

# Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

## Provisional Minutes – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

### 0. Resignation of Mr Harry Stewart & farewell to Charlotte Andrew

Mr McLeod, Chair reminded members of the recent resignation on health grounds of Mr Harry Stewart. He expressed appreciation of the work done for the Community Council by Mr Stewart, which he was sure, would be echoed by members.

Mr McLeod then went on to note that Ms Andrew was departing having finished her time at St Andrews University. He noted that she had been a great help in a number of ways to the CC from arranging meeting rooms for the Planning Committee at the Students Union to work on the CC Facebook site. Mr McLeod presented Ms Andrew with a token of the appreciation of the CC for all her input and assistance to the CC. Ms Andrew then introduced her successor Lewis Wood.

### 1. Attendance

#### Community Councillors

Callum MacLeod, Ian Goudie, Gordon Shepherd, Izzy Corbin, Patrick Marks, Judith Harding, Greg Newman, John Jardine, Penny Uprichard, Penelope Fraser, Jamie McLeod, Kyffin Roberts, Dita Stanis-Traken, Howard Greenwell, Iain Munn,

#### Students' Association Representatives

Charlotte Andrew

Lewis Wood

#### Co-Opted

Lindsey Adam

#### Fife Councillors

Jane Ann Liston

**Apologies** – Hannah Raleigh, Dominic Nolan, Ann Verner, Brian Thomson, Niall Scott

### 2. Minutes of Meeting – June 2017

Minutes agreed as a correct record.

### 3. Presentations

#### 3.1. Tourism St Andrews

Tourism St Andrews – Gerry Beaulier & Maggie Picken attended the meeting to give a presentation on Tourism St Andrews and the visit by the Kelpie Maquettes at the end of July.

Maggie Picken spoke first and explained her background and her role in the group, which had been set up in the past year. She explained that all the members of the group were volunteers who all loved St Andrews. They want to bring together all the aspects of tourism within St Andrews. Financial support for their events is dependent upon being able to get grants to facilitate appropriate events.

Mr Gerry Beaulier then took over the presentation to explain the sort of activities organised and supported by the group. Gerry explained his own background briefly, informing members

that he'd been 43 years in the town. He then explained that the group was an outgrowth of the B&B Association. One issue identified related to visiting Cruise ships and the fact that there was no meet and greet to help orientate the visitors in making the most of their few hours in town outwith the main tourist venues. The group wanted to try and ensure that visitors to St. Andrews had a memorable experience. Gerry spoke to his digital presentation on the facts about tourist visits and how his group were trying to give visitors a touch and flavour of the town and also support them in small ways and he talked about giving these day visitors 20p if they needed change to use the toilets when their buses dropped them off. He felt that small gestures like that would enhance the image of the town for such visitors. The group was working hard to improve the toilets by the Bruce Embankment by putting planters around the toilets to improve their image. He emphasised the community nature of these activities and also how they were viewed as having long-term benefit with visitors more likely to visit again if they had a pleasant experience. He informed the meeting that there were 121 cruise ships coming into the Forth in the past year and a smaller number to Dundee.

The Group is also working with the BID and thought that they complemented one another.

Another initiative in which they were involved was in bringing the "Oor Wullies" to St Andrews and these were displayed around the town in various venues from the Byre to Janettas and West Port hotel and elsewhere for a week.

He then announced that the Kelpie Maquettes were coming to be displayed in St Andrews with a launch date on the 29<sup>th</sup> July. He added that the Kelpies were an enormous potential for tourism during the three months of their visit. A number of activities related to the Kelpies from artwork by students and a book signing by the sculptor would also take place.

A further initiative, which had been organised, was beach access for disabled people on the 19<sup>th</sup> July. Those attending would be offered rides on ponies or in wagons. In the following year they hoped to acquire beach wheelchairs to allow activities by disabled people on the beach.

He informed the meeting that this year for Fife had been designated the Year for History, Heritage and Archaeology and next year would be the Year of Young People. He talked about the group doing things for young people as part of their tourism approach in the hope that young visitors would return to the area for further visits. He thought of it as a life time vision to have people return at different times in their lives if they had a positive experience as children.

