**THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015**

**Community Asset Transfer Request by Crail Community Partnership – Purchase of land at Bow Butts, Pinkerton Triangle and Kilminning South**

**Representations Received**

**DG – Received 30th March 2020**

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I do hope that these asset transfers are approved and take place. Crail needs to own and look after these spaces.

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**MJC – 31st March 2020**

I am forwarding this application to you, which I endorse wholeheartedly. I hope that you will give it your fullest attention and there will be a fruitful outcome.

**JWA – 1st April 2020**

I wish to place on record that I fully support the proposal to transfer Bow Butts Park, Pinkerton Triangle and Kilminning South to The Crail Community.

The proposal will greatly enhance the environmental credentials of the Community making Crail a pleasant, healthy and environmentally friendly place in which to live.

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**JW - Received 31st March 2020**

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Kilminning South is a currently underused neglected carpark and recreational area that the community could make into a valuable wildlife site and community and tourism amenity. Older Crail residents talk nostalgically of using this area for family barbecues and recreation before the area fell into neglect; it would be great to make this area more attractive and better used for both general recreation and enjoying wildlife, while also increasing the space for wildlife in this very intensively farmed corner of Fife.

I would like Crail community to own and manage Bow Butts Park to create a wildlife corridor between Denburn Wood and the proposed new community woodland strip and walkway between Bow Butts and the planned Crail North development; the planned large development has many new homes and providing a safe and pleasant green walking route into the village centre will encourage the new residents to walk, scoot and cycle into school and other village amenities, rather than use their cars- greener, healthier and causing fewer parking problems around the school and shops.

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**DJB – 7th April 2020**

I would like to express my support for the application on behalf of the Crail community for the transfer of three pieces of land at Bow Butts, Kilminning South and Warsea Road respectively.

**MT – 3rd April 2020**

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**JG – 6th April 2020**

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**DM – 11th April 2020**

I write in strong support of this asset transfer. Bow Butts Park is an essential part of the community agreed Crail Place Plan. This plan calls for an extension of Denburn woods northwards into the Crail North development area. Bow Butts Park is pivotal in the implementation of the green lungs of this plan.

I wish to support these asset transfers at Pinkerton Triangle and Kilminning South. These are required to continue and ensure public access to areas identified in the Crail Place Plan for the greening of Crail and its environment.

**MM – 11th April 2020**

I support this application as I walk this area a lot and am looking forward to Denburn Woods being extended to the North through Bow Buts Park.

I fully support these applications on the basis that they form part of Crail Place Plans proposals to provide public ally accessible open/green areas for recreation.

**CM – 13th April 2020**

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**PNH – 13th April 2020**

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**JA – 13th April 2020**

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It is recognised in the **Fife Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP)**, that Fife continues to experience significant loss of biodiversity to urbanisation, industrialisation and agriculture. In the countryside bordering Crail, loss of wildlife habitat through agricultural intensification, housing development and increased recreational pressures is, and will, continue to take place. This is a threat to several species targeted in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan which are found in the Crail area.

The safeguarding and enhancement for wildlife of the green infrastructure assets of Bow Butts Park, the Pinkerton Triangle and South Kilminning would provide an opportunity to redress the balance in a small way, making the most of public/community green infrastructure. This would also provide opportunities for people to access the natural environment for its recognised health and wellbeing benefits, for outdoor learning and volunteering.

By taking on responsibility and management of these important local natural assets, Crail Community Partnership can undertake action to protect and enhance the natural environment, including its wildlife habitats and species. This will assist and support Fife Council in the delivery of its duty to further the conservation of biodiversity under the **Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004**, and in implementing the Council’s policies and aims for the natural environment, in particular the **Fife Local Development Plan: Policy 13 – Natural Environment and Access.**

The asset transfer will also deliver against the **Plan for Fife 2017-2027** stated aspiration to involve local communities in designing places and services, and in helping to deliver environmental improvements, including biodiversity enhancement and climate change mitigation.

