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Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

Agenda - November 2002

There will be a meeting of the community council at 7pm on Monday 4th November in the Burgh Chambers of the Town Hall, Queen's Gardens. There will be a short break at about 8pm during which the 200 Club draw will be made.

Apologies

- . **Co-option of Ewen Sparks**

Minutes of October 2002

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

Presentations

(For anyone 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).

- . **Community Police Report**
- . **Best Kept Town**

Jim Hooton & Alistair Barnard of Fife Council Community Services

Fife Councillors

- . **Frances Melville (West)**
- . **Sheila Hill (South)**
- . **Bill Brooks (Central)**
- . **Jane Ann Liston (South East)**

Planning Committee Report

Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

- . **St Andrews Library**

[October 6.1.] Appendix B - Cllr Jane Ann Liston has passed on information from Aileen McLachlan, Libraries Information Services Co-ordinator.

- . **Greenbelt Forum**

[October 6.4.] Appendix A: Draft Constitution - for comment/approval.

Three representatives are needed

. A Boards

[October 6.7. [Sept 7.2.1]] David Rae, Head of Planning Service, was emailed (Appendix C). He has asked Jim Birrell, Area Planning Manager, to respond. While a formal reply will be forthcoming later Jim has outlined the issues from Planning's viewpoint.

He's checked with the area planning teams; St Andrews is main problem area. There have been co-ordinated purges on all offending businesses including removing unauthorised boards. While temporarily successful the boards re-appear.

Roads were often able to act more quickly to remove obstructions from the public footpath as owners on the grounds of pedestrian safety. Planning can take action under enforcement powers but this is slower and can be appealed. Dundee uses bye-laws to overcome this type of problem.

He has asked Nick Brian (Area Team Leader) to update the policy approach, but notes that monitoring is resource intensive.

. Other matters arising

New Business

. Early Adoption of Green Belt

Appendix D - Background. Resolution proposed by the Planning Committee:

This Community Council calls on Fife Council to implement the proposal by Menzies Campbell M.P. that there be an immediate alteration to the St Andrews Area Local Plan. This alteration should specify the precise boundaries of the Green Belt encircling the town, as required by the new Structure Plan.

. Tay Area Rail Study

Appendix E: Letter from Steer Davies Gleave conducting the study

How should we respond?

. Police Community Councils consultation

A chance to put over community priorities to Fife Police and hear what they are doing in the wider perspective. 7.30-9pm Wed 20 Nov 2002, Cupar Police Station. They ask to be informed if we will attend by 13th Nov.

Who will attend?

. Fireworks licensing

Shona Robison MSP has lodged a proposal for a bill to introduce a licensing scheme for fireworks sales. There is a consultation paper for comment by 6th Dec 2002.

Who will look at this

. Raisin Weekend

17/18th November. Student Support Services inform us that emergency and first aid provision will be much the same as last year, based at Mansefield (formerly the Chaplaincy Centre). There will be 3 teams from St Andrews Ambulance and the various parts of the NHS in St Andrews. Further information from Maggie Winton/Steve Yorkston 462247 or Jamie Walker 462865.

. Fife Road Safety Strategy

Transportation service questionnaire to be returned by Fri 15th Nov. Asks a number of questions that all come down to "Would you like roads to be safer for all users?"

Are there any particular points to be made?

. CCTV Evaluation

Appendix F: Letter from Abertay University, who are carrying out the evaluation.

Do we have questions or points to raise

7.8. Friends of the Earth Fundraising

Is anyone willing to sell (or buy!) a book of tickets (50p ea) for the FoE prize draw 2002? (Prize £500 voucher for Dixons)

7.9. Environmental Services Autumn Newsletter

Johannesburg Earth Summit; Food Standards Agency Audits (www.foodstandards.gov.uk); Legionnaires' Disease; Cryptosporidium; Air Pollution; Tin in canned food; Serve it hot; Recycling/recovery; The Good, the Bad and the Bug-ly; Food Labelling - a few facts; Public Toilets; Public Toilets; Phocine Distemper virus in seals; Mobile phone use in petrol stations; Fridges/freezers - CFC removal; Animal licensing; Advice - in a nutshell (peanuts & birdfood); Pest (sic) owners' code of conduct (dogs).

