previous minutes																			
a)	William Street – Sheds & Decking The FCCT is dealing with the unauthorised sheds and decking. Solicitor is involved, and the owner has been advised that they do not own the land and that the development breaches planning regulations.																			
b)	Trees & Bushes on Beacon Terrace A lot were cut back without disturbing birds, and pathways sprayed. Will look into FCCT maintaining area going forward, with potential land rental income being used for pollarding big trees	01/09/26	G Newton																	
c)	Pier Safety – Drop into Sea Additional safety signage is being arranged, including a sign warning motorists of the drop into the water. Long-term and overnight parking by campervans and other vehicles remains a concern. The existing sign will be updated to include campervans and motorhomes, and traffic wardens will be contacted regarding enforcement. Campervan on pier being used for long term storage and one intermittently. 4 cars blocking access . Parking notices have been purchased as a deterrent																			

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d)	Picnic Area at Lighthouse Road The picnic area has now reopened following improvement work carried out by volunteers S McLachlan & G Newton. The fence was extended and painted, and the area was weeded, strimmed and tidied. The loose stone slabs will be set in concrete to secure them. A safety concern was raised regarding the approximately three-foot drop from the roadside, and it was suggested that additional fencing may be required. Responsibility and liability for the area will also need to be clarified.			
e)	Stones in Play Park The grass in the play park has now been cut. Angus Council's Parks Department is aware of the stones and does not consider that any further action is required. This item can now be closed.	02/06/26	G Newton	01/09/26
f)	Glass Recycling – Rossie Island The possibility of installing an additional glass-recycling bin at Rossie Island was discussed. It was agreed that the existing recycling facilities are sufficient, and the Port Authority was not supportive of an additional bin at this location. This item can now be closed.	02/06/26	Cllr Stewart	01/09/26
g)	Wall below houses on Rossie Terrace and steps from Hillview Path to Rossie Terrace (in need of repair) Remain in need of repair. The Roads Department was contacted, with a follow-up email sent on 1 September. A response is still awaited. Action: Cllr Stewart to follow up with the Roads Dept.	01/09/26	Cllr Stewart	
h)	Fly Tipping D Pullar has contacted R Pinner with details			01/09/26
i)	Dog Littering Resident has made some friendly posters to put up			
j)	Old Scout Hall Awaiting FCCT signatures once registration complete			
k)	Abandoned Boats at Basin The abandoned boats remain an ongoing concern. It was confirmed that the Crown Estate owns the basin and that Angus Council previously leased it. The Chair agreed to contact Cllr Duff and the Crown Estate to clarify responsibility and seek a resolution. Preventative measures are required to discourage further boats from being abandoned. It was also noted that the life boats have previously been called when unsecured boats have broken free. Action: G Newton to contact Cllr Duff and Crown Estate	01/09/26	G Newton	
l)	Christmas Lights & Tree Contact details for installing electrical sockets on the lamp posts were received from Cllr Stewart. A quotation for fitting the power supply is still awaited. Small Christmas lights previously used in Forfar and			

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	Carnoustie have been offered to the village and require collection. Suitable frames and an electrical supply will be needed before the lights can be installed, and it was noted that the lighting project may not be completed this year. The possibility of installing a Christmas tree at the pier was also discussed. A suitable sleeve would be required to secure the tree, and members will examine the type being used in Montrose. Permission and access to a power supply will also need to be confirmed. Actions: G Newton to chase the quotation for fitting power and arrange collection of the lights. G Newton and D Pullar to investigate the location and securing sleeve for the Christmas tree. Confirm the permissions and power supply required.	01/09/26	G Newton D Pullar	
m)	Rubbish in King Street Rubbish had remained outside a property in King Street for approximately 5½ weeks, with black bags accumulating because the household bins had not been put out for collection. The bags were subsequently removed by people in an unidentified white van. As this was not an Angus Council collection, concern was raised that the waste could potentially be fly-tipped. The household has additional bins, but these are not always presented for collection, particularly during windy weather. Attempts have been made to speak with the resident about the risk of rubbish attracting vermin. The property is privately owned not Angus Council tenancy. Action: C Cameron to continue monitoring the situation and provide an update.	01/09/26	C Cameron	
11	Agenda Items			
a)	Seagreen Projects Update <u>Core Path 093 – Esk Road</u> Following T Crowe & L Wilson stepping back from the FCCC, Seagreen confirmed that responsibility for managing the Esk Road project and its remaining funds now rests with the FCCC. After the final payment to Geddes, approximately £7,200 is expected to remain. Permission will be sought from Seagreen to use the remaining funds for other improvements such as signage, traffic-calming measures and parking-related issues. Actions: M Fletcher to confirm the final remaining balance. G Newton to contact Seagreen regarding approval for using the remaining funds.	01/09/26 01/09/26	M Fletcher G Newton	

