

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

Minutes – April 2010

For Approval

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0. New Member Election

Audrey Macanaw was accepted as a new member of the Community Council.

1. Attendance

Community Councillors

Ronnie Murphy, Ken Crichton, Ken Fraser, Ian Goudie, Penny Uprichard, Derek Skelhon, Andy Primmer, Patrick Marks, Judith Harding, Carol Ashworth, Henry Paul, Marysia Denyer, Audrey Macanaw, Andy Primmer, Izzy Corbin

Students' Association Representative

Holly West, Meg Platt

Nominated

Jude Innes

Fife Councillors

Robin Waterston, Bill Sangster, Frances Melville

Apologies

Kyffin Roberts, Dave Finlay, Catherine Rowe, Jill Hardie, Dorothea Morrison, Fiona Kingston

2. Minutes of March 2010 Meeting

10.2. Mrs Harding participated not Mrs Rowe as stated.

4.4.1. Crerar Hotel Hearing – Miss Uprichard felt that the Reporter's decision to uphold Fife Council's

refusal of this application on Landscape grounds was very important to note. She wanted the following added to the minute: 'When refusing the Appeal, the Reporter said "Ultimately my decision rests on one principal issue – the protection of the landscape setting of St Andrews."

4.2.5. Mrs Denyer said that she'd raised the issue of wheelie bins on behalf of Mrs Rowe.

6.7.1. Mrs Denyer pointed out that Mr McGregor was from the Preservation Trust not Fife Council.

The minutes were accepted as correct with above amendments.

3. Presentations

3.1. The Open Championship – Inspector Thomson

Inspector Thomson outlined the planning going on into policing this major event, both in relation to possible crises and mitigate the effects upon the town of this major event. The police were trying to reduce the impact upon the community of this major event. Dr Goudie asked whether there would be a post mortem of the management of the policing etc, after the event. Inspector Thomson confirmed that such an exercise would be undertaken. Dr Goudie asked how widely the current consultation exercise was being publicised? Inspector Thomson replied that it would be advertised in the newspapers and other local media. All affected Community Councils were also to be contacted.

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville

4.1.1. Argyle Street Car Park Drains

Work taking place in relation to the drains is going on for longer than planned.

4.1.2. East Area Planning Meeting

The next meeting will have a number of items relating to the town, such as New Park and the Caravan Site at the East Sands.

4.1.3. Blocked Drains

Ms Innes mentioned that there are problems with blocked drains in South Street, due to a variety of materials being swept into them. There is a similar problem at the junction of Bell Street.

4.2. Bill Sangster

4.2.1. Bandstand Concerts

Cllr Sangster passed on some printed material relating to this event to the Recreation Committee.

4.2.2. Byre Theatre Funding

Cllr Sangster reported that the Byre Theatre received approximately £19200 pa from the Common Good Fund. This funding also included money from the Ross Bequest. The funding is for a 20 year period, following the rebuilding of the Byre Theatre.

4.2.3. Buchanan Gardens Road Repairs

There will be road works due to work on the sewers in the near future. There will be road diversions as a result.

4.2.4. Sandyhill Crescent Road and Pavement Repairs

To start from 12th April for three weeks

4.2.5. Storm Damage

Cllr Sangster reported on his attempts to get emergency work done during the recent severe weather. He mentioned Woodburn Place near the East Sands where debris, including boulders had been deposited quite close to buildings, following the exceptionally high tides and Easterly winds. He'd had to bypass the emergency number following a lack of response, and had managed to get Fife Council to send some workers to start clearing the debris in Woodburn Place and at the Bruce Embankment. He felt that the problem with getting a reply from the emergency number wasn't satisfactory. Dr Goudie noted that there had been similar problems in previous severe weather events. Cllr Sangster acknowledged that some aspect of the emergency response did not appear to be working and needed to be improved.

Mr Marks asked about the breach in the sea wall at the far end of the Eden Golf Course. Cllrs Sangster and Waterston agreed that it was the responsibility of the landowner, not a Fife Council matter.

Dr Goudie wondered about the damage to the dunes at the West Sands. Cllr Sangster replied that the dunes, while there had been damage, had stood up very well to the storm.

Cllr Melville quoted from an email from Ranald Strachan of the Ranger Service, emphasising the importance of maintaining the dune system in a good condition, as the dunes acted as a buffer reducing the risk to the road and the golf courses. Dr Goudie wondered if the damage had provoked any change of strategy, given that last year it was the Northern end that had been an area of concern? He had visited the dunes the previous evening and had informally surveyed the damage, and was concerned that this could worsen without control of public access and possible redirection of users to the northern end, which he felt appeared to be less damaged. Cllr Sangster thought that there was a contract out to repair the dunes and build them up. Miss Uprichard also commented upon the extent of damage to the dunes and her concerns about the situation.

Cllr Waterston added that by coincidence last week there had been a meeting of the West Sands Liaison Group on the day of the damage. There is an intention to produce a detailed management plan, which will impact upon all users to a varying extent. He acknowledged that there had been damage most of the way along the West Sands from the Swilken end to the tip, parts of which had become exposed and would require urgent remedial work. He also added that the Bruce Embankment defences had been breached in several places and will need serious repair work. He thought that Ranald Strachan's comments were correct and vindicated the importance of the dunes. Dr Goudie replied that the viability of the buffer would depend upon when a similar tide occurred. He felt that it has changed the geography of the dunes in a substantial way. Cllr Waterston agreed. Dr Goudie remained concerned that the situation remained a concern because of the inability to predict the possible frequency of such events, even though some experts had commented that these were 1:50 year occurrences. He felt that there couldn't be any complacency when planning ways to mitigate the effects of such events. Cllr Waterston reassured him that the various agencies were not complacent in relation to such events and the possible recurrence.

Cllr Sangster noted on the positive side that despite the high tide, the Kinnessburn hadn't flooded.

Mr Crichton made Cllr Sangster aware that several sleepers on the slipway to the East Sands beach were loose and a potential hazard to the public, especially children.

4.2.6. Kinburn Park

Mrs Harding reported that the hard surface was breaking up and allowing puddles to form. Cllr Sangster said that he'd reported problems a few months ago and agreed to see what could be done.

4.2.7. Putting Green by R&A

Miss Uprichard asked about the putting green, which used to exist beside the R&A. She wondered why it was no longer a putting green when there were no events requiring the land for marquees. Cllr Melville thought that it had stopped being used, as it wasn't a big enough area for putting practice. Cllr Sangster agreed to try and clarify the situation for the next meeting.

4.3. Robin Waterston

4.3.1. Kinnessburn flooding – Meeting

Cllr Waterston reported about attendance at a meeting with representatives from SEPA and Transportation Services last month. He felt that it was quite a useful meeting, but acknowledged that things never move as quickly as wished. Fife Council is putting in an application to SEPA for a complete clearing of the silt berms in the affected area. However assessments and studies have to be conducted on the likely impact of such work. An application will also go in for partial removal of the berms, if the other application is unsuccessful. The timescale of these assessments will take a few months, after which the application will be considered by SEPA.

4.3.2. Common Good Fund

Cllr Waterston had checked out Mr Finlay's query as minuted in the March meeting under 4.2.4. He had discovered that most of the 297 titles in St Andrews were Council property, most of these being council houses, but there were also 12 Common Good items in the listing. Cllr Waterston had had a meeting with officers dealing with the Common