7.10. Postwatch Scotland

Newsletter Summer 2002 Payment of Benefits - more questions than answers; Daily Deliveries Restored; Post Offices Reopening in Tayside & Central Highlands; Barra Postbus; Customer Complaints - Mori Study; Postwatch goes to Argyll; Consumer Advice - avoiding 'lost' mail.

7.11. Environmental Bodies Council

Autumn newsletter Landfill Tax Credit Scheme - Q&A; Landfill Tax Credits in action; Trials & Tribulations; New-style forum in Midlands.

7.12. Volunteering Fife

October Newsletter 5th annual Fife Volunteer awards; A toast to Diagio (UDV); Volunteers week; New MV worker says hello; CRBS; Smoking cessation buddy project; Victim support; Green gym; Personal safety for women; What motivates you?

7.13. Scottish Civic Forum

Send four briefing/consultation/information papers this month. Further copies can be printed/emailed as they arrived by email - they are not forwarded to

emailable members on the assumption that people would not be best pleased by the arrival of 400k+ emails.

7.13.1. eVox newsletter: Audit of Democratic Participation Project; Oral Health in Children - a Consultation; Local Co-ordinators for Local Engagement; New Ombudsman for Scottish Public Service; Events: Netting Citizens - exploring citizenship in an Internet Age; Scotland and the Future of Europe; No Longer Strangers - public forums to explore Scotland's welcome to asylum seekers and refugees; Conversations on Social Responsibility; The Future For Equalities; Asylum And Immigration - A New Framework?; Civic Participation - issues around improving local government; Beyond Police Checks - Screening paid staff and volunteers.

7.13.2. Homelessness etc (Scotland) Bill briefing paper

7.13.3. Towards better oral health in children briefing paper

7.13.4. eLeg #23 (policy and legislation supplement of SCF) 13 pages of links to current consultations and legislation from the major departments of the Scottish Executive.

4. NHS Fife Board Meeting

Town Hall Supper Room, Tues 5th. Public questions, free coffee and biscuits and a chat if you arrive early enough (9.30am for 10).

Reports from Officers

. **Chair**

. **Treasurer**

. **Secretary**

8.3.1. St Andrew's Day Greetings We have received greetings from the Carolina Highlands Saint Andrew's Society of Asheville, North Carolina. We will probably receive others by St Andrew's Day and there was talk last year of the community council getting to reply officially this year, rather than Fife Council (to be confirmed).

Frank Riddell has again provided a design of a card using one of his photographs of St Andrews for us to send in return.

Is the design approved?

8.3.2. Community Council partnership meetings (with seminars on Common Good Funds amongst other things) have been put off due to a clash with other consultations with community councils. Provisional dates now Sat 18 Jan 2003 at County Buildings Cupar and Thu 30 Jan at the Burgh Chambers St Andrews.

8.3.3. Fife Environmental Network Consultative Draft Environmental Strategy Appendix G is the response to the included questionnaire. Outlined at short notice by Planning Committee, and circulated to emailable members of community council for comment before despatch.

8.3.4. Parking Charges emailed Alistair Clyne of Transportation Service at last [Aug 6.7]

"This community council read with interest the Fife Council report on parking Charges presented to the Environment & Development Committee (10.06.02).

"We understand that a rise in parking charges is to be imposed on St Andrews (with no noticeable consultation) as a result of this report's recommendations. Few like parking charge increases but after discussion with our local members of Fife Council we withhold comment on this occasion. However we hope and trust that the longer term review of parking strategy referred to in the early part of the report takes public consultation as seriously as implied by the 12-18 month timescale. We look forward to hearing from you as part of an early and extensive consultation on parking strategy"

Reports

. from Committees

Written reports of meetings are required by terms of the Scheme for Community Councils.

