

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

Agenda – September 2004

There will be a meeting of the community council at 7pm Monday 6th September 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.

(Copies of Agendas and Minutes of the Community Council are held at Fife Council's Local Office, St Mary's Place and the Town Library, Church Square. Those from late 1997 on are at <http://www.louisxiv.demon.co.uk/standrewscc/>)

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of August 2004

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

3. 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.

3.1. Elderly Advocacy Project

John Wylie of Fife Elderly Forum Executive to speak about their Advocacy Project [April 7.6]

3.2. Cupar Credit Union

Brian John Owens, Chairman, Cupar Credit Union Limited. See Appendix A.

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville (West)

4.2. Sheila Black (South)

4.3. Bill Sangster (Central)

4.4. Jane Ann Liston (South East)

4.4.1. World Class

Appendix J: list of the World Class Executive (for information)

5. Planning Committee

5.1. Minutes

Appendix K: Planning meeting 9 Aug 04.

5.2. St Andrews Burgh: resurvey of historic buildings

Appendix L: letter from Historic Scotland announcing the first survey of buildings for historical and architectural importance in 26 years.

5.3. South Street

Appendix M: comment from Flora Selwyn.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

6.1. Projector

[July 7.2.] Paul Marshall, East Area Halls and Events Manager, agrees that some form of projector would be a good idea, but he has absolutely no budget to put towards it.

6.2. Fairtrade

[June 6.3] Who would be prepared to represent Community Council on a Fairtrade Steering Group, working to achieve Fairtrade Town status for St Andrews?

NB As supporters we should make sure we have Fairtrade products available at any function we hold where eg refreshments are served.

6.3. St Andrew's Day Holiday

Keith McCartney, our co-opted representative for St Andrew's Day Holiday matters, reports that Dennis Canavan MSP proposes to introduce a bill to establish a St Andrew's Day holiday, and ask that we pass on our views to Cardinal O'Brien and the MSP.

Appendix I: forwarded correspondence from Dennis Canavan MSP.

6.4. Lammas Market

Appendix G: Letter by Ken Crichton concerning linking the Market and the Edinburgh Festival.

6.5. Jamie Anderson

Fife-based sculptor David Annand contacted us to let us know he has produced several memorials in Fife (Jim Clarke in Klimany, Sir Jimmy Shand at Auchtermuchty) and would be interested in working on this subject.

6.6. Any other matters arising?

7. New Business

7.1. Lamond Drive Traffic

Appendix C. Correspondence from Dr Delaney of Lamond Drive.

7.2. Fair Share for Fife

From: Councillor Anne McGovern, Leader of the Administration, Councillor Elizabeth Riches, Leader of the Liberal Group, Councillor David Alexander, Leader of the SNP Group, Councillor Stuart Randall, Leader of the Conservative Group, Councillor Andrew Rodger, Leader of the Independent Group.

"We are writing to seek your support for the Council's case asking Ministers to address the issue of the under funding of Fife Constabulary in comparison with other Police Forces in Scotland. The Council's case is attached. We have written to the Minister of Justice, Cathy Jamieson; a copy of this letter is attached and we hope you will add your support to our campaign by also writing to her."

Appendix H: for the case and letter to the Minister of Justice

7.3. School 20mph Zones

Appendix F: Letters covering Lawhead, Greyfriars and St Leonards. Plans available.

7.4. Telecoms Masts

7.4.1. Sites in Fife

Appendix B: letter from North Glenrothes Community Council

7.4.2. Telecom Mast: Grange Road

O2 UK send background papers on the reasons for the new wave of masts, and mast and phone safety, in connection with a forthcoming application for a 3G mast near Grange Road.

7.5. Police Consultation

Appendix E: Annual police consultation of community and Fife councillors.

Are there any particular issues to raise, and who can attend a meeting to raise them? Police have been informed that the 6th clashes with our meeting.

7.6. East Fife Women's Aid

Invite us to their AGM: 6pm for 6.30pm Wednesday 15 September VONEF 69-73 Crossgate, Cupar.

7.7. NHS Fife Board Meeting

10am Tuesday 28 September, Supper Room, Town Hall, St Andrews. Tea and coffee from 9.30am when you will have an opportunity to meet representatives of the NHS in Fife. 01592-712472 x 8472.

7.8. Changes to Bus Services

7.8.1. General Services

Appendix D: A letter received from Fife Council's Transportation Services. Dated 6 July, received 13 August, implementation 16 August...

