

Monthly Agenda – December 2012

There will be a meeting of the community council at 7pm Monday 3rd December 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 November 5th 2012

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

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. Martyrs Monument Update

6.2. Craigtoun Update

6.3. Botanic Gardens Update

6.4. Reports from Representatives

6.5. Any Other Matters Arising

7. From Committees

7.1. Recreation

7.2. General Purposes

7.3. 200 Club

7.4. Health, Education & Welfare Committee

8. New Business

8.1. Consultation on Fife Council Budget

8.2. Scottish Health Campaigns Network

For information - see Appendix C

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

9.2. Treasurer

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

07/11/12	Iain Barbour Fife council	Email re Work on Lade Braes (phase 2) and Viaduct walk St Andrews
09/11/12	Lachlan Macintosh Royal British Legion	Grant Application - RBL St Andrews
23/11/12	William Welsh Fife Council	Email - Council call to community councils - have your say on budget challenges
23/11/12	Sinae Lee St Andrews University student	Request for a financial grant from 200 club – Museum and Gallery Studies students at the University
26/11/12	Cllr Margaret Kennedy	Sherriff Court threat – email re meeting on 28 th November
20/11/12	Old Course hotel	PAN Letter re Hamilton Grand Project
27/11/12	St Nicholas – Eastacre Investments Ltd	Letter re possible meeting with Planning Committee to discuss possible future development in Westburn Lane development site recently purchased by the firm
14/11/12	William Welsh Fife Council	Letter from Scottish Health Campaigns Network – Letter sent via Fife Council re Health Concerns in a wide range of areas from privatisation to other topical concerns - see letter attached in appendix

Appendix B – Fife Council Budget Consultation

I am writing to ask you to get involved in Fife Council's budget consultation which runs from 21 November 2013 to 6 January 2013.

Fife Council is facing a budget shortfall of £6m next year and in subsequent years this will rise to £66m. This will make it much harder to balance the books. Steps have been taken already to bridge next year's budget gap but we need to keep planning strategically if we are to meet the financial challenges ahead and ensure services are better prioritised. That's why we'd like as many of Fife's community councils, community organisations and voluntary support groups as possible to let us know what they think of our proposals and what's important to their local community.

The best way to get involved is online at www.fifedirect.org.uk/budget By registering with our new online consultation tool you can submit comments and rate ideas. The closing date for feedback is 6 January 2013 so please make sure you let us know your views in plenty of time. Paper copies of the consultation pack are available from libraries and Local Offices but I would like to ask you wherever possible to give us your views online as it's cheaper and easier for us to gather feedback this way.

Appendix C – Scottish Health Campaigns Network

We are writing as Community Councillors and as members of the Scottish Health Campaigns Network (SHCN), an organisation set up some eight years ago to co-ordinate the work of various groups from around Scotland with concerns about health service provision in their areas.

These local groups (mostly consisting of laymen) are joined by retired Medical Professionals, Consultants, Doctors and Nurses. Initially the focus of activities was mainly on safeguarding local hospitals and clinics and services jeopardised by centralist policies promulgated by Health Boards. Now, many of the local problems that led groups to join SHCN have been resolved or overtaken by events but the dangers of undue centralisation have not disappeared. We are finding that decisions are

being made about provision of services to defined communities or localities which put the accessibility of some services at risk - particularly to the disadvantaged.

The Network is concerned about the privatisation agenda south of the border: it is keeping an eye on developments and maintaining contact with groups in England and Wales. Our immediate targets at the moment include Centralisation, Stroke care, Cancer care, and Mental Health. Other issues on our radar include Out of Hours provision (especially in rural areas), Integration of Adult Health and Social Care (the Scottish Government consultation closed in September, and we await draft legislation), Hospital Discharge arrangements, NHS staff shortages, Health Board rationalisation and elected membership, End-of-Life care, etc.

These and other issues we raise at our meetings with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing which have taken place roughly every six months. The meetings are informed by reports and concerns from member groups and responded to by the Ministers/Cabinet Secretaries who are on record as having found the exchanges valuable.

We know that many of these concerns are shared by communities across Scotland, and by this communication we are inviting you to help widen local participation in the debate and also inform us of issues you feel we could work together to address. If you cared to send representatives we would be happy to have them attend our meetings. We have been meeting quarterly, but recognise that any given venue (currently on the north side of Glasgow) will be difficult for many, and it may be more appropriate to operate a virtual meeting by email etc.

We therefore welcome expressions of interest from Community Councils and other local bodies who may have a part to play, so please feel free to forward this to them. To get a flavour of SHCN you might like to visit www.shcnlive.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

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