

Monthly Agenda – April 2017

There will be a meeting of the community council at 7pm Monday 3rd April 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. Members are politely reminded to indicate to the Chair if they have a declaration of interest in any agenda item.

0. New Member

Mrs Penelope Fraser – details as per email

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of 6th March 2017

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

4.4. Dorothea Morrison

5. Planning Committee

5.1. Planning Committee Reports

see reports attached.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

6.1. Facebook update

6.2. Reports from Representatives

6.2.1. St. Andrews Pilgrim Foundation

See Appendix C

6.3. Any Other Matters Arising

6.3.1. Whyte-Melville Fountain – Dita Stanis-Trachen

Further to information imparted at the March meeting by Cllrs Melville and Morrison, I should like to ask the Council if it would support the sending of a letter of enquiry from our Chair to the relevant Fife Council operative vis-à-vis the Whyte-Melville Memorial Fountain: -

The fountain was reinstated in 2015 only to be rendered inoperable for the entirety of 2016 due to a minor vehicular impact to one of its coping stones; I have been given to understand that Fife Council deemed this to be a health & safety issue due to the potential for water leakage from the main bowl. Repair work was apparently concluded in the autumn of 2016 but the agreed affixture of a rose to the pinnacle spout was not effected (the affixture of such a rose would stop the water sputtering onto the surrounding cobbles and ensure that the tiers of the fountain would 'play' a proper cascade). Mr William Sangster, former St Andrews councillor, has provided local authority personnel with an illustration of the kind of rose that should be fitted to the fountain and was also (last year) given an assurance by a Fife Council officer that one would be made; as at 30 March 2017, however, no such rose is visible on the Fountain's

pinnacle spout. I have been advised that Fife Council is responsible for the fountain's upkeep and maintenance courtesy of finance from the St Andrews Common Good Fund: -

Would the Community Council be agreeable to a letter being sent by our Chair to the relevant Fife Council officer so as to ensure that the Whyte-Melville Fountain is operable in 2017 and that it is fitted with a water rose on its pinnacle?

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. Gateway Café

Appendix D

8.2. European City of the Reformation

Appendix E

8.3. May Dip – Hannah Raleigh

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

9.2. Treasurer found on the CC website

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

28/03/17	Email from Euan Loudon, Chief Executive, Links Trust	Email about proposals to erect a barrier along the West Sands to reduce problem of overnight camper van parking
26/03/17	Email from Penelope Fraser	Email with brief biog and request to be considered for membership of the Community Council
23/03/17	Email from Lara Fahey, University Transition Campus Cycle Officer	Email about an event on 12 th April about Cycle Law in Scotland
20/03/17	Email from Janice Meiklem, Fife Council	Email about Street Parade application for St Andrews Celtic Society Parade on 9 th April
17/03/17	Email from Jenni Whittle, Fife Council	Email re FIFEplan Supplementary Guidance Consultation 17/3 to 05/05
16/03/17	Email from Janice Meiklem, Fife Council	Street Parade Application: Innes Johnston Cup Cycling Event on 28 th May
13/03/17	Email from Avril Graham, Fife Council	Community Councils – Statutory Consultation Notice – Proposal to relocate Madras College
29/03/17	Email from Euan Loudon	Email to explain Links act and byelaws in relation to powers for managing the West

		Sands area – see email
28/03/17	Email from Andy Tracey	Email about update re Minilinks Golf Proposal

AGENDA B – Approved Planning Committee Minutes

Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 27th February 2017

1. Sederunt: Community Councillors Penny Uprichard (Planning Convenor), Charlotte Andrew, Izzy Corbin, Ian Goudie, Judith Harding, Callum MacLeod, Greg Newman and Dita Stanis-Traken

Apologies: None

2. Minute taker: CM

3. Minutes: With one minor amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 13th February 2017 were approved.

4. Matters Arising: PU to clarify the Application for outside seating at the Beer Kitchen

5. Recent Applications:

From the Weekly List of 19th February 2017:

