

# Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

## Agenda - September 2000

There will be a meeting of the Community Council at 7pm, Monday 4th September 2000 in the Burgh Chambers of the Town Hall, Queens Gardens. There will be a break in the meeting as soon as is convenient after 8pm.

### 0. Group Photograph

Please be at the Town Hall at **6.30pm for 6.45pm** for the Millennium Photograph, as agreed in July.

### 1. Attendance

Apologies: Frank Riddell, Marcus Booth

### 2. Minutes of June 2000

*(Read for accuracy in matters of substance - harangue the secretary for minor (spelling etc) errors outwith the meeting)*

### 3. Presentations

*(For members of the public wishing to address the meeting on a matter relevant to St Andrews. Please contact the Secretary or Chair before the meeting. Priority will be given to those who have been invited to speak or have given advance notice)*

#### 3.1. Community Policing

#### 3.2. Iain Smith MSP

To hear local concerns. (Mr Smith has also indicated his willingness to arrange a more 'in depth' discussion than can be allowed for in the monthly meeting if necessary).

#### 3.3. Locality Planning

Kate Hughes, St Andrews Locality Manager, to speak.

### 4. Fife Councillors

### 5. Matters arising from previous meetings

#### 5.1. Trial Waste Collection

Tom Steedman, Area Manager, Cleansing & Waste Mgmt wrote with proposals for trial manned collection points over September weekends. Details were circulated around easily contactable members and comments passed back.

#### 5.2. Local Holidays 2001

**for information**

- Set by Fife Council Local Services Committee - Mondays: 5 Feb, 5 March, 7 May, 8 Oct, 5 Nov. Half day Thursday.

#### 5.3. Common Good Fund

A letter was written to Fife Council's Head of Law & Administration, Mr D Stuart Allan, expressing some concerns of Community Council at the use of the Ross Bequest and Common Good Fund to support loans to the Byre Theatre for the next 20-25 years, and asking for details so that we might better understand the arrangements and what would be left of the two funds for other use. The letter emphasised our support for the completion of the Byre.

Mr Allen replied that he could not discuss the details for reasons of commercial confidentiality. He stated that

1. It is in the public interest that the Byre be completed, and that Fife Council should play a part.

2. It is entirely appropriate that Fife Council's share of the funding be borne by the Common Good Fund and the Ross bequest.

*How does Council wish to proceed?*

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1. Review of Tourism Management Programme**

"The current Tourism Management Programme in St Andrews has been running for two years and the constituent public bodies would like to review progress to date and investigate whether any refocussing is necessary to meet the aims of the agreed Tourism Strategy for the town."

Archie Jaimieson of Fife Scottish Enterprise would like to meet with Community Council to obtain our views on the Programme to date and what might be the direction for the future.

*How does Council wish to proceed?*

### **6.2. New Century, New Healthcare**

7pm Wed 6th, Burgh Chambers - Agenda includes: Current services / developments; Tayside Acute Services Review / Fife Integrated Healthcare Strategy; Redevelopment of St Andrews Health Centre / Hospital including site.

*Who can attend?*

### **6.3. Street Banners**

Kate Hughes, Locality Manager, writes:

"It has been brought to my attention that there is no longer a bracket to attach banners to on the building of the Victoria Cafe - this was seemingly removed by the owner during refurbishment.

"A decision was taken last year that Roads Service would contribute towards the relocation of fixing points if a suitable location in Bell Street could be found. Unfortunately, when staff of the Road's Service approached the property owner, no one would agree to allow the works to be done.

"It has been suggested that either the St Andrews Community Council or Merchant's Association consider taking ownership of the fixing points, with financial assistance from Roads Service. I would appreciate your comments and any advice you may have on the best way of liaising with property owners to take this forward."

*How does Council wish to proceed?*

### **6.4. East of Scotland Water Board Meeting**

The Board of EoS Water will hold its next meeting in the Victory Memorial Hall at 2pm Friday 8 Sep. There will be presentations about servicews, development and the environment. If there are any issues we wish to raise they'd like notice to enable them to have information readily available.

*Who can attend?*

### **6.5. Best Large Town & Village - 2nd Place**

Judges comments:

"A quality environment - general tidiness very good considering a major event (Open Golf) had just taken place and also the influx of day trippers. Hanging baskets in the town are very good and well maintained. A pity the dead tree in South Street had not been removed / replaced and also the street furniture in Logies Lane required some urgent attention.

"The garden area at Greyfriars Gardens was a blackspot especially so situated in the Town Centre.

"A number of the buildings in the town centre in need of maintenance especially above shops."

## **7. Reports from Officers**

### **7.1. Chair**

### **7.2. Treasurer**

### **7.3. Secretary**

## **8. Reports from Committees**

## 8.1. General Purposes

Appendix A - Meeting with Keith Harding MSP.