7.8.2. New "Go-Flexi" Service

From a Fife Council information leaflet:

"Go-Flexi is a new way of travelling around in Fife. Go-Flexi opens up many more journey opportunities allowing you to travel further a-field and more often than before. Anyone can use the service so why not 'Go-Flexi' for shopping trips, to catch a train, college trips or visiting friends?

"Go-Flexi Services F5 & F6 run like a taxi service and allow you to travel within a 'FlexiZone' or from a FlexiZone to a nearby town or bus interchange point. A FlexiZone is an area containing a number of settlements and, by simply phoning Go-Flexi in advance, you can travel from any of the settlements at any time within a specified time period. With Go-Flexi you just phone and go!"

There are leaflets available.

7.9. Scottish Civic Forum

We have received candidates' statements and ballot paper for the SCF board elections.

7.10. Other correspondence

7.10.1. What on Earth

Friends of the Earth newsletter, Autumn 04: includes 2003/04 annual review.

7.10.2. Scottish Water

Send copies of their new customer consultation code and their sustainability report 2002/03.

7.10.3. Open Doors Day

Was 5th September in St Andrews and East Fife, but will be 12th for the West and 19th for the Centre. We have a number of information leaflets.

7.10.4. Planning Aid

August 04 Newsletter reports on June's AGM under the title of "A Successful Year"

7.10.5. Scottish Rural Partnership Fund

Capital grant application forms and supporting documentation received

8. Reports from Officer Bearers

8.1. Chair

8.2. Treasurer

8.3. Secretary

8.3.1. Forthcoming speakers

To be arranged: (both emailed) Lindsay Matheson, Rector of Madras College; PC Mark Anderson, Community Safety Officer

8.3.2. Remembrance Poppy Wreath

We are asked to order wreaths in good time (ie September) to avoid last-minute rushes: the standard wreath will cost £18.89.

8.3.3. Nelson Street

Alastair Stewart contacted community council about the problem of refuse lying in the front of 28 Nelson Street for some weeks. This was passed on to Roy Stewart (Head of East Area Environmental Services) and Cllrs Bill Sangster and Jane Ann Liston (the ward boundary runs down the centre of Nelson St). There was some coverage in the press and the situation has been resolved. Alastair Stewart has sent his thanks for our support.

8.3.4. Mrs Willsher

She has received royalties on her book, and passed on just under £200 to us as we assisted in the funding of it.

9. Reports

9.1. From Committees

9.2. From Representatives

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: Cupar Credit Union

From Brian John Owens, Chairman, Cupar Credit Union Limited

As Chairman of Cupar Credit Union, I am writing to ask whether we could have a slot at the next Community Council meeting, to let you know about the credit union's plans for expansion and to seek support for them in the St Andrews area. We have also sent a similar letter to the local Councillors.

Cupar Credit Union was founded five years ago as a result of an initiative by Fife Council and local organisations. It is an independent savings and loans co-operative, run entirely by local volunteers, and authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA). Credit unions encourage the habit of regular saving, which creates a pool of money for loans to members at a reasonable rate of interest. This enables members to avoid the very high interest rates which are often charged on small personal loans to borrowers with low incomes.

Until recently the credit union was authorised to operate only in the Cupar area, and now has 230 members there. It runs four collections per week in and around Cupar, two in the County Buildings, one at the YMCA and one in Springfield church hall. All other attempts to set up credit unions elsewhere in north east Fife have failed, due to the difficulty of recruiting and training enough volunteers. Therefore Cupar Credit Union applied this year for authorisation to extend its activities to the whole of north east Fife, to make credit union facilities available to many more local people. This authorisation has recently been obtained, and anyone who lives or works in north east Fife, i.e. Fife Council's East Area, can now join.

Now the credit union is deciding where and when to introduce new collections. We have just opened a weekly collection in Anstruther, because there was already a group of interested people there. Over the next year we would like to open collections in about four more towns, distributed throughout the area.

As the largest town, St Andrews is an obvious candidate. Now we need to find out whether there would be support locally. The credit union will rely heavily on local goodwill and practical support. We will need to recruit members locally, some of whom must be prepared to run the collection(s) as volunteers. We will also look for limited funding for the costs of expansion, help with publicity and the free use of premises for collections. A preliminary meeting has identified Fife Council's Office in St Mary's Place, St Andrews as a good possibility for local collections.