Miss Uprichard asked about the buses and where they parked during visits. Mr Beaulier explained how the buses would drop off their passengers and would park down at the parking area near the Links Club House. Mr Beaulier also talked about ways his group were looking at ways in which tourists coming for only a few hours from cruise ships could be offered the opportunity to try a bit of golf etc. The possibility of attracting some of these visitors to the Botanic Gardens was also being worked on with that establishment.

Mrs Fraser asked Mr Beaulier if the group had literature to give visitors an idea of what they could do if they visited on a cold, rainy day? Mr Beaulier thought Mrs Fraser's question was an excellent one but acknowledged that there wasn't a rainy day plan. He added that the group was in its early days and he recognised that there were a lot of things, which they would need to catch up on. He made the meeting aware that the meetings of Tourism St Andrews were open to anyone to attend.

Dr Shepherd suggested that perhaps visitors should be encouraged to walk up from the West Sands and only the less able taken up in minibuses to the cathedral area. He was concerned about the impact of a lot of buses on the traffic in the town and thought that a different drop off point might be less of an issue. Mr Beaulier acknowledged his concern and said that quite a lot of visitors did walk up that way but at present there was nothing stopping buses dropping off their passengers close to the cathedral though this might be looked at in the long term. At present he felt it was beyond the group's scope. However he felt that it was useful to hear about local concerns from groups such as the CC and learn from those concerns.

Mr Beaulier reminded the meeting about the opening event celebrating the Kelpie Maquettes arrival in St Andrews on the 29<sup>th</sup> July @ about 11am.

Mr Roberts reminded the meeting about the Bandstand concerts and how they might benefit from the Kelpie Maquettes presence and hoped that members would assist with shaking the bucket at these concerts.

Miss Uprichard suggested the group could try to persuade Fife Council to stop charging for toilets. Mr Beaulier added that his group was keen to see a big improvement in toilets such as the Bruce Embankment as the No.1 complaint from visitors was the state of the toilets. Further discussion took place about toilets and their location.

Mr Beaulier finished by informing the meeting that the group's next meeting would be on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. He welcomed people emailing him as well with ideas the group could pursue.

## **4. Fife Councillors.**

### **4.1. Jane Ann Liston.**

#### **4.1.1. Committee Membership**

Councillor Liston informed the meeting that the Council was sorting out its new committee structure. She was on the Regulation & Licensing Committee and the Economic Enterprise, Strategic Planning & Transport Committee and also the Planning Committee for North East Fife.

#### **4.1.2. Planning Representations**

Councillor Liston had noted that representations by CCs weren't included in the planning papers whereas in the Regulation & Licensing Committee representations were included. She has asked the Planning Committee to have all the representations copied into the agendas for the meetings. She informed the meeting that she'd try to ensure that the points raised by the CC would be put in the meetings.

#### **4.1.3. Madras College**

Cllrs Liston and Verner had attended a special Parent Council Meeting recently just after the end of term. Derek Brown from Education was present as well as the Rector. The meeting discussed what facilities there might be in the new school. They weren't specifying exactly where the facilities would go but discussed issues like the amount of space required for areas like labs. The Rector she said was confident that he would be able to deliver the full curriculum with what was being proposed.

#### **4.1.4. Cycle Parking**

Cllr Liston mentioned that she had received an email with attached cycle parking plans, but was disappointed to discover that the proposed sites were not what had been agreed, with at least one site being wrong. The Tesco site had only one extra rack so Councillors had pointed out to officials that there were meant to be more than indicated. Officials have taken back the plan to amend the proposals. The other sites proposed were at the east end of Market Street and outside the West Port. She thought that the latter might be an advantage, as it would stop lorries parking on that area of pavement. Mrs Corbin reminded Cllr Liston that St Andrews in Bloom had put four large planters at the West Port and these were effective at stopping parking on the pavement. She also mentioned that two cycle racks were missing at the Luvians site for a while.

