

Monthly Agenda – February 2013

There will be a meeting of the community council at 7pm Monday 4th February 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 January 2013

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

3. Presentations

3.1. LETS – A presentation on the Local Exchange Trading Scheme by Paul White

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. Housing Commission update

6.6. Reports from Representatives

6.7. 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. StAnden Report

See Appendix B

8. New Business

8.1. Future of Byre Theatre

8.2. Honours Leaflet

For information – Appendix C

8.3. Heartstart – see Appendix D

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

23/01/13	SEPA	Email from SEPA re the New Coastal Flood Warning Service
23/01/13	Gillian Prestage Fife Council	Email re Scottish Police Authority - consultation on draft Strategic Police Plan
18/01/13	William Welsh, Fife Council	Email re Scottish Government Public Consultation Events - Redesigning the Community Justice System
25/01/13	Jenni Whittle Fife Council	Email re Fifeplan Drop-in events
30/01/13	Alex Middleton	Email with proposal for link between St Andrews and China partnership
28/01/13	Oscar Castro – Consorci del Turó de la Seu Vella de Lleida	Email about EACEA Project for St Andrews heritage managers from Lleida (Catalonia, Spain)
28/01/13	Gillian Prestage Fife Council	Email with leaflet about putting forward local citizens for an Honour – such as an MBE?
22/01/13	Dr Hamish Tait - Heartstart	Email about publically available defibrillators in St Andrews and way to set this up with CC involvement

APPENDIX B

StAndEN Report for January 2013:

The visit programme is continuing. CERT funding has come to an end and the Green Deal initiative was launched on 28th January. The next few months will see a lot of marketing this scheme. The StAndEN Advisors will be kept up to date with developments and will work hard at ensuring the residents of St Andrews understanding the scheme and the commitments they are making when taking out one of the loans. There are a number of introductory offers in place in the form of cash backs to encourage uptake from the outset, however while the process has started the number of providers is still limited and while the providers can now start work under Green Deal the payment for this work is still unavailable meaning only the big companies can really start works now.

The schools project got underway this month with a presentation to P6 in Lawhead PS. We are following this up with a presentation to P5 in April. 5 more presentations are programmed in for February/March.

The Infranomic Heating project has now entered the detailed monitoring stage. Press coverage has been good with articles in both the Citizen and the Courier. A second householder in St

Andrews has installed a system herself and has also allowed us to monitor her usage. This project will get further coverage as time goes on.

Regular meetings are now taking place between the StAndEN team and the Transition University of St Andrews Group, two StAndEN staff have completed the Carbon Conversation course, one staff member has gone on to complete the facilitators training.

The Fife wide free insulation scheme is still in place however the pot of money is coming to an end. We are currently ensuring to process referrals as quickly as possible to ensure the clients benefit from this offer. The range of measures that can be funded has greatly increased since the introduction of Green Deal and while householders can benefit from the fact that they incur no upfront costs the process will be slow to start with until the providers build up experience in running the scheme.

The Wednesday drop in centre was used by 8 householders in January, and numbers are on the increase with the onset of the cold weather.

APPENDIX C: HONOURS LEAFLET

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised for their valuable voluntary or community work? Then why not consider nominating them for a UK Honour?

If someone has gone the extra mile over and above their day job, this is someone who can be considered. Perhaps they've demonstrated innovation and entrepreneurship or philanthropy. Their fundraising efforts have had a positive effect in their local community or they've achieved great things against the odds. Any and all of these are things that can be considered.

Achievement comes in many forms but what stands out is someone who has made a difference in their field of work or community. However, it should not be just because of their job title(s) or the grade they have attained.

Honours can be awarded for all sorts of work - paid or unpaid - but your nominee must still be involved in the activity for which they're nominated.

Other than where the nomination is for someone who has been doing voluntary work in retirement, people who have retired will not be considered unless it is within one year of them retiring. If you are thinking of nominating someone for their work (voluntary or otherwise), consider submitting it at least 1 year before they are due to retire to ensure they are in with a chance.

If they are particularly young, could they achieve more in their career in future?

To be in with a chance of seeing your candidate on the Honours List, you have to make sure your nomination has what it takes to make it all the way.

Has your nominee:

made a difference to their community or field of work?

improved the life of those less able to help themselves?

displayed moral courage and vision in making tough choices and hard applications?

How do they compare to others doing the same work?

General UK Government Cabinet Office guidance to nominators states that if a candidate has not had word of any award in a two year period then they are unlikely to have been successful. Scottish Government Honours Secretariat retain documents for five years and are happy to update nominations if new information is received. After five years, a fresh nomination would be required.

There are two Honours rounds per year. New Year and Birthday and we are particularly keen to get representation from more ethnic, disabled or female candidates for all levels.

More information on UK Honours including the nomination form and guidance, which is UK wide, can be found at:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Governmentcitizensandrights/UKgovernment/Honoursawardandmedals/TheUKHonourssystem/index.htm>

APPENDIX D - HEARTSTART

Since we launched our programme in 1987, there have been many advances in the treatment of heart attack. It has long been known that the best hope of recovery from “cardiac arrest” (when the heart “stops”) is early treatment with a defibrillator – a machine designed to deliver a controlled electric shock which can get the heart going again. Over the years, such machines have become more and more sophisticated and yet easier to use.

In the drive to make defibrillation more available and eradicate unnecessary time delays, we are now looking at “public access defibrillation”. This means finding key locations to place machines which can be used by any member of the public. The beauty of these machines is that they can be used without any training at all and without any risk.

The East Neuk Community Councils, in association with East Neuk First Responders have a campaign to meet this need in their communities and are already well down the road to success. Heart Start has given them some support, but we would like to see something similar happening in St Andrews and the neighbouring communities.

We would like to enter discussion with you to address the following issues.

- Would your community be interested in exploring this initiative?
- If so, can you identify suitable locations?
- Can you identify a group of people who would be prepared to undertake supervision of the equipment? This is neither arduous nor time consuming.

Heart Start has the resources available to provide and install the machines, so there would be no financial commitment for your Community Council.

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