Benefits to the community will include:

- encouraging members to save regularly, and to manage their money wisely
- introducing young people to the idea of saving and money management
- providing secure management of members, savings for their mutual benefit
- making loans available to members at a reasonable rate of interest, and thereby reducing the likelihood of their taking high interest loans
- keeping money circulating in the community, helping local shops and services
- creating community spirit through co-operation and self-help
- providing training, new skills and practical work experience for local people, which will help them to find paid employment
- using and developing the skills and experience of retired people, and others who are not in the job market.
- reducing the extent of social exclusion for people on low incomes.

Would you be prepared to support this example of self-help by local people?

Appendix B – Sites of Telecoms Masts

From Mary Bray, Secretary, North Glenrothes Community Council

The Siting of Telecommunications Masts

An appeal to end Fife Council's moratorium on the siting of masts on Council land.

To all Fife Community Councils, and
To all Fife Councillors

Dear colleague(s),

I am sure you know that residents all over Fife have been increasingly concerned, angered and bewildered by recent choices of sites for telemasts, especially those near people's homes.

Many residents have registered these concerns to Fife councillors, community councils, M.P.'s, M.S.P.'s, at public meetings and in the media.

The choices of sites have been unacceptable to residents on the grounds of the visual impairment of their areas and environment. Also residents feel that their health concerns have not been satisfactorily resolved.

We feel that the problems with the siting of telemasts is exacerbated by the limited choice of sites owing to Fife

Council's moratorium banning the use of all Fife Council land for the erection of telemasts. Considering that Fife Council owns around 7000 hectares of land, and with more and more masts on the way, we consider that this policy has become untenable. New sites must be found away from the service strips adjoining residential areas.

Fife Council must show its caring face to the people of Fife and lift this moratorium so as to allow greater choice in the selection of sites for telemasts. The status quo will not do.

(This is not to say that land such as at schools, hospitals or parks be used. Surely Fife Council has land appropriately 'near' to houses, such as waste ground and roundabouts which could be used.)

- The North Glenrothes Community Council therefore calls on all Community Councils in Fife to persuade their locally elected Fife Councillors to change this policy.
- The North Glenrothes Community Council calls on all Fife Councillors to lift this moratorium forthwith for the better well being of the people of Fife.

And we call on all the MP's and MSP's in Fife to also actively support this change of policy both locally and nationally.

Please do consider this appeal.

Appendix C – Lamond Drive Traffic

Dr J W Delaney of Lamond Drive has copied this to us (original to The St Andrews Citizen), Cllr Liston and Iain Smith MSP. It is signed on behalf of 6 households: 36, 40-48 Lamond Drive.

As residents of Lamond Drive, we are writing collectively concerning the increasing volume and particularly the high speed of traffic outside our houses. On many occasions of an evening we have had to close our windows in order to hear our TV/radio/music centres. The speed of the traffic is the most worrying factor and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident. No one type of driver can be blamed, all types of driver are at fault cars, buses, lorries, motor-cycles, and even tractors pulling very large trailers. The traffic calming system, which was installed some years ago at considerable expense, has, if anything made the situation worse.

Someone is of course going to say, "why not move?" Why should we, and where to at St Andrews' prices. The only logical answer is to build a ring road to the South of the Town. This would remove a large percentage of the traffic from Lamond Drive and also hopefully the Town Centre. It would also provide an artery to the new Hospital/Health Centre, when it is built, hopefully across Largo Road from Safeway/Morrisons, this being

the most logical site since the majority of residents live South of the Kinnessburn. The ring road would also provide a Southern limit of building for the Town, thus preserving the Green Belt.

We are appealing for help with the abatement of the pollution; noise, fumes and dust from the traffic in what is supposed to be a residential area. We are sure that there must be many other residents nearby who feel the same, and we would be grateful if they would back this letter.

Dr Delany has followed up with a survey:

A survey has been carried out of the houses, and those adjacent, to Lamond Drive, (approx 213), using the "flier", a copy of which is attached. The "flier" was distributed on 16/08/04, and collected over the following 7 days.

No return was obtained from several houses for a variety of reasons:

1. Refusal to take part – 4
2. For sale – 2
3. Empty probably due to Student Lets (Many)
4. Being refurbished – 4
5. No answer, variety of reasons: at work, shopping or on holiday (Many)

Total of number of replies received: 93

The majority of returns carried a name as well as the house number; a few contacts had lost the leaflet, but agreed an entry was made. Contact was made with some householders in the street or in shops, and indication was made that they wished to be included in the survey.