Mr Marks said that he wasn't impressed by the recently issued plans for cycle racks. He commented that there were also the racks, which hadn't been put back by Sainsbury's store since the St Andrews Week celebrations. He commented that he hoped that the Tesco site would see many more bike racks as he thought that merely moving the current racks and adding one on was inadequate. In relation to the proposed West Port site he thought that the racks should be inside the West Port not outside. He thought that racks outside the West Port would be more likely to get used by students living in the flats rather than local residents shopping. Dr Goudie thought that there was a need for cycle racks in the West Port area but as the West Port was an ancient monument he thought that sticking a cycle rack in front of it

didn't seem like a good idea from a visual point of view. His wife had also noted that there might also be an element of risk to have the racks outside, as drivers wouldn't be expecting cyclists to be joining the road from that point. He thought that Mr Marks's suggestion about having the racks inside the West Port was more sensible.

#### **4.1.5. Victory Memorial Hall**

Cllr Liston reported that Fife Council was still looking at the Victory Memorial Hall with a view to determining whether it can be disposed off. She acknowledged that it was a very well used facility and the question would be if it were disposed off where would the activities go? Fife Council would be happy to let another organisation/s take over its running but the viability of that would depend upon factors such as insurance and running costs. She hoped to hear more at a ward meeting for the four councillors in the near future. Mr Newman confirmed that the Victory Memorial Hall was a Common Good asset. Mrs Harding noted that the upper floor of the Victory Memorial Hall had no disabled access.

#### **4.1.6. Fifeplan**

Cllr Liston reported that this was passed earlier in the day with two amendments. One area of concern related to the Cupar North relief road and the possible effect upon St Andrews. One of the issues, which could be created by a relief road, was increased car journeys. She had flagged up the matter to officials and councillors.

#### **4.1.7. Community Buy-Out**

Cllr Liston asked the meeting if they were aware that this was now available for urban sites? She explained the way the idea worked. She said that an interest had to be expressed and there had to be an organisation set up to be registered. When something then came up for sale those who had registered an interest would be contacted. She reminded the meeting of the site at the beginning of Greyfriars Garden as a possible example.

#### **4.1.8. HMOs**

Cllr Liston reported that there was to be a workshop for Councillors and there was supposed to be a report but that hadn't appeared yet. She was surprised that the Students Association hadn't been invited to the workshop and would try to get a copy of the report for the Students Association.

#### **4.1.9. Graffiti**

Mrs Corbin mentioned that there was graffiti on "phone exchange" boxes on the Grange Road, which has been there for at least a month and so far not removed.

#### **4.1.10. Motor Bike Rack**

Mrs Corbin mentioned that she had been asked to bring up the lack of any motorbike rack in the town so bikes were using car parking spaces in a less than efficient way.

#### **4.1.11. Rusty Railings**

Mrs Harding mentioned that there were a lot of rusty railings near the Scores and Bruce embankment areas. She acknowledged that former Cllr Morrison had obtained a quote which was very expensive for replacing the railings, but added that she was concerned that the railings could be dangerous so were a health and safety issue. She also mentioned other old railings at the entrance to Kinburn Park and the path along from the bus station to the end of the car park.

#### **4.1.12. Maintenance of Side Streets**

Mrs Fraser commented that one of the charms of St Andrews were the little Pends and wynds between the main streets. She thought that some seemed to be in disrepair with overhanging vegetation while others seemed to be better managed. She wondered whether Fife Council had a plan for the management of these areas or was it on an ad hoc basis when someone complained? Cllr Liston thought that it depended upon whether the pend etc was an adopted thoroughfare. She asked for locations and said she'd check on their status for management. She added that it was likely that there was less planned management more of a reaction if there was a problem. Another possibility she added was that some areas might be privately

owned and therefore up to the owners to manage. Mrs Corbin mentioned that some of these streets had been done up by the Pilgrim Foundation.