By transferring the land at Bow Butts Park, the Pinkerton Triangle and South Kilminning to the Crail Community Partnership this will enable local people to take part in conservation initiatives on their doorstep and help raise awareness about the value and importance of the natural environment. Doing this will not only safeguard and enhance local biodiversity, but also contribute to the quality of life for Crail residents and visitors.

At a time when humanity is facing an ecological crisis unprecedented in its magnitude, pace and severity, action is needed at all levels of society. Local communities can be an agent for practical, positive environmental action and change. I would encourage Fife Council to look favourably at the proposed asset transfer, and take the opportunity to work collaboratively in partnership with the Crail community to improve habitats, safeguard species and encourage increased access to nature.

**JT – 13th April 2020**

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**DC – 13th April 2020**

I write to support the above Asset Transfer of Bow Butts Park, the Pinkerton Triangle and Kilminning South to Crail Community ownership.

I agree entirely with the proposals which I regard as worthy projects for the Crail Community

and future visitors to this rural corner of the East Neuk

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**RF – 13th April 2020**

Bow Butts Park, Pinkerton Triangle and Kilminning South

I refer to the proposed asset transfer applications of the above lands from Fife Council to the ownership of Crail Community Partnership.

The asset transfers may only be a fraction of the size of the Crail North development but mean so much to the people of Crail. It will allow the extension of Denburn Wood over and around Bow Butts Park thus creating a wooded area that can be enjoyed by the present residents of Crail and in the future those of Crail North. It will also allow the children of Crail Primary School to continue caring for and learning about the Insect and fauna in the wild garden they planted a few years ago.

The transfer to the community of the Pinkerton Triangle and Kilminning South lands is much more valuable to the local community than being sold to some non local speculator. The lands will be managed by the local community as wildlife and native fauna havens that can be enjoyed by all.

I hope the Council will approve of the above transfers to Crail Community Partnership. A small compensation compared to the loss of habitat for wildlife and native fauna as a result of development. How much more land will be lost if there is in the future a development at Crail Airfield and wherever next in our area?

**ET – 13th April 2020**

I have lived continuously at the above at the above address since June 1980 and am aware of the steady growth in the use of The Glebe and Bowbutts for pedestrian access to open country, Denburn, the cemetery extension, Beech Walk Park, Crail Church by walkers, dog walkers, runners, shoppers, mourners and worshippers, caravan owners and Balcomie Hotel clients.  The growth largely stems from greater use of Crail housing for holiday rental purposes. During the day in pre coronavirus times, pedestrian traffic is ceaseless so the project for use of Bowbutts as an access road for a 400+ housing development is ludicrous. I therefore support the proposals already submitted by Crail residents for transfer of ownership for creation of additional natural habitat.

I also support their proposals for better use of South Kilminning by conversion to an official nature reserve. I am grateful to FRC for their earlier measures to remove itinerant caravan dwellers from that area as for many years we were denied access for walking, picnicking and seasonal bird watching by broken glass in the parking area, by attack from dogs and threatening approaches by stick bearing males. The area has long been recognised countrywide as a migrant bird site and further development should follow that course.

I also support the ownership transfer proposal for the so called Pinkerton triangle. It is derelict and has been to my knowledge since 1944 when I first came to Fife.  Little can be done to it but present thinking outlined in the submission would add to the pleasure of the Roome Bay walk and make the approaches to Sauchope Caravan Park more attractive.

**CM - 13th April 2020**

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I do hope that these asset transfers are approved and take place. Crail needs to own and look after these spaces.

**RMW – 13th April 2020**

I write to support the three Asset transfers for Crail.

**KB (Kirkcaldy) – 13th April 2020**

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**DB – 14th April 2020**

We write in support of the proposed asset transfer of land at Pinkerton Triangle, South Kilminning and Bow Butts all in or around the village of Crail. The village has been very supportive of the work done by the Crail Community Partnership and as part of this village we would like to add our voices to those asking that this plan to take these three areas under their wing be given serious consideration. A lot of work has gone into the planning of developing and consolidating the areas of woodland and natural wildlife areas around Crail so that they might be connected and therefore provide a wildlife corridor joining these areas. These pieces of land form crucial links in this corridor. South Kilminning in particular will join up with the already existing nature reserve at Kilminning coast on the one side and then through Sauchope Caravan Park to join with the Pinkerton Triangle to the south an otherwise neglected piece of land at the moment but one which is made use of extensively by the people of Crail and I’m sure the wildlife passing through on their limited exercise periods. We know how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful area and to be able to secure and enhance this for future Crail generations must be an aim for us all.