16/04087/LBC - Deans Court - No comment

17/00159/FULL - 32 Lade Braes - PU and JH declared interests in this Application and took no part in the discussion or decision reached; IC chaired the Meeting for this item – No comment

17/00273/FULL – Craigmount - No comment

17/00375/FULL - Butts Wynd - No comment

17/00377/FULL - 1 Balmungo Steadings - No comment

17/00243/SCR - North Bank Farm - PU to clarify how this Application relates to other Applications

6. Items for noting or action:

a. 4 Louden's Close - withdrawn

b. St Andrews West Development - PAN agreed; next stage awaited

c. University Plans - a general discussion took place

d. 10 Westview - The Committee decided to object to the proposed removal of Condition 1 (PU)

e. 12 Park Street - the adjourned Hearing will reconvene on Friday 3rd March 2017

f. Motion to Fife Council - it was noted that the Motion put to Fife Council in relation to Community Councils had been passed

7. AOCB - none

8. Time & Date of next Meeting - 7.30 pm on Monday 13th March 2017

Appendix C: St Andrews Pilgrim Foundation Report

Report: Cllr Dita Stanis-Traken

On 16th March I was pleased to attend my first meeting of the St Andrews Pilgrim Foundation on behalf of the Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council.

The Foundation is currently undertaking a review of its constitutional arrangements with a view to adopting a new constitution in line with that espoused by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) in its "Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation" (SCIO) model. An open meeting is planned for the evening of Thursday 27th April at which it is hoped to attract new volunteers to the Foundation; ex-officio representation is currently provided by the Community Council, Preservation Trust and Fife Council.

The Foundation is not currently making grant awards (pending constitutional reorganisation and the accrual of new funds), but commissioned projects include:

- Logies Lane and Church Square: restoration of masonry and paviors, with pend and square to be re-laid with Caithness slate sets.

- Botanic Garden: installation of a new gate on the Kinness Burn Railway Viaduct courtesy of a £5K grant from the Royal & Ancient Golf Club

Appendix D: Gateway Café

The Gateway Café has in recent weeks closed its doors to both town-and-gown and is, I believe, to be utilised as office space. For anyone unfamiliar with the location, the Gateway Café provided one of the most pleasant spots in the town for informal meetings, daytime socialising or a pleasant lunch or coffee over wonderful views of the surrounding greensward and the adjacent Station Park.

For those who would point out that there are cafés and eateries aplenty in St Andrews and on which basis this is no great loss, I would counter this by saying that there are no such venues with such a unique ambience and in such atypical off-centre surroundings; the importance of this town-and-gown venue in its setting outwith the bounds of the mainstream tourist beat should not thus be undervalued.

I have raised this matter in a private capacity with Aine Bennett (former Community Relations Officer) who in turn raised it with Students' Association President, Charlotte Andrew, who indicated that the matter had been brought up at University Court by academics similarly unhappy with the closure; Ms Bennett also indicated that Ms Andrew had intended to contact the Principal in this regard.

Would the Community Council be prepared to add its voice to those querying the closure of this special town-and-gown facility by supporting a letter of enquiry by our Chair to the UStA Principal?

Appendix E – Cities of the European Reformation

Per intimation of Secretary Mr Marks on 28 February 2017, St Andrews has been named one of the “Cities of the European Reformation”, a network of 81 cities across 15 nations of the European continent.

It is important to stress that St Andrews is not only the sole Scottish City of the Reformation; it is also the only city to be named as such across the entirety of Great Britain, the United Kingdom and the geographical British Isles.

Although this initiative has been initiated by a network of European churches, the Reformation should not in the present day be viewed as a purely theistic phenomenon but as a key geopolitical milestone and irrevocable turning point in our ancient nation's twelve-hundred year journey: surely our designation as a European City of the Reformation should be more widely intimated to the community of St Andrews and perhaps some thought could also be given as to how the Reformation and its St Andrean martyrs could be especially commemorated over the coming months in light of this recent conformant?