Following the meetings with Mr Harding and Mr Smith does Council wish to 'complete the set' with MSPs from the other parties?

## 8.2. Planning

## 8.3. Recreation

Garden Trophy Awards will take place on Thursday 28th September in the Burgh Chambers at 6.45pm.

Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th September at 4 St Mary St..

## 8.4. Publicity

Appendix B - Newsletter costs

## 8.5. Any Other Committee Business

## 9. AOCB

*If members intend to raise items under AOCB please let the Secretary/Chair know **before** the meeting. Remember: unless it is urgent, placing items on the agenda for next month's New Business would be a better idea...*

## Appendix A - General Purposes Meeting with Keith Harding MSP

21 August 2000, Fife Council Offices, St Mary's Place.

Murdo Macdonald, Archie Strachan, Lindsay Murray, Frank Riddell, Chris Lesurf, Pete Lindsay

(Keith Harding is Conservative front bench speaker on Local Government and Housing. He is based in Glenrothes but, as a list MSP, will be holding monthly surgeries in St Andrews soon.)

### Subjects discussed

#### Planning

- inequity between developers and objectors in matter of appeals on decisions. KH noted that concern with the current system is widespread, but no one wants to open up the way for harassing appeals. We suggested a formal role for CC He also pointed out a route of appeal through the Ombudsman. FGR suggested developers fund appeals through a returnable bond system.

#### Recycling

- lack of a recycling/civic amenity centre in largest town in NE Fife, despite there having been land and money scheduled at reorganisation in 1996/7 by NE Fife District Council.

#### Hospital

- expressed our concerns over the slow progress over the last 10 years. KH to write in support.

#### Common Good Funds

- discussed the lack of local control of this "local" resource, due to successive local government reorganisations.

**Community Councils' Future** - a thread running through the other discussions was the need for more actual power to do things, rather than just consultative status, at a local level currently represented by CCs, though noted not all areas covered by a CC. Concerns at the lack of follow-up to the Macintosh Commission report last year, which was generally favourable to CCs. KH expressed his party's support for CCs and de-centralisation.

*Pete Lindsay*

### Appendix B - Newsletter

Last month we discussed the possibility of organising a Quarterly Bulletin to the population of the Town with a view to, hopefully, getting a better interchange of ideas re matters affecting the Town.

I am still adamant that this is the way forward and essential if we wish to improve the profile of the Community Council.

Unfortunately, Dr. Riddell is unable to report the information required for this month's meeting,

so I took it upon myself to obtain the costings below to see if we could develop matters and reach agreement. If so the first of our quarterly issues could possibly be completed and delivered as soon after the October Meeting of the Community Council .

The intention of the first Bulletin would be to provide an A4, two sided sheet with an introduction from myself and an article from the major committees giving a broad outline of their tasks and what issues they have dealt with over the last 2/3 months. Attached to the first issue would be a one off sheet giving names, addresses and telephone numbers of all Community Councillors and also details of where the Community Council minutes are available. In addition there would be a tear-off section for individuals use should they wish to raise any issues with the Community Council.

Following discussions with Kate Hughes from the Fife Council's Local Office One-Stop Shop, she sees no problem in putting a small post box in the One-Stop Shop where individuals can leave their concerns, worries or problems.

As stated earlier, I am firmly of the belief that this is the way forward and by working constructively with our electorate, we can not be accused of being a small talk-shop where no-one knows what is happening except ourselves. I also believe this would give us greater credibility with Fife Council.

*Murdo Macdonald*

#### Bulletin Costing

1.	Printing 5,000 Double Sided A4 sheets in 2 colours on high quality paper. (by reducing quality paper we could save approximately £20)	£140
	Additional one-off sheet - 5000 copies	£70
2.	Delivery of 5,000 with Free Paper (Advertiser) (16 per 1,000 + VAT)	£94
	Total cost of 1st issue	£304
	Total cost of subsequent issues	£234
3.	<b>N.B.</b> following a request to Kate Hughes she has obtained approval to give us £500 towards our annual costs.  If we produce an issue quarterly that represents a £125 saving per issue	
	Surely we can stretch to a 1st year contribution of:-	
	Issue 1	£179
	Next 3 issues (3 x £109)	£327
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£506</b>

#### September Addendum

Pete Lindsay 3/9/00

#### Additional Speaker

- Sandyhill Road Residents Association on the proposed conversion of current houses for the homeless (in Sandyhill Rd) to a hostel.

**West Sands Beach Parties** - there is a meeting to review authorisation for such events, we are invited to send a representative - 10am Tues 12/9/00, Fife Council Local Office, St Mary's Place.

*Who can go?*

#### For Information:

**Waste Collection Trial** - will commence 9th September. A staffed collection facility (lorry) in 2 locations (1.5 hrs each) for 4 Saturdays and Sundays. Adverts to appear soon. (I was told the locations but lost the details - sorry).