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The land in question is not currently used or maintained to the benefit of the Crail Community. I help to organize the volunteer group who manage Denburn Wood and I know what can be achieved when we can take charge of the surrounding land to enhance our environment to suit our needs.

**LL – 14th April 2020**

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As a permanent resident of Bow Butts for 22 years, having ownership by the community of these areas would mean that we can enjoy even more this beautiful part of the countryside and would ensure it would be maintained in a way that is of increased benefit to the wildlife but also the community and visitors.

It is at this time of Covid-19, when we have to stay close to home, we appreciate even more how incredibly lucky we are to have on our doorstep the ability to walk in such a varied landscape of woodland, field paths, coast and park. We can do this while enjoying fresh sea air and a quiet and safe environment and this can only be enhanced by creating natural corridors linking these environments together.

**GB – 14th April 2020**

I wish to offer my support the application for the transfer of the ownership of land at Bow Butts Park, the Pinkerton Triangle and South Kilminning from Fife Council back into Crail community ownership. I believe that this will provide the best solution for the management and development of these assets into the future, for the benefit of both locals and visitors.

We, in the community, have plans in place to create a comprehensive network of wooded paths through new areas of development and existing farmland that connect Crail’s valued natural and wildlife environment. Our intentions include creating new habitat through the use of rewilding and tree planting. We will develop and maintain the pathways that will connect the local populace and visitors to the wildlife and green areas in and around Crail. The three pieces of land covered by the asset transfer requests are all central to our proposed network:

* Allowing us to own Bow Butts Park would enable us to consolidate the existing wildlife managed area into the adjacent Denburn Wood corridor, and to preserve the wildlife corridor that will connect Denburn Wood to the new woodland along the edge of the settlement at Bow Butts to the proposed new housing scheme in Crail North.
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Our overall strategy is to bring as much potential wildlife land as possible under community ownership, following the model of other local organisations, such as the Crail Preservation Society. This land will be held in trust for the community for the future. The overarching aim is to promote biodiversity and the connections between people and this biodiversity, with the attendant benefits to mental health that have been identified by organisations like the National Trust.

The Crail Community has already demonstrated that it has the necessary experience and expertise needed to manage these assets going forward. We currently own and successfully manage wildlife areas including Denburn Wood and Denburn Park, and we already work closely with Fife Council to manage its local parks and community grassland. The Crail Community has already shown its willingness, capability and priority to do more to enhance its existing environment, at a time when Fife Council is in a situation where it is often having to give priority to other important services.

The requested asset transfers would provide a clear opportunity for the Crail Community to take over the long-term management of its wild spaces. Returning the land to community ownership would enable us to draw up appropriate long-term plans for these areas, in line with the outcome of the Crail Charette’s *Deciding Crail’s Future Local Place Plan–20.06.19*. These plans will include volunteer initiatives, rewilding, and habitat creation. Funding to support these is more readily obtained when all parties know that they are investing in a project that will be permanent and long-lasting, which Fife Council can help to signal by transferring the ownership of the requested assets to the Crail Community.

**GA – 14th April 2020**

I would like to offer my  mail of support relating to the Community Asset transfer requests that have been submitted by the Crail Community Partnership for Bow Butts Park, Kilminning South and Pinkerton Triangle. The areas are of great potential for improvement and management of fauna and wildlife.

**YR – 15th April 2020**

Top flat, 20 Westgate south, Crail Ky10 3RF.