. from Representatives

For any verbal reports of meetings attended etc. Issues requiring a decision by community council should be raised under items 6 Matters Arising or 7 New Business, as appropriate.

. 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.

pendix A - St Andrews Green Belt Forum

Draft Constitution of the St Andrews Green Belt Forum

(hereafter referred to as 'The Forum')

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2 The objectives of the Forum are: -

2.1 to preserve for the benefit of the public the character of the landscape setting of St Andrews, Fife,

2.2 to campaign for the establishment, retention and (if necessary from time to time) adjustment of an appropriate Green Belt around St Andrews.

2.3 to facilitate discussion of development proposals which might impinge on the Green Belt and to make representations thereon,

2.4 to assist and encourage Fife Council (or its successors) to carry out policies for the protection of the countryside and coastline in so far as these policies affect St Andrews,

2.5 to encourage public awareness of, and cooperation in the protection of the

landscape setting of St Andrews, and

2.6 to do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives or any of them.

Membership and Funding

3 Membership of the Forum shall be open to national organisations which have objectives relating to the preservation of the countryside and natural heritage, and to local organisations which express an interest in working towards the objectives of the Forum. Members of Fife Council representing wards which lie within St Andrews or contain any part of the Green Belt shall be ex-officio members of the Forum.

4 To enable the above objectives to be carried out, the Forum may raise such funds as are required at any time.

5 Any bank account in name of the Forum shall be operated on signature of any two office bearers. Accounts shall be prepared for each calendar year and thereafter submitted for inspection to a nominee of the Committee (not being a member of the Committee) to report thereon to the members. The account books of the Forum shall be open to the inspection of members on giving not less than four days' notice.

Meetings

6 An Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30th April of each year. The purpose of the Annual General Meeting shall be to receive the annual report of the Committee, to approve the Accounts for the previous year, and to elect a Committee.

7 Any other General Meeting of the Forum may be convened by the Committee or by not less than seven members.

8 General Meetings shall be convened by giving written notice of not less than 21 clear days to all members.

9 The quorum for General Meetings shall be one or more representatives present personally from each of five member organisations. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting if not convened by the Committee shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned until the same day in the next week at the same place and time. If, at the adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within five minutes of the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum and may proceed to the transaction and disposal of business. No one person may represent more than one member organisation. In the event of challenge, the Chairman shall determine the right of any person present to represent a member organisation.

Each representative, up to a maximum of three from any member organisation, shall have one vote. The Chairman shall, have a second or casting vote in the event of parity of voting.

10 General Meetings shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Forum, failing whom the Vice-Chairman or a Committee-member, and a Minute shall be kept of the proceedings of the meeting.

The Chairman shall if so directed by any meeting adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. Notice shall be given of any meeting which is adjourned for more than 14 days.

Composition and Running of the Committee

11 The day-to-day running of the Forum shall be carried out by a Committee.

12 The Committee shall consist of representatives of the member organisations elected at the Annual General Meeting and co-opted members.

13 The number of Committee members, of whom not more than five may be co-opted, shall be not less than ten and not more than twenty.

14 The quorum for a Committee meeting to proceed shall be five.

15 Committee meetings shall be convened not less than once every four months by the Chairman, failing whom the Vice Chairman, giving at least seven clear days' notice

16 In the absence of the Chairman the meeting shall be taken by the Vice-Chairman or, in his or her absence, by a Committee member appointed by the meeting.

17 Minutes of the proceedings of Committee meetings shall be kept by the Secretary or, in the absence of the Secretary, by a Committee Member appointed by the meeting. The Minutes shall be available to any member of the Forum on request.

18 Any sub-committees which may be required for specific purposes shall be appointed as necessary by the Committee.

19 An elected Committee member shall have one vote at Committee meetings. The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote in the event of parity of voting.

Committee Members

20 Nominations for membership of the Committee, containing the nominee's acceptance of the nomination, shall be delivered in writing by member organisations to the Secretary not later than two days before the meeting. The St. Andrews Preservation Trust Ltd. shall be entitled to nominate three members. The Royal Burgh of St. Andrews Community Council shall be entitled to nominate three members. Each other member organisation shall be entitled to nominate one member.' In the event of the number of vacancies exceeding the number of nominations, further nominations from representatives of members may be accepted at the meeting.