#### **4.1.13. College Street**

Mr Jardine asked Cllr Liston when she was last in that area? He went on to say that it had become a car park. He added that an excuse being made was that emergency vehicles might need to get up the street so the bollards had been removed. He didn't accept this excuse saying that emergency vehicles could cut the chains if required. He commented upon the fact that there was a sign indicating that the street was for bicycles and pedestrians only and wanted this to be reinstated. CC members commented that the area was becoming cluttered with vehicles now as well as large bins. Mr Greenwell commented that there were at least 6 of the large sized bins on top of the regular sized bins on the street at times. Mr McLeod added that members clearly felt that College Street should be treated with more respect and was one of the most attractive streets in the town. Cllr Liston agreed to check out the situation in relation to College Street.

#### **4.1.14. Parking Spaces**

Mr Jardine raised the issue of taxis sitting in paid parking spaces near the Bank of Scotland during the day. He thought they shouldn't be parking in these spaces and were depriving the Council of revenue. Cllr Liston informed the meeting that the number of taxis in the town was capped.

#### **4.1.15. One Way System – Queens Gardens**

Mrs Harding wondered if Cllr Liston could find out about the progress of setting up the one-way system in Queens Gardens. Cllr Liston replied that it would require a traffic order and consultation with the public but would check out the matter. Mr McLeod informed Cllr Liston that he thought the residents had already been consulted and the proposal was that traffic should come up to South Street but view of the CC was that traffic should be taken off South Street.

### **4.2. Dominic Nolan -Apologies**

### **4.3. Brian Thomson - apologies**

### **4.4. Ann Verner - apologies**

## **5. Planning Committee**

### **5.1. Planning Committee Report**

Miss Uprichard presented the report of the Planning Committee. She reported that the committee had met twice in the past month. They had considered 25 applications and objected to 5. The objections included 16 Argyle Street where there was a request to build 4 houses on a very small site. Another application of interest was 7 St Leonards Road. The committee had objected to the roof design. The committee then received a letter from the applicant informing them that he'd wanted a traditional roof design but planning officials had insisted that he go for the design being objected to as they thought his design was too traditional! She wasn't certain if officials had the power to say such things. Miss Uprichard with the applicant's agreement had then written to officials to ask what was "too traditional". She will report on the response at the next meeting.

Miss Uprichard then went on to talk about various appeals ongoing. There is an appeal again in relation to the pergola at the West Port Hotel indeed the applicants apparently lodged 4 appeals with the Appeals Directorate according to Miss Uprichard. The basis of the appeals relates to the time taken by Fife Council to make decisions apparently similar to what has been happening at the Feddinch Golf Course development where the reporter has upheld the appeals. Miss Uprichard thought that this was a worrying trend. There has also been an application by the West Port owners to install an air conditioning unit. The Planning Committee and West Port neighbours have objected to that application. Another appeal is by Nardinis in relation to an illuminated sign. According to Miss Uprichard the application was

refused twice. Finally there is an appeal in relation to electricity cable for the proposed Kenly Wind Turbines. The Kenly Landscape Protection Group has obtained a legal opinion on this application and submitted it in relation to the appeal by the applicant. The Planning Committee was supporting the Landscape Group's action. Miss Uprichard was concerned that the Reporter had told the applicants that they could go back to scratch with their application and start again which seemed to her to be against all rules.

Mr Roberts asked if Miss Uprichard had noticed that Fife Council were not going to put planning applications in the St Andrews Citizen only the Courier. These will be in Thursday's Courier.

## **6. Matters Arising**

### **6.1. Reports from Representatives**

#### **6.1.1. St Andrews Community Trust**

Mr Greenwell reported that after the June CC meeting the Trust had a Trustees meeting to consider applications. The meeting considered 18 applications and awarded 14 grants to the tune of about £38-40000. About £85000 – 90000 per year was coming from the Links Trust and £25000 annually from the David Stevenson Trust. The money from the latter was only awarded for sports or art related applications.