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	<u>Ferryden Pathways</u> Work on the Scuperie Steps is progressing, with precast concrete steps and new handrails being installed. Once this work is complete, gravel will be spread on King's Roady. Two wheelchair-accessible ramps are also proposed for the park. Actions: • Arrange for gravel to be spread on King's Roady once the steps are completed. • Contact Paul regarding the proposed wheelchair-accessible ramps. Underspend could be used for trees, another picnic bench at the bottom of Scuperie Steps <u>Ferryden in Flower</u> The large black planters are now in place and will be cleaned before the new Ferryden in Flower signs are attached, including a special memorial sign for Margaret Mustard. The roundabout and an area within the park have been prepared for wildflowers. Further seeds will be scattered during September/October, with the school and playgroup invited to participate. At Angus Council's request, a scarifier will be hired to prepare and seed the area beside the coble boat where the crocuses grow. Actions: • Clean the planters and attach the new signs. • Arrange a seed-scattering activity with the school and playgroup. • Hire a scarifier and seed the area beside the cobble boat. Ferryden in Flower representatives visited Scotia Seeds. The visit was very informative, with the group learning more about the preparation and management required to establish successful wildflower areas. Members were particularly impressed by Scotia Seeds' knowledge and the large number of bees and other pollinators attracted to the site.	01/09/26	G Newton	
b)	Esk Road Project See 11a)			
c)	Esk Road Camper Vans It was noted that campervans occasionally park overnight on the grass or in the rough car park on Esk Road. A suggestion was made to promote the area as a small stopover for two or three campervans, with visitors invited to make a voluntary donation by QR code, potentially benefiting the Sailing Club. Members raised concerns that advertising the location could attract more campervans, increase traffic, inconvenience residents and affect the quiet character of			

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	the area. Parking availability for the Sailing Club was also considered. Following discussion, it was agreed not to pursue the proposal at this time.			
12	Correspondence			
a)	Crown Estate Funding Correspondence was received from Andrew Robertson regarding the Sustainable Communities Fund, which offers significant funding—potentially tens of thousands of pounds—to community groups. The application period is expected to be very short. Andrew Robertson offered assistance with any questions about the fund. A possible project discussed was replacing the existing surface with a tarmac path extending around the back of Rossie Island, subject to Angus Council's approval. Action: G Newton to review the fund's criteria and application requirements.	01/09/26	G Newton	
b)	Angus Council has published a third set of draft evidence-report chapters for the next Angus Local Development Plan. These cover: Sustainable transport and active travel Town centres and retail Business and industry Rural development Community councillors were encouraged to review the chapters and submit any comments. The consultation closes on 6 October 2026.	01/09/26	ALL	
13	Seagreen Community Fund <u>New Applications –</u> £119.78 MG 55: FCCC, Varnish for Pebble Wall £450.00 MG 56: FCCC, Bush Trimming Beacon Tc £150.00 MG 57: FCCC, Wood for Picnic Area Fence repair Balance - £3,607.02 <u>Outstanding Applications:-</u> £500.00 Jennifer Robertson – Bench by Elephant Rock £250.00 Jennifer Roberston bench installation Approved on provision land owners permission granted This is now progressing, G Newton, B Alston, D Pullar discussing – WILL TR <u>Applications on hold:-</u> None			
14	A.O.C.B.			
a)	Community Council Elections The deadline for submitting nomination forms for the Community Council election was confirmed as 4:00pm on 2 September 2026. The current Community Council will stand down at midnight on 5 October 2026 while Angus Council			

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	completes the election process. As the next meeting had been scheduled for 6 October, an alternative date before 5 October will be arranged. Action: M Fletcher to check the availability of Ferryden Church Hall for a rescheduled meeting.	01/09/26	M Fletcher	
b)	Citizen of The Year Award Members were reminded that nominations for the Citizen of the Year Awards must be submitted by 30 Sep 2026.			
15	Questions from the floor			
	None			
16	Next Meeting - to be confirmed Mon 5th October 2026 – Ferryden Church Hall			

Ferryden School Report
Ferryden & Craig Community Council Meeting
Tuesday 1st September 2026

Back to school

We returned to school on the 18th of August. Miss McKay, our head teacher has now left Ferryden and has accepted a permanent post as a Quality Improvement Officer with Angus Council. Mrs Jones continues to be acting head teacher and Mrs Siegert is acting deputy head.

Whole School Learning

Everyone at Ferryden Primary School are working on a whole school topic of "What Makes Our World Wonderful?" Each class has decided upon their own topics linked to this theme. We will then showcase the learning to parents, later this term.

We have also begun using an exciting new maths resource called Magma Maths, which we will be using this year.

House Captains

The pupils in primary 7 are excitedly preparing their speeches for the roles of house captains. The presentations are on Thursday.

Community Shed

Our community shed is now open and has provided many items of school clothing for families. We continue to receive donations from Aldi and there are also grocery and hygiene items in the shed. Mrs Minty will be setting up a Facebook page to keep the community updated.

Colour Run

There will be a colour run held in the school grounds on Thursday 1st of October. Like last time, this will be a messy but fun activity.

Junior Community Council

Two pupils from each primary school in Montrose are part of Montrose Junior Community Council. They meet together with Gail Penman from New Solutions, to look at how they can improve the areas in which they live. Our representatives, Aaliyah and Lana, are looking at how the park in Ferryden could be revamped.

Community Café

Our first community café of the new school year will be held on Friday 11th of September between 9.30am and 11.30am in Ferryden Primary School. Everyone is most welcome to join us.