21 Committee Members shall be elected or re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

22 A Committee Member shall serve for a maximum of three years after election. Any Committee Member who immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting is an office bearer shall be eligible for re-election as a Committee Member for a further term of three years. Any other Committee Member shall be ineligible for re-election more than once.

Any Committee Member who fails to attend three successive meetings of the Committee without leave of the Committee shall be deemed to have resigned therefrom.

23 The Committee may co-opt on to the Committee up to five individuals or representatives of any non-member organisation for such period or periods not exceeding three years as they consider appropriate. In the event of a vacancy arising in the membership of the Committee, the Committee may also, after consultation with the member organisation from which the vacating Committee Member was drawn, co-opt a member until the next Annual General Meeting.

24 A co-opted Committee member shall not be eligible to vote at Committee meetings.

Office bearers

25 A Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the Committee. The Chairman shall hold office for a maximum period of six years. In the event of there being more than one candidate for any office an election will held by ballot of the members of the Committee present personally or by proxy.

26 The Secretary shall take the Minutes of Committee Meetings. The post of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

Indemnity

Committee Members and office-bearers shall in addition to any indemnity given to them by law be indemnified out of the assets of the Forum from and against all losses, damages or expenses which they or any of them may incur by reason of anything done or omitted in relation to the execution of their duties except through their own gross negligence or wilful act or omission.

Notice of meeting

Notice of a meeting to members or committee members shall be deemed to have been properly given if it specifies the time and place of the meeting and the business to be transacted and is given by first class post, by hand, by e-mail or by other electronic means to their last known address.

Changes to Constitution

27 Any amendments to this Constitution shall require the approval of not less than two thirds of the organisations represented personally at a General Meeting.

Winding up

28 In the event of the Forum being perceived to have no further useful purpose, members shall have the power to disband it at a General Meeting, and to disperse any funds to such other organisation or organisations as they consider most likely to further the Forum's objectives.

pendix B - Library

From Aileen McLachlan, Libraries Information Services Co-ordinator writes:

As you know, work has been going on for some considerable time to put together a funding package for St. Andrews Library. The current position is that the required funding is almost in place, although confirmation of some aspects of the funding is still needed. In my annual report I stated that £50,000 capital funding had been approved. The update is that this sum now looks like £200,000 although this has yet to be finally confirmed.

An amount of £76,000 has been allocated for a lift from the Disabled Access Budget. The Access Assessment Group (AAG) who, in conjunction with Community Services, have identified St. Andrews Library as a priority to receive funding to address access issues, have arranged for a more detailed access audit to be carried out at St. Andrews Library in October/ November. I fully expect that they will flag up several other serious access issues in the library as well as the need for a lift. Hopefully, this will attract more money from the Disabled Access Budget to contribute to the overall refurbishment funding package.

As far as the NOF funding is concerned, it's estimated that St. Andrews Library's pro rata share of this is £50,000. The NOF funding covers cabling, infrastructure and communications, plus the hardware & software required to install 15 computers in St. Andrews Library giving, amongst other things, free internet access. The NOF allocation is an estimate only at this stage until the library is surveyed and the communications requirements identified. St. Andrews share of the NOF funding may work out to be more or less than £50,000, but NOF will pay the actual costs involved.

pendix C - 'A' Boards in St Andrews

Text of letter to David Rae, Head of Fife Planning Service:

The persistent and increasing problem of obstruction of the pavements in St Andrews by advertising 'A' boards was raised recently with the Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council.

It was pointed out (with photographs) that the main South and Market Street pavements are particularly affected. While they are a problem wherever they are on the crowded pavements of St Andrews, these boards are particularly associated with pavement café/bar tables where they then reduce the room for pedestrians, and - to use the community council's practical rule-of-thumb for obstructed pavements - make it impossible for a twin buggy to pass by unimpeded.