I wholeheartedly support the Initiative for asset transferring in Crail to the community to ensure these lands are kept for the use of the population of Crail and its visitors,

**AS – 15th April 2020**

With a lot of interest I have read about plans to transfer natural areas around Crail into community ownership, with the goal to making these areas publicly accessible nature havens. I fully support these plans and would be delighted if I can help to bring them closer to reality.

 The recent Charrette in Crail has demonstrated very strong support in the community to create more natural environments and diverse wildlife spaces. The designated areas discussed in this proposal (Bow Butts Park, Kilminning South, Pinkerton Triangle) are currently not used by the community, are currently ecologically poor habitats, and present excellent opportunities to achieve the goals expressed by the community.

I am an astronomer working at the University of St Andrews, and have been living in Crail for 6 years now. For me personally the conversion of these areas into wildlife areas and diverse ecosystems would improve the quality of life, the outlook, and the attractivity of the village, and I know many people in the community feel the same way.

Please give this proposal strong consideration.

**MM – 15th April 2020**

On behalf of High Point Crail Limited we would wish to raise an objection to the proposed Community Asset Transfer (CAT) application that has been submitted by Crail Community Partnership (CCP) to Fife Council in relation the land at Bow Butts for the following reasons.

The land within the proposed CAT is located immediately adjacent to the proposed Crail North development, where 12.1 hectares of land are identified for 320 homes over a 20 year period. This land use allocation was approved following extensive dialogue and community consultation through the Local Development Plan (LDP) process and approved by Fife Council through the adoption of their LDP in September 2017. The Crail North housing allocation is one of the largest LDP allocations in the St Andrews and East Fife Housing Market Area.

Significantly Crail North is also identified as an effective housing site as identified in Fife Council’s Housing Land Audit. The land has also recently been the subject of confirmed developer interest from 3 different housebuilders and a preferred bidder has been selected and contractual terms are now underway.

As noted in the adopted LDP, proposals for the Crail North site are required to integrate and connect with the existing settlement which will include integrating the proposed development to existing retained greenspaces and networks in and around Crail.

The LDP requires the Development Framework or Masterplan, setting out the principles to guide the development of the site and is to be prepared by the council in collaboration with the landowners and/or developers in consultation with the community. The reason given for the proposed CAT application by the CCP is to create a larger nature reserve at Denburn Wood to promote ecosystem services including biodiversity, recreation and environmental education.  The Bow Butts area of open space is remote from Denburn Wood and is separated by a roadway.

Our clients recently met the community representatives and at that meeting committed to the provision of a larger area of ground as part of the proposed development to the East of Bow Butts that would from a linear park continuing on the North South Axis line of the Denburn and creating a wild life corridor that could then link into the wider footpath network.

Given that the area of land in question is currently within the ownership of Fife Council and the LDP requires the council to take a lead role in the preparation of the Development Framework for the Crail North development, it would seem to be odd timing for Fife Council to agree to the proposed CAT at the moment, particularly when there is no reason why the above stated reason for the CAT cannot be accommodated as part of the wider Development Framework, and as part of the delivery of the Crail North development.

Any disposal by Fife Council also has to meet the requirements of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Section 74 and should take into account Part II of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1959 where the local authority must consider objections to that disposal.

In our view the transfer of any land at Bow Butts that is currently in council ownership is at best premature and at worst potentially prejudicial to the delivery of a suitable Development Framework and ultimately to the delivery of a much needed sizeable housing allocation in Crail, including the delivery of circa 60-90 affordable homes in the community. The disposal of this area will have a much wider adverse impact on inward investment to the settlement and the community in the medium term.

We look forward to hearing from you further in due course.

**LH – 15th April 2020**

If I haven't already done so, I would like to put on the record my strong support for the three community asset transfers currently being proposed in Crail:

**Bow Butts Park**

**Kilminning South**

**Pinkerton Triangle**

All three transfers would enable significant improvements in local amenity to take place and enjoy extremely broad support within the community. I also have no doubt as to the capacity of the community in Crail to take these projects on and see them to a successful conclusion. The village is preeminent in my ward in terms of its ability and recent track record in originating and completing community projects.

**63 Representations:**

**62 supporting**

**1 objection**