#### Remembrance Sunday

- Mrs P Hill of Scottish Poppy appeal contacted me to ask for an indication of what sort of wreath we would like. A standard 17" wreath is £15.92 with an insert Community Council for another £1 sounded quite reasonable.

#### Scenic Map

- progress review (29/8/00) Scenic Maps, Ken Fraser, Pete Lindsay. The map is substantially complete but a number of detail corrections of street names etc were recommended. Mr

Rattray of Scenic Maps will soon start recruiting advertising sponsorship for the map, and hopes to have it up by Christmas.

**Tenant Participation Seminar** - a.k.a. the rent setting seminar - Saturday 23 Sep, 10am - 3.30pm (including lunch, crèche & transport), Rothes Halls, Glenrothes - we are invited to attend, preferably Fife Council tenant members of council or tenants living in this area. Contact Jane Hodgkinson, Housing Service Cupar, 01334-412922.

Date	I/O	Who	Subject	
0/7/00	I	ENTRUST	Landfill Tax forum 1/9/00	F
3/7/00	O	Property Services E	Bandstand	(AS)
12/7/00	I	Planning Service	BoS South St revised	F
14/7/00	I	Fife Partnership	Developing Fife's Future - report	F
14/7/00	I	APRS	Summer newsletter	F
15/7/00	I	Community Services	Best Kept Town - final	F
15/7/00	I	Community Services	Best Kept Town competition	F
18/7/00	I	NEF Healthcare	St Andrew Healthcare - progress rept f	f
20/7/00	I	Planning Service	Bruce Embankment - ack	f
20/7/00	I	Abbey National	Interest rates (CC Trust)	trust
20/7/00	I	SEPA	Newsletter	F
22/7/00	I	Home Safety forum	Agenda 7/8/00	F
22/7/00	I	Local Office	Street Banners	F
24/7/00	I	Local Office	West Sands Parties meeting 12/9/00	F
25/7/00	O	Local Office	French Market	Fax
25/7/00	O	Law & Admin Head	Byre & CGF	Fax
26/7/00	I	SNH	SNH in Fife leaflet	F
26/7/00	I	Fife 1mry Care NHS Trust	New Century... meeting dates	F
30/7/00	I	ENTRUST	Newsletter July	F
1/8/00	I	VONEF	AGM details	F
1/8/00	I	Tentsmuir/Eden Liaison Group	Meeting 3/8/00	F
1/8/00	I	Law & Admin E	Local Hols 2001	F
1/8/00	I	C & WM	Trial collections	F
1/8/00	I	SEPA	Environment Quality Report 99/00	F
2/8/00	I	Fife Acute Hosp NHS Trust	Car Parking Proposals	F
7/8/00	I	SUSTRANS	Thanks for the reception	F
10/8/00	I	Law & Admin	Byre Theatre & CGF	F
12/8/00	I	Community Services	Best Town etc - result	F
14/8/00	O	Cleansing &WM	Trial Collections	Fax
16/8/00	I	NEF Healthcare Coop	Meeting 6th Sep	F
17/8/00	I	Transportation Service	Changes to (W Fife) Buses	F
17/8/00	I	Photographic Soc	St Andrews week	Rec
17/8/00	O	Planning Service	BoS objection	Fax
18/8/00	I	Volunteering Fife	July Newsletter	F
19/8/00	I	Community Services E	Agenda 23 Aug	F
21/8/00	I	Loches Alliance	St Andrews Week	Rec
23/8/00	I	Mrs Willshire	Copies of letters on Wheelies	Chair
24/8/00	O	Asment Ltd	Toner order	Post
24/8/00	I	Planning Service	Doors Open Day 2000	F
24/8/00	I	Fife Health Council	Healthwatch newsletter	F
29/8/00	O	Planning Service	Bank of Scotland, South St	Fax
29/8/00	O	Planning Service	Crails Lane tables - Estaminet	Fax
29/8/00	I	Scottish National Heritage	Publications Catalogue 2000	F
30/8/00	I	Planning Service	Ack Estaminet objection	IG

30/8/00	I	Planning Service	Bank of Scotland objection	IG
31/8/00	I	EoSWater	Board Meeting, VMH	F
1/9/00	I	Housing Services	Tenant Particip 23/9/00	F
2/9/00	I	VONEF	Sept newsletter	F
4/9/00	I	Scottish Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Wreath	F
4/9/00	O	Centre Community Services	Graveyard DB	Fax
4/9/00	O	Law & Admin Glenrothes	Polling Places	Fax

*St Andrews Pothole Watch!*

List: Potholes (40mm/1.5in) in the road, damaged pavements (20mm/.75in), missing or damaged toby covers, blocked drains, floods, defective streetlights etc.

Identify the location (Street and number on closest house or streetlight for instance).

Hand to Cllr Jane Ann Liston or to Fife Roads Service.

**Defect & Location**

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