Following press coverage of the discussion at community council I have been contacted by a lady from Cupar. She reported that while trying to negotiate an obstacle course of tables and signs in Market Street she tripped over a sign and fell badly, spraining a ligament. She is now taking advice on legal action as onlookers were so concerned at the situation she faced they offered to act as witnesses for her.

We recall that the last time the matter of advertising boards was raised through the our local Fife Councillors we were told that a Fife-wide review was in progress, with a view to producing a Fife-wide policy. We would very much like to know the progress on this review. As we have not been approached by any

form of public consultation we assume that no conclusions have yet been reached. We look forward to being able to contribute.

This matter is no longer "an accident waiting to happen". It has happened.

pendix D - Green Belt Proposal

From the Planning Committee 28/10/02

For a number of years, this Community Council has been a strong supporter of the proposed Green Belt for St Andrews. The present position is that the principle that there should be a Green Belt encircling the town has been established in the recent Fife Structure Plan. This is the top strategic planning document in Fife, to which the various Local Plans must conform. It has, however, been left to the Local Plan, which in future will cover all of East Fife, to determine the boundaries of the St Andrews Green Belt.

A Local Plan has, however, a lengthy gestation period, and it is likely to be a number of years before the new one is in place. There is therefore a danger that the Green Belt will be stillborn, and the clear intention of the new Structure Plan frustrated, by large-scale development around the town before the new Local Plan is adopted. The press has already reported the proposal for a large new golf development at Feddinch, and even that is dwarfed by the proposal for a huge development including 1000 houses to the west of the town.

It has also been reported in the press that Menzies Campbell M.P. has written to Fife Council pointing out that under section 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 the Council is entitled to make an alteration to an existing local plan without producing a new one. Ming is a QC with considerable experience of planning matters, and this suggestion was enthusiastically welcomed by the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee therefore recommends that the full Community Council adopts the following motion and writes to Fife Council accordingly: -

"This Community Council calls on Fife Council to implement the proposal by Menzies Campbell M.P. that there be an immediate alteration to the St Andrews Area Local Plan. This alteration should specify the precise boundaries of the Green Belt encircling the town, as required by the new Structure Plan."

Additional comments from IBJG

Ming's call appears to be entirely consistent with the spirit of PAN 49 on Local Planning, which says (Para 14) that "Planning authorities should ensure that statutory plans retain their relevance by addressing current and emerging land use and environmental issues..." Para 15 says that "Effective monitoring will involve giving special attention to the following questions: - 'Has structure plan strategy ... changed so that the local plan no longer conforms?' 'Have new problems or development issues emerged for which the local plan has not catered?' ...

The current Local Plan was adopted in March 1996, and has not, to my knowledge, been subject to the style of monitoring regime envisaged by PAN 49. Para 16 says "as a result of monitoring, authorities will have to make a judgement as to whether the plan remains relevant to changed conditions.

However, authorities should aim to review or appraise local plans at least every two years. ... the authority should be prepared to indicate whether each policy, proposal and recommendation:

is in good standing ... or

may have to be adjusted, or

is likely to be removed or replaced ...

The results of such evaluation should be presented to the Planning Committee and subsequently published so that interested parties have the opportunity to contribute at the next annual or biennial review. Plan elements in the second category should be re-examined carefully to resolve uncertainty, perhaps at the next review, and elements in the third should trigger immediate steps to alter the plan."

Para 18 says "Alteration of a local plan ... will generally be necessary to conform with a newly approved ... structure plan. To avoid a hiatus at local level, structure plan approval should be anticipated and preparatory work on local plan alterations commenced as soon as possible. ..."

It is clear that PAN 49 is calling for local authorities to be up-to-date and on the ball in their approach to Local Plans. It is seeking a much greater sense of urgency than we are currently seeing from Fife Council. Many people in St Andrews will feel that Fife Council's current approach is endangering the future of the town.

pendix E - Tay Area Rail Provision

Steer Davies Gleave and Babtie Group were commissioned during the summer of this year to undertake a study of rail service provision in the Tay Estuary area. Dundee City Council has commissioned the study in partnership with Angus, Fife and Perth & Kinross Councils and Scottish Enterprise Tayside.