Mr Greenwell then commented on the changes in Trust membership with the loss of Cllr McCartney who didn't stand again for Fife Council. Cllr Liston wasn't certain who might replace ex-Cllr McCartney before the AGM. Mr Greenwell reminded the meeting that there are four partner directors on the Trust, two appointed by the CC, one from Fife Council and one from the Links Trust. There are also the co-opted directors who have been affected by the rule changes in how long they can serve. The nominations committee before the AGM had provided the Trust directors with six candidates to consider as replacements under the new rules. There was a recommendation that a new co-opted director was appointed for the AGM and that a second co-opted director would be stood down the following year. A Margaret Lees was appointed as the first new co-opted director just after the AGM. She replaces Donna Renton. In June of next year, Jo Rodger will stand down to be replaced by Henry Paul. Arthur Griffiths, the current Chair will serve until 2019, although he will stand down as Chair in 2018. Apart from resolving the Fife Councillor post, the only other task would be to appoint a new CC member to one of the director posts following the resignation of Mr Harry Stewart. Mr McLeod noted that the Trust had awarded over half a million pounds since its inception and Mr Greenwell confirmed that this figure had been reached at the recent meeting before the AGM.

Dr Goudie asked that the names of the Trustees be mentioned on the website so that the public would be aware of who was involved. Mr Greenwell agreed to discuss the request with the current chair on his return from holiday. Mr McLeod thought that that was important in the interests of transparency. Mr Greenwell replied that there would be no contact information on the website but details were available at Companies House where the Trust was registered.

Mr McLeod then mentioned the need to replace Mr Stewart. Mr Munn nominated Dr Shepherd and Mr Roberts seconded this. Dr Shepherd was duly appointed without dissent.

Mrs Harding wondered what had happened in relation to the issue of the Town Crest? Mr Greenwell replied that the Town Logo issue wasn't progressing. He felt that the Links Trust representative did not appear keen to push forward the idea claiming that there were still rogue users of the Town Crest who need to be brought to heel. Mr Greenwell added that this matter was nothing to do with the Community Trust although the licence agreements were in there it was only now that there might be an opportunity to go back to the Links Trust to ask what was necessary to get the matter moving. Mr Greenwell felt that the Links Trust didn't have any reason now to delay this matter. Mr Greenwell explained that it was really the CC, which was interested in having the town logo available to retailers within the town. Any funds arising from such an arrangement would flow back through the Community Trust, as that was

the way the Licensing agreements were set up. Mrs Harding suggested that the matter should be taken forward and Mr Greenwell agreed to raise the matter.

Ms Adam said there was a lot of concern in the town about the trade marking of the words “St Andrews” or anything in connection with St Andrews related to golf. She added that it was very difficult for anyone to manufacture or supply anything, which has the words “St Andrews” on it, anywhere or anything, which could be implied to relate to golf. She claimed that the Links Trust had almost a monopoly on items with the word “St Andrews” particularly related to golf. Mr Greenwell said that the licence agreement entered into before his time basically is anything ‘St. Andrews’ related to golf in effect comes through the Links Trust and they have a list of many items in that licence agreement and the wording also implies that this could include items not specifically listed. Mr Greenwell thought that the Links Trust had been very good to the CC helping clear up earlier mistakes, but were being a bit over zealous at the moment. However as the Links Trust will be more concerned at present about bigger business opportunities it could be a little while before the town logo issue might be more seriously addressed with the CC. When that occurs any the responsibility for managing any licensing agreement will be with the CC and not the Links Trust. Mr Greenwell added that this would be an even bigger challenge for the CC if and when it becomes set up and there would have to be a commercial structure put in place to manage the licensing. He acknowledged that he didn’t know how this might be achieved.

Dr Goudie commented that while he hadn’t looked through the legal paperwork recently he thought that there seemed to be quite a few divergences from what we thought was the situation in 2010 when the Community Trust was set up. He didn’t think that the CC saw itself in any way as running the day-to-day operation of the logo. He thought that there was an expectation that the Links Trust would get on with setting up the logo and do so very soon, but now 7 years on nothing has happened.

Mr Greenwell replied that in the agreements there was only an indication that the Links Trust would do it some time and he added that he’d argued for a long time that to exercise this option they had to put a date in with no success to date.

### **6.1.2. Standen**

Now that Mr Stewart is no longer a CC member his post as a Director of Standen is vacant and a replacement from the CC needs to be put forward. There is an annual meeting for the Directors, which is at the AGM. Mr Greenwell reminded the meeting of the remit and activity of the organisation. Mr Roberts volunteered to fill the vacant post. This was agreed without dissent.