Many verbal comments were received:

1. Fear of crossing the road particularly if lorries and vans are approaching.
2. Difficulty in getting cars out of driveways due to traffic.
3. Excessive fumes at the Langlands Road / Lamond Drive roundabout.
4. Excessive noise, dust and fumes generally.
5. Noise from "sopped-up" exhausts.
6. Problems of vision when emerging from side roads due to vehicles parked in the "bays", e.g. Shields Avenue and more worryingly (!) the Pipeland Road / Lamond Drive junction. Car damaged by (?) reversing taxi.
7. Worst offenders are the tractors.
8. Vehicles do not slow down or stop at Crossings.
9. Overloaded trailers/lorries have damaged trees.
10. A large percentage of drivers are still using mobile phones

when driving.

Appended to "flier"

1. 17 lorries / tractors passed on Sunday afternoon (15/08/04)
2. Car severely damaged by passing lorry, which did not stop!
3. Tractors and trailers are the worst particularly at the Crossings.
4. Provision has to be made for the emergency services in any plan.
5. "I suffer from breathing problems and have to sleep with my bedroom window closed because of the fumes." (Langlands Road/Lamond Drive junction)

This has been a very interesting and worthwhile undertaking. The main information has been gleaned from doorstep chatting. The majority of residents realise that changes cannot occur overnight. If there is any possibility of a by-pass it will be many years in the future, and the traffic volume is probably an insoluble problem at the present time. However, the general feeling is that some interim measures should be put in place.

Two aspects require urgent attention; speed and the volume of agricultural vehicles using Lamond Drive.

Unfortunately driver aggression is becoming more prevalent particularly towards householders trying to get the vehicles out of their driveways, and more alarmingly, toward pedestrians trying to use the Crossings.

A number of suggestions were put forward as to how to curb the speeding:

1. A 20mph speed limit being the most popular.
2. Narrowing the road at several points to create a single carriageway (red/blue arrow control).
3. More mini-roundabouts.
4. Install Pelican rather than Zebra Crossings
5. Fixed speed cameras.
6. Unannounced frequent police presence/speed checks.
7. Speed bumps.

This simple survey has certainly shown the depth and the strength of feeling that some action has to be taken to curb, particularly the speed of the traffic on Lamond Drive. What can be done, both in the short and long term is up to those with more expertise and "clout" than us, but some action must be seen to be being considered. There is no doubt that the traffic problem is having a detrimental effect on the general well-being, and patience of the majority of residents, and among

some, there is an air of militancy – not resignation. The “fliers” are available for viewing if required.

Appendix D – Bus Services

Extracts relevant to St Andrews

Flexi Services – Innovative on-demand flexible services introduced to rural parts of East Fife. Flexi Service 1 operates to a fixed & flexible route between Newburgh & Cupar via Auchtermuchty and Ladybank. Flexi Services 3 – 8, contracted with Town & Country Taxis, will operate a completely on-demand service around the hinterlands of Kemback / Largoward / Arncroach / Abercrombie and the lower part of Cellardyke. Further detailed information will be available on the Go-flexi website at www.go-flexi.org which will be live from Wednesday 11 August 2004.

Service 24, which was operated on a trial basis for the last year will be continued for a further 5 years with the additional introduction of a later night journey from St Andrews to Glenrothes.

Service 64, revised to provide a more robust timetable between St Andrews and Cupar. Langlands Road, St Andrews is now served by Service 64/A in both directions providing travel to / from St Andrews Health Centre. Also Younger Gardens, St Andrews and Robertson Road, Cupar have been incorporated into the daytime route.

Service 92, operated by Moffat & Williamson, will be revised with new commuter journeys being introduced between Newport / Wormit / Gauldry and St Andrews. Additional journeys are also introduced throughout the earlier part of the day enhancing travel opportunities between Tayport & Newport / Wormit / Gauldry and St Andrews.

Service 95, reinstated and will provide direct journeys between St Andrews via Crail, Anstruther, Elie, Lundin Links and Leven (daytime). Services 95A/B will be withdrawn and replaced by Services F5 and 62 respectively. Services X26 & 95 will combine to provide a 1/2 hourly direct service between Anstruther and Leven.