The study will consider the existing and potential role of rail services in the area around the lay Estuary (Perth to Montrose and south into north-eastern Fife). The aim of the work, which will be completed in March 2003, is to develop a strategy to provide a rail service that meets the needs of the Tay Estuary area both now and into the future - this may involve investment in local services, existing (and possibly new) stations, rolling stock, and improvements to station access and interchange. Specifically, the study is considering the reinstatement of lines from Leuchars to St. Andrews and from Montrose to Brechin amongst the options.

As part of the study process we are engaged in a wide ranging consultation exercise designed to elicit as many views as possible, from as many different sources as possible, about existing rail services and the potential role that rail could play in meeting local travel needs both now and in the future.

If you have any comments about rail services in the Tay Estuary area; observations about how well or poorly rail services function at present and/or any ideas or solutions that might improve the delivery of rail services in the area; we would very much like to hear from you.

pendix F - CCTV Evaluation

I am undertaking the evaluation of the Fife CCTV system, part of which covers St Andrews, on behalf of the Fife Community Safety Partnership. The evaluation includes

1. An analysis of 15 crimes
 - a. To determine if crime is reduced within the area under the CCTV system in St Andrews
 - b. To determine if crime is displaced to the area immediately around the CCTV system in St Andrews
 - c. To determine the affect of the CCTV on detection rates in St Andrews
2. Interviews with control room monitors and police officers
3. Interviews with retailers in St Andrews in March 2003
4. A survey of approximately 200 visitors to St Andrews during November 2002 and again in May 2003.

I would be grateful if you could make this evaluation known locally. In addition, I am writing to ask for your co-operation regarding numbers 3 and 4 above. If you know of any retailers in St Andrews who would be willing to be interviewed concerning the Fife CCTV system next March please ask them to contact me.

I would also ask for your co-operation with the survey of visitors to St Andrews. Interviews will be carried out on a Saturday and on a weekday by trained interviewers wearing Fife Community Safety Partnership identification. The interviewers will approach passers by on the streets in the centre of St Andrews. I would be grateful if you could inform local residents that the survey is being carried out and encourage them to participate. The questionnaire is anonymous and takes less than five minutes to complete. I enclose the questionnaire for St Andrews, for your information.

The evaluation will be completed in August 2003, with an interim report being made available to Fife Community Safety Partnership in February 2003. If you have any questions concerning the evaluation or if your organisation wishes to contribute to it, please feel free to contact me.

Professor Harry Staines
School of Computing and Advanced Technologies

pendix G - Response to the Fife Environmental Network Consultative Draft Environmental Strategy

Q6 & 7 - Change in behaviour and increased involvement

The best way we can think of to do these is to provide the facilities for people to take an active part, something this community council has raised with Fife Council many times since it cut the kerbside paper collections in NE Fife and failed to go ahead with the St Andrews recycling centre in 1996. We do welcome the more enlightened attitudes which are now prevailing, slowly, within Fife Council as evidenced by moves on the St Andrews recycling centre

and the FEN initiative, and we look forward to welcoming the return of kerbside collections in our area as well as the announced trial in the Centre.

In general, provide facilities such as: - bottle banks, paper banks, can banks etc in convenient locations (supermarkets, Fife Council offices, car parks) where people can use them casually, as well as providing dedicated recycling centres that require a more purposeful journey.

Kerbside collections of recyclables in particular will very much raise awareness of recycling as an everyday action ("Put that in the Green bin...")

Q13 - Copy of finalised Strategy:

Yes please, but see next...

Q14 - Keep us informed

By email and web site.

Email to announce changes to the site, ALL documents to be available as simple web pages, NOT as heavily formatted pseudo-paper - your readers may be using a palmtop or, the way things are going, a mobile phone. Please don't email out Word documents either - if we want to read a document we'll download it!