### **6.1.3. Leuchars Forum**

Mrs Corbin reported on her attendance at this forum at which issues such as the recent Open Day at the base were discussed. She reported that the Open Day had been a great success. She also mentioned other issues relating to St Athernaise Church and SNH funding an educational garden at Tentsmuir.

## **6.2. Other Matters Arising**

### **6.2.1. Flag Pole Replacement**

Mr Munn asked about the progress in relation to the replacement of the flagpole at the Town Hall as raised last month. Mr McLeod hadn’t any news and indicated that Cllrs Thomson and Verner were taking up the matter with the Fife Council official responsible and agreed to check with them.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **7.1. Recreation Committee**

Mr Greenwell reported that there had been a recent Recreation Committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June and John Jardine had agreed to be the new convenor. Mr Jardine asked for support for the Bandstand Concerts, urging members to come along and assist with rattling the bucket or

helping in other ways. Mr Roberts reminded members what was involved. He informed the meeting that putting out the chairs, providing refreshments and collecting donations were the main activities. The chairs were already at the bandstand being locked up so that there wasn't a need to transport them from the Victory Memorial Hall. Members should turn up about 1.30.

## **7.2. GP Meeting**

No meeting but Mr McLeod said he'd send round an email asking members what responsibilities the committee should have. He thought these might include matters of a constitutional nature, financial planning etc.

## **7.3. 200 Club**

1<sup>st</sup> Dorothea Morrison 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Effie Reid 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs D Sangster

## **7.4. Health, Education and Welfare Committee**

Mrs Corbin reported that Mr Sangster would be keen for the CC to take on responsibility for the Safety Panel. She outlined some of the responsibilities and activities of the committee such as hospital parking, cycle racks, leaflet the golfers and other activities. She thought that it was important that the CC took over responsibility for running the Panel. She thought that it should come under the remit of HEW. Mr McLeod said that it could only happen if there was a committee of CCs operating it along with the other members of the Panel. Mr McLeod thought that if it were to be a properly constituted part of the CC it would require Community Councillors to be in the majority. Mrs Corbin replied that it was a properly constituted organisation but acknowledged that there was little interest shown by other CC members.

Discussion about HEW followed when Mr McLeod reminded the meeting that the committee had to be a proper functioning body and at this time, Mrs Corbin was the only active member. Mrs Corbin complained about the lack of interest shown by CC members. Mr McLeod wondered about changing the name of the committee? Mrs Fraser informed the meeting that she had been a member of the Safety Panel for many years and she confirmed that its remit was mostly St. Andrews based. She acknowledged that membership had reduced and there were down to about six members. Mr Roberts asked if the panel was formally constituted. Mrs Fraser confirmed that this was the case and there was a regular AGM and they had funding. Mr McLeod wondered if there was enough interest for the CC to take it on? Mrs Harding felt that more needed to be found out about what was proposed and suggested delaying any decision until the next meeting. Mr McLeod suggested the possibility of a meeting with the Safety Panel to work out what was involved. Dr Goudie queried how the CC could take on board the Panel if non-CC members outnumbered CC members. He thought there might be some answer but wasn't certain what it might be. Dr Shepherd thought that a report was required to give members a better feel of the Panel before taking on full responsibility under the CC structure. Mr Marks suggested that the Panel could be discussed at a General Purposes meeting. Mr McLeod acknowledged this possibility.

## **7.5. Rail Committee**

Dr Goudie reminded members about the launch of the Policy Review on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended and received. There was quite good media coverage as well. MP Stephen Gethens made a statement- " St. Andrews is hugely important to the economy of Fife and Scotland and local people and visitors alike should have access to the best possible transport links available. The case for the reinstatement of a rail link to St. Andrews is compelling and I welcome the news that it is being included in the Tay Cities deal supported by the Scottish Government". Dr Goudie added that momentum would have to continue over the summer on the link.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1. St Andrews Day Festivities**

This item arose as the result of an email from Hannah Raleigh of the Students Association. Mr McLeod asked the meeting if the plan was supported in principle? Mrs Harding thought that the CC should be more involved in the St Andrews Day festivities and remembered a time in the past when there were more events with a CC input. Mr Roberts said there had been a drive in recent years by a number of organisations to try and get the St Andrews Day/Xmas /New Year celebrations turned into a St Andrews Winter Festival. He reminded the meeting that the Civic Reception was the first official activity in the period of celebration. He had always thought that the town should make more of this celebration and thought that there was less going on here compared to St Andrews days in other cities he'd visited around the world. Ms Andrew said that contact with the students organising student events by CC members with any ideas would be appreciated.

## **8.2. Social Enterprise**

Mr Marks explained that this item was the outcome of an email received from a Lee Walls of this organisation asking to give a brief presentation about the organisation and make the CC aware of it and how it might benefit the local community. Mr Marks outlined briefly the nature of the organisation and suggested that perhaps Mr Walls could give a brief presentation at the September meeting. He'd also forwarded the email to Gillian Anderson of the Community Kitchen as he thought it would be an appropriate enterprise to benefit from this organisations expertise.

Some debate followed about having presentations with some members feeling that they could be disruptive of the CCs main business meeting, whilst others felt there was a benefit and that it was important as a community organisation to be aware of such initiatives, which might benefit the community. The main concern centred on the length of time and it was agreed that a stricter management of time for such presentations and follow up questions should be implemented. Mr McLeod agreed to try and implement a stricter timing of future presentations with 7 minutes for presentations and 3 minutes for questions.

## **8.3. Fife Council Properties in St Andrews**

Mr Newman expressed concern about Fife Council's management and maintenance of some of the properties it owns in the town from the Victory Memorial Hall to the shop below the Town Hall. He quoted a figure of about £360000, which it has been estimated is required to update and repair the Victory Memorial Hall. He talked about the possibility under legislation of taking on the management of properties such as the Victory Memorial Hall. He thought that Fife Council might be quite glad to allow a properly organised community takeover. He suggested setting up a working committee to look at the organisation, which would be required to set up such a scheme. Mr McLeod asked Mr Newman if he wanted the CC set up a working group to decide whether to express an interest in managing the Victory Memorial Hall? Mr McLeod asked members if this was an idea worth exploring? Dr Goudie thought that it seemed of a similar magnitude to running Craigtoun. He thought that it might be useful to know if there were local people with an interest prepared to set up a Friends group or similar to work towards a possible take over of the Victory Memorial Hall. If there was sufficient interest he thought the idea might be feasible. Mr McLeod asked for confirmation that a group with Mr Newman would be prepared to look at investigating this idea. Dr Goudie and Mr Roberts expressed interest.

## **8.4. Families First Appeal**

Mr Marks explained the background to this email, which was basically a plea for financial support for this organisation struggling to raise funds to keep its activities going. Cllr Liston didn't see any problem with the group applying to the Common Good Fund and thought there might be other funds for which they could apply and she could point them towards such funding sources.

# **9. Reports from Office Bearers**

## **9.1. Chair**

Nothing to report.

## **9.2. Treasurer**

Treasurers Monthly Report on the website.

## **9.3 Secretary**

### **9.3.1. Correspondence**

Mr Marks briefly went through the correspondence received and mentioned about a plan by the regiment at Leuchars to parade in St Andrews on their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

## **9.4. Membership Secretary**

Mr Stanis-Traken said there wasn't a lot to report. He'd sent out invitations to the new Fife Councillors to join the CC Facebook Group and they'd accepted.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **10.1. Community Council Putting Competition**

Mrs Corbin announced that the Putting Competition would be on the 13<sup>th</sup> September @ 17.30.

### **10.2. Police Attendance @ CC Meeting**

Mr Munn asked if there had been any progress in getting the police to say if they would attend the CC meeting. Mr Marks acknowledged that he'd not got round to calling at the station but would do so before the next meeting.

### **10.3. Wind Instrument Band Concert 2018**

Mr Roberts reported that he had been approached by a Wind Instrument Band from Luxemburg wanting to play at the Bandstand on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.