Service 99 (commercially operated), Stagecoach are introducing a new hourly Sunday service offering direct journey opportunities between St Andrews and Dundee which further improves links with Leuchars Rail Station. They are also introducing additional Monday to Friday morning and evening peak time journeys.

Appendix E – Police Consultation

From Chief Superintendent Alan Maich, Fife Police.

Consultation with Community Councils and Local Councillors

Fife Constabulary is committed to consulting widely with the various sections of the community in identifying local Policing Priorities. Working with partners is an important aspect of modern Policing as it is only by working together that we can have a lasting effect on issues which affect our community.

As a result I would like to invite you to take part in a discussion forum where I can hear your views on what the priorities for Policing in East Fife should be in the coming year. Your views will help to inform the process of preparing the next Policing Plan which I hope will address the concerns of the general community as well as the academic and business community.

The forums will be held at Eastern Divisional Headquarters, Carslogie Road, Cupar, at 7pm on

Monday 6th September, Tuesday 14th September and Wednesday 29th September.

The format has yet to be decided but will include an open forum with the Eastern Division management team when you will be invited to put across your views on what your or your community's priorities are in relation to Policing.

It is anticipated that the meetings will close by 9 pm.

I would be obliged if you will inform me if you will be able to attend and on which evening best suits you by Monday 23rd August 2004 this will enable suitable arrangements to be made regarding numbers attending on each evening.

Appendix F – School 20mph zones

From Colin Stirling, Traffic Management Lead Officer. Identical wording for Lawhead.

As you may be aware the introduction of lower speed limits outside schools is currently being examined by Transportation Services on a Fife Wide basis. Fife has recently been awarded additional funding from the Scottish Executive for the introduction of 20mph speed limits at schools. Lower speed limits at schools should certainly go a long way to making the environment safer for pedestrians, particularly during school times when the majority of pedestrian movements occur.

The additional funds have been allocated as part of a rolling three-year budget allocation. With this in mind the introduction of lower speed limits will be phased over the next three to four years. I am pleased to confirm that St Leonards and Greyfriars Primary School is an approved Category 1 scheme for the

implementation of a 20mph speed limit in this year's Area Transportation Works Programme (ATWP).

The Traffic Regulation Order for 20mph speed limits in your area has recently been published and I have attached a copy of the public notice for you information and perusal. This public notice has been advertised in your local newspaper and posted on site. I have also attached a location plan detailing the streets where both part-time and permanent 20mph limits are proposed along with details of the type of entry signs that will be used for the zones.

Due to the geometry and layout of the streets affected it is not envisaged that any physical engineering measures will be required at this time to implement the 20mph speed limit(s).

Appendix G – Lammas Market

From Ken Crichton to Cllr Donald Lothian (Chair East Area Services Committee)

At the last meeting of the Community Council I asked Councillor Liston how her idea of advertising our Lammas Market with the Edinburgh Festival was progressing.

We were very disappointed to hear that the reception it received was very lukewarm.

The idea received our full approbation because we could see the possibilities of it benefiting in time the whole East Neuk and Fife generally. If the idea is marketed properly the whole area could tweak the dates of their various functions, or start new ones to our mutual benefit.

Visitors would be more likely to travel to Fife if there were a variety of attractions, as a large proportion would probably like a break from Edinburgh from a few hours to a few days and possibly next year staying in Fife and travel to Edinburgh.

The Council requested me to write to express our disappointment and explain why we support it. It would benefit St Andrews but I have the vision it could also benefit a lot of communities between here and the Forth. The old cliché 'United we stand divided we fall' still very true.

It would be appreciated if you would use your good offices to point out the benefits it may be possible to enjoy by taking advantage of a captive audience only a short journey away.

Appendix H – Fair Shares

Letter from Fife Council to Minister of Justice, Cathy Jamieson,

Fair Shares For Fife: Fife Constabulary Submission By Fife Council

All Leaders of political groups on the Council, are collectively writing to you to highlight our concern and belief that Fife Constabulary is under-funded in comparison with other Police Forces in Scotland. We believe that the case for additional resources is a compelling one and our arguments are laid out in the attached paper.

Fife Council already funds Fife Constabulary above its GAE. The solution must be additional resources from the Executive to which, we believe, Fife has a proven entitlement. At a minimum Fife should receive the additional £3.1m identified within the Scottish Executive Review of 2002, over an agreed timescale. We hope this issue can be positively addressed in the context of the Spending Review.

The all-party argument by Fife Council for increased Police funding in Fife:

The current arrangement for funding Police Forces is largely based on the position of individual Forces at local government re-organisation in 1996. In 1998 a Joint Accounts Commission and HMIC report entitled 'Credit to the Force' argued for "urgent consideration to be given by the then Scottish Office in conjunction with ACPOS and COSLA, to agree a robust needs-based formula as the basis of distributing Grant Aided Expenditure (GAE) for policing.

GAE represents the level of resources the Scottish Executive considers a Council requires to incur to deliver services, excluding the cost of financing capital expenditure, and is used as the basis for determining and distributing grant support. GAE is not an estimate of what a Council should spend but an indication of what the Scottish Executive considers that a Council should spend in order to provide a standard level of service.

This led to the appointment of Consultants who reported in the Summer of 2001. The Consultants' conclusion was that adjusted population should form the main basis of any formula for the distribution of funding across Scotland. The Consultants examined Crime Management, Traffic Management, Public Order, Community Safety and Call Management, and in each analysis concluded that population was the most reliable base for calculation. Applying the Consultants' formula, Fife Constabulary would have benefited by an additional £75m (the equivalent in raw Police numbers of 300 Officers).

At that time, because the total funds available for policing in Scotland were unlikely to grow to allow those Forces like Fife which needed an increase to bring their funding into line with the Scottish average, it was inevitable that some Forces in turn would require to have a reduction in their GAE if the Consultants' formula had been adopted. This would have

caused difficulty to the Forces concerned, and in anticipation of this the Scottish Executive undertook to review the Consultants' findings.

The review by the Scottish Executive (July, 2002) agreed that population should be the principal factor in determining allocations. It further agreed to exclude pensions and commutations in the calculation of a Force's share of a available GAE. However, the Scottish Executive introduced a number of new features including the variation of population, population shift. Similarly, it introduced a ceiling on those Forces facing a reduction in excess of 5%. As a result of this review, the potential additional financial resources to Fife Constabulary was reduced from £7.5m to £3.1m. Even with an additional £3.1m (the equivalent in raw Police numbers of 125 Officers) Fife's police funding per head of population will still be 11% below the Scottish average.

The spending proposals for 2003/2006 "Building a Better Scotland" allocates £35m for growth for the Scottish Police Service. Within that sum of money, representatives of ACPOS, in discussion with Officials of the Justice Department, have identified the potential to make progress towards the figures contained within the Scottish Executive Review beginning in the financial year 2003/2004. The increases proposed for Fife were as follows: -

	Annual	Cumulative
2003/2004 -	£380,000	£380,000
2004/2005 -	£470,000	£850,000
2005/2006 -	£450,000	£1,300,000

It can be seen that this is still substantially less than the £3.1m identified in the Scottish Executive Review.

The under-funding of Fife Constabulary is compounded by the continued existence of a transitional adjustment first introduced in 1997/1998 as part of the Scottish GAE settlement for Police Services in that year. It was intended to apply for one year only, but 5 years on it continues to impact on Fife Constabulary to the sum of £815,000 for each financial year. This is an unfair burden on a Police Force which is already under-funded. It is recognised that the new formula approach supersedes the 1997/98 arrangement but in terms of equity the loss suffered by the transitional adjustment should be added to the base before the proposed increase.

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary annually certifies Fife Constabulary as "efficient" and across all key performance indicators the Force performs up to and, in some cases, well beyond the average. This is reassuring but there are some real difficulties around resilience within the Force. In particular, the

lack of adequate funding prevents the community from benefiting from enhanced patrol levels; improved partnership working; improved response times, and improved impact through targeting,

Fife Council already funds Fife Constabulary above its GAE. The solution must be additional resources from the Scottish Executive to which Fife has a proven entitlement. At a minimum, Fife should receive the additional £3.1m identified within the Scottish Executive Review over an agreed timescale.

The essence of Community Safety is communities living free from crime and free from the fear of crime. That cannot be achieved without additional resources through a fairer share for Fife.

Appendix I – St Andrews Day Holiday

Dennis Canavan MSP to Cardinal Keith O'Brien

I enclose a copy of a consultation paper concerning my proposal to introduce a bill in the Scottish Parliament to establish a St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday. A copy has also been sent to Very Rev Monsignor Henry Docherty, General Secretary of the Bishops Conference in Scotland, inviting the Conference to make an official response before the end of the consultation period on 31 October.

I recall that you suggested that St Andrew's Day be made a public holiday during the course of your address in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, shortly after you were made a Cardinal. I would be grateful therefore if you would use your influence with the other Archbishops and Bishops of Scotland to ensure a positive response to the consultation document and also to raise awareness amongst the laity throughout Scotland so that they may lobby their MSPs to support the proposal. I have already received a fair measure of cross-party support in the Scottish Parliament but the Scottish Executive seems at best non-committal. Maybe you would have more influence than I on Jack McConnell!

I would also be grateful for any advice you may have on how best to pursue the proposal and please let me know if you think a meeting would be helpful in this respect.

Dennis Canavan MSP press release:

St Andrew's Day a National Holiday

Dennis Canavan intends introducing a bill in the Scottish Parliament to establish a St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday in Scotland. Launching a consultation paper on the proposal, Dennis Canavan said:

"The purpose of the bill is to establish a Bank Holiday on or

around 30 November so that St Andrew's Day can be recognised as Scotland's National Day and a celebration of Scotland's multi-cultural and multi-ethnic traditions.

When we compare the number of public holidays in this country with other members of the European Union, Scotland is at the bottom of the league. Most other nations have a "National Day" holiday to celebrate their national identity.

At one time, St Andrew's Day was a day of popular celebration in Scotland but is now celebrated more enthusiastically by expatriate Scots and their descendants in countries such as the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. If St Andrew's Day was recognised at home as Scotland's National Day, it would probably give a boost to such international celebrations and help to promote Scotland on the world stage.

Members of the public and organisations are invited to respond to me about the proposal by 31 October 2004."

Appendix J – World Class

St Andrews World Class Project Executive (SAWCPE)

Mike Robinson	Fife Council	(Joint Chair)
Jonathan Stapleton	Old Course Hotel	(Joint Chair)
Lindsey Adam	Bonkers Gift Shop	
Stephen Carter	St Andrews Bay	
David Corner	St Andrews University	
Martin Grigg	Scottish Enterprise Fife	
Alan McGregor	St Andrews Links Trust	
Ian Hamilton	Vine Leaf Restaurant	
Willie Johnston	Scottish Enterprise Fife	
Patrick Laughlin	Kingdom of Fife Tourist Board	
Peter Mason	St Andrews Links Trust	
Jim McLeish	Fife Council	
Ann Murray-Smith	Rufflets Hotel	
Stuart Nichol	Fife Council	

Appendix K – Planning Committee

Planning Meeting – 9.8.04

Present: I. Goudie, B. Ryan, R. Douglas, P. Lindsay, P. Uprichard

1.	22 Kilrymont Road – Rear extension including demolition of rear extension	N.C.
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2.	Westburn Lane – Demolish four buildings and part of boundary wall. The Planning Committee suggests that an archaeologist comes in to evaluate the site	Obj PU
3.	10 Argyle Street – Proposed erection of new dwelling house. Reason for objection: semi-industrial area, infill, loss of light from big picture window, next to petrol station, poor design	Obj PL
4.	10a Golf Place – Alter two flats to make one flatted dwelling. Alter windows and form roof terrace	N.C.
5.	University Library – Widen vehicle path, erect guard rail and widen access path	N.C.
6.	13 Boase Avenue – Erect single storey front extension	N.C.
7.	Botanic Garden – Erection of aviary	Enq. PU
8.	18 Hamilton Avenue – Change of use of open space to domestic garden and erect single storey front extension. Reason for objection: loss of public land.	Obj PU
9.	10 West Acres – Install two roof lights	N.C.
10.	Craigtoun Meadow – Vary conditions to allow year round occupancy	Enq RD
11.	1 Crail's Lane – Change of use and alterations to first floor flat (2 person HMO) and third floor flat (5 person HMO). ELBC. Internal and external alterations to first, second and third floor flats	Await plans
12.	18 Market Street – Sub-divide dwelling house to form two dwelling houses (sheltered accommodation), formation of ramps and patios	N.C.
13.	59 Hepburn Gardens – Install metal railings on front boundary	N.C.
14.	180 North Street – Alter/extend storage area to form part of cinema foyer and relocate shed	N.C.
15.	McIntosh Hall – Internal alterations, including removal and construction of internal partitions to result in the addition of three letting rooms	N.C.
16.	8 Livingstone Crescent – Dormer extension	N.C.
17.	135 South Street – Change of use of flat dwelling to 3 person HMO	N.C.
18.	Kwik Save, Largo Road – Internally illuminated shop signs attached to building, and free standing totem sign. Reason for objection: advertising has increased markedly in the town, buildings are being used as advertising hoardings	Obj PU

Appendix L – Survey

From Elizabeth McCrone, Assistant Inspector of Historic Buildings

Planning (Listed Buildings And Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997, Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest

St Andrews Burgh Resurvey

Historic Scotland is about to undertake the resurvey of buildings of special architectural or historic interest in St Andrews. We have a duty under the terms of the above Act to compile a list of such buildings on behalf of Scottish Ministers. This is being done through a resurvey which involves examining all the structures that appear on the Ordnance Survey map within the burgh. Existing listed buildings are re-assessed and new candidates for listing identified.

St Andrews was last surveyed in 1978 and, as a consequence, much of our information regarding the building stock requires to be updated. The nature of the resurvey allows for a comprehensive and comparative evaluation of an area's built heritage and we consider that this will be of interest to the St Andrews Community Council. When undertaking the resurvey I generally carry out a photographic survey of the exterior and interior of the building in question to record any notable features, as well as carrying out further research, where necessary.

Undertaking a site visit does not necessarily mean that the property will be listed. However, once a building is listed any alterations which may affect its character require listed building consent. This process is administered by Fife Council as planning authority. It is important to stress that listing is not necessarily intended to prevent change but to manage it in a way sympathetic to the character of the building.

If you would like more information on the listing process you can download our booklet, Scotland's Listed Buildings -A Guide for Owners and Occupiers, from our website at www.historic-scotland.gov.uk following the links for 'Publications' then 'Free Publications' and finally 'Free Publications 4' originating from the 'Popular Topics' section of our home page.

I would be happy to meet to discuss the implications of the resurvey for St Andrews and to take note of any suggestions you may have. Please contact me on 0131 668 8760, by email at elizabeth.mccrone@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or at Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH.

Appendix M – South Street

Flora Selwyn writes

I was in South St. today [1st Sep] at 12.40 when a tourist bus started turning from Abbey St. and met a local bus head on. They only just passed each other, causing quite a traffic jam. My photos (I'll send the other separately to avoid overload) don't do full justice to the scene, but it underlines the stupidity of narrowing South St. I hope it's useful in campaigning against the proposed maltreatment of South St. Incidentally, if the Council would replace the diddy trees in North St. outside College Gate and the Younger with mature trees, then they might be doing us a favour and they could leave South St. alone. Union St. is a disgrace to the town and needs the attention more than South St. currently does.

Correspondence

Post incoming:

Date	from	subject
06/08/2004	Police	Consultation meetings
07/08/2004	Transportation Services	School 20 mph Zones – Lawhead
07/08/2004	SEPA	SEPAView Summer 2004
11/08/2004	Social Work Service	Cancer Care Needs Assessment ends
11/08/2004	University	DNA Botanics Viewing
12/08/2004	Transportation Services	Changes to local bus services
13/08/2004	Transportation Services	New Go-Flexi services
13/08/2004	Development Services	Fife's Doors Open days 2004
13/08/2004	Glasdon UK Ltd	Advert – litter bins etc
14/08/2004	Entrust	Newsletter summer 2004
19/08/2004	Fife Council	Fife Constabulary
20/08/2004	Development Services	Local plan – leaflet
20/08/2004	O2 UK	Mast adjacent Grange Rd
21/08/2004	Mrs Willsher	Royalties
21/08/2004	Planning Aid for Scotland	Newsletter
21/08/2004	East Area Services Committee	Agenda 25/8/04
23/08/2004	Law and Administration	Children's Panel
26/08/2004	East Fife Woman's Aid	AGM 15/9 Cupar

26/08/2004	North Glenrothes CC	Fife Council & TETRA masts
27/08/2004	FoE	What on Earth Newsletter Aut 04
27/08/2004	Electoral Reform Society	Civic Scotland election
28/08/2004	Dr Delany	Lamond Drive residents survey
31/08/2004	Friends of the Botanic Garden	Newsletter September 04
02/09/2004	NHS Fife	Board meeting: St Andrews 28/9/04
04/09/2004	Marine Conservation Society	Strandline: autumn newsletter

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