The production of glossy, colour-printed throughout, reports isn't, we felt, entirely appropriate to an environmental strategy document, even if it is printed on recycled paper (why was that hidden inside the back cover as if it was something to be ashamed of?). That is not to say that a printed document is inappropriate, certainly many people will prefer to read a paper format for something that long. The use of extensive purely decorative colour in the main body of the document seems unnecessary. Opinions were divided as to whether the extra colour would affect further recycling of the report.

Other comments

What has happened to Local Agenda 21?

While Fife Council have told us, through our local Fife Councillors, on a number of occasions that this is now included in the likes of community planning and FEN itself, the apparent absence of any reference to LA21 - its principals, aims and objectives - to set current strategies in the context of international agreements for local actions, is disappointing.

p33 Transport

1) We are disappointed to see no reference to the possibility of returning a railway link to St Andrews, support for which is Fife Council policy, included in the new Fife Structure Plan.

2) The reference to a commitment to maintaining roads, verges and cycleways for cyclist safety we welcome. We hope that it will extend to choosing suitable surfaces to be designated as cycleways, if this is to encourage people to change their ways.

This brings in the point that applies generally in the environmental arena. The environment demands a much greater degree of 'joined up thinking' as the tired old phrase has it. For example Fife Council must coordinate more with bodies such as Scottish Fife Enterprise. Between them they have gifted us with

a cobbled cycle route in the centre of St Andrews, with a chain across one end. The cobbles and the chain were mostly harmless. The Cycle route had a degree of logic behind it. The combination is risible, and in no way meets the objective of encouraging cycling.

3) An area of transportation that must cross-cut into quality of life and community is busing of school pupils. Fleets of buses cross NE Fife twice a day to carry kids from eg the Tay Bridgehead to Madras College and back. Apart from the energy use, carbon dioxide production and general pollution effects of buses themselves we wonder at the effects on the children of the extension of the school day by up to an hour travelling at each end, not to mention the social environment on the buses themselves. There is a clear need for a secondary school to serve the bridgehead specifically and other parts of the south bank of the Tay, taking pressure of Madras College and Bell Baxter in Cupar. The level of busing in other areas of Fife is unknown to us, but it is surely generally an issue that could and should be targeted.

•response Received

12/10/02	East Area Services	Agenda 16/10/02
12/10/02	CCTV Advisory Group	Agenda 10/10/02
12/10/02	Environmental Services	Autumn Newsletter
12/10/02	Scottish Enterprise Fife	St Andrews TMP Environment Group postponed
12/10/02	Margaret A Caskie	COA 200 Club
12/10/02	University	Comp Sci building consultation postponed
12/10/02	NHS Fife	Annual Report 2001-2 (www.show.ecot.nhs.uk/fhb)
12/10/02	Lindsay Murray	Resignation
12/10/02	Postwatch Scotland	Newsletter Summer 2002
14/10/02	Environmental Bodies Council	Autumn newsletter
15/10/02	Abertay Uni	CCTV survey
16/10/02	Carolina Highlands St Andrew's Soc	St Andrew's Day greetings
17/10/02	Environmental Bodies Council	Scottish event 7/11/02
18/10/02	Volunteering Fife	October Newsletter
19/10/02	Steer Davies Gleave	Tay Estuary rail study
17/10/02	FoES	Raffle tickets
22/10/02	Shona Robison MSP	Fireworks consultation paper
22/10/02	Transportation Services	Fife road safety strategy consultation
23/10/02	Police	Community Council Consult 20/11/02

23/10/02	Convenor Fife Council	St Andrew's Day address
25/10/02	Civic Forum	Report of the Audit of Democratic Participation
25/10/02	NHS Fife	Board Meeting 10am 5/11 St Andrews Town Hall
26/10/02	University Student Support Services	Raisin Weekend
28/10/02	University	Comp Sci building consultation
29/10/02	Civic Forum	eLeg Newsletter
29/10/02	Civic Forum	Oral Health briefing
29/10/02	Civic Forum	eVox newsletter
29/10/02	Civic Forum	Homelessness Bill briefing
