

Monthly Agenda – September 2013

There will be a meeting of the community council at 7pm Monday 2nd September in the Burgh chambers of St Andrews Town Hall. There will be a short break at about 8pm during which the 200 Club draw will be made. The meeting is audio-recorded to assist the secretary in producing the minutes.

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of July 1st 2013

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

3. Presentations

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville

4.2. Brian Thomson

4.3. Keith McCartney

Report emailed prior to meeting

4.4. Dorothea Morrison

5. Planning Committee

5.1. Planning Committee Reports

Reports to be submitted to members by email and any matters arising for full Council will be presented by Planning Convenor.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

6.1. Botanic Gardens Update

6.2. Housing Commission update

6.3. Reports from Representatives

6.4. Any Other Matters Arising

7. From Committees

7.1. Recreation

7.2. General Purposes

7.3. 200 Club

7.4. Health, Education & Welfare Committee

7.5. Rail Sub Committee

8. New Business

8.1. Living Streets – see Appendix B

8.2. Community Councils/Dog Fouling Campaign – see Appendix C

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

9.2. Treasurer

Treasurer's Report sent out by email

9.3. Secretary

9.3.1. Correspondence – Appendix A.

10. Any Other Competent Business

Please notify Chair of AOCB items before the start of the meeting or at the break. Hint: Given that the end of the meeting is often taken in something of a rush, unless items are urgent it might be better to submit them for next meeting's New Business.

Appendix A Correspondence

01/08/13	William Welsh, Fife Council	Email with link regarding www.tellmesotland.gov.uk and Community Councils – the portal which brings together Public Information Notices from across Scotland in a single online location for the first time.
22/07/13	Alison Irvine, Fife Council	Email about Fife Access Forum nomination – Mrs Corbin was chosen from nominations put forward.
23/07/13	Ken Topping	Email about unauthorised camping on the West sands - forwarded to Councillors to action.
24/07/13	Frances Melville	Reply about West Sands situation and what action is being considered to deal with problem
24/07/13	Brian Thomson	Reply about West Sands situation and what action is being considered to deal with problem
22/08/13	William Welsh, Fife council	Email forwarded with details of an organisation offering training for CCs and voluntary bodies called LIVING STREETS
22/08/13	William Welsh Fife Council	Email re Community Councils / Dog Fouling Campaign run by Keep Scotland Beautiful- see appendix C.
13/08/13	William Welsh Fife Council	Email re Marine Scotland: Marine Consultations 2013
28/08/13	Anne-Marie Dewar, Scottish Water	Email about work to reduce flooding along the Kinnesburn – planning proposals being sent to Fife Council
18/07/13	Julia Walker – Fife Elderly Forum Executive	Email about a user panel for anyone over 65 in receipt of Council or NHS Services meeting at citypark Sheltered Housing monthly -

Appendix B. Living Streets Scotland

I'm the Communities Coordinator for Living Streets Scotland, and we are currently being funded by Paths for All to deliver a programme of support to community groups and organisations interested in improving their local street and walking environment, either with the aim of increasing walking rates or simply to improve the area for the community. The Walkable Communities project is funded to work with a number of community organisations and groups each year to undertake a Community Street Audit of local streets and paths, with the objective of identifying issues that prevent people walking and making the most of their streets, and to make recommendations for improvements that can then inform engagement with the local authority or other key stakeholders to bring improvements to bear.

In the past, we've worked with local groups to audit streets in town centres, as well as residential streets, and we've supported groups including Tenant and Residents Associations, Community Councils and Local Authorities to identify key issues and develop recommendations for improvements. Utilising Living Streets highly commended Community Street Audit approach to assessing the quality of the walking environment, we've been able to assist groups to bring about changes including improvements in littering and the provision of bins, clearance of street clutter, improved street lighting, and more. And audits have also provided a focus for all local stakeholders, including businesses and traders, local residents, representatives of access panels and other local groups, and the local authority, to work together positively and consider how best to approach delivering improvements in an area for the benefit of everyone.

We're in the process now of recruiting further community partners to the Walkable Communities project, and will be delivering Street Audit Training at 4 venues this Autumn. I wondered if you would be in a position to help us to get the word out to your local networks? Support to local groups to undertake audits is free, as are the training sessions, and are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Training is scheduled to take place in Aberdeen on October 8th, Perth on October 29th, Fort William on November 12th and Ayr on November 19th – details are on the attached information.

If you think the programme would be of interest to some of your Community Councils, then I can happily provide some information in the format of a longer piece of copy and an 'eflyer' which you might like to either edit into communications or send out to your members – if you'd prefer submissions in another format or if you've any questions, then please feel free to get in touch, I'd be happy to pull something else together. And if you know of any groups or individuals that might find this interesting, please do let me know.

Appendix C : Community Councils/Dog Fouling Campaign

I am writing from Keep Scotland Beautiful, the independent charity which takes action, campaigns and educates on a range of local, national and global environmental issues affecting people's quality of life. From 30th September until 13th October 2013, our Clean Up Scotland campaign will be focusing on a dedicated fortnight of activity to raise awareness of the severity of dog fouling in Scotland.

In recent research into public attitudes to littering carried out by Keep Scotland Beautiful, almost 7 in 10 people rated dog fouling as the item on our streets, parks and beaches that bothered them most. And with around 7 million dogs in the UK, producing 1,000 tonnes of excrement per day, it's easy to see why we have a problem!

Clean Up Scotland is asking for volunteers to survey their local park or pitch during our dedicated fortnight of activity. All the information needed to organise a survey can be found online in our Dog Fouling Fortnight Information Pack, such as, an organiser's checklist, information, and inspirational ideas to set up your own local activity. I would be very grateful if you could pass on this information to the community councils in your local area.

If you would like more information on our survey event, please visit our Dog Fouling Fortnight page to view our Information Pack, and FAQ. We are currently working on producing promotional materials and we will be sure to keep everyone updated when these are available. If you would like to register a survey then please visit our Sign Up page. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on 01786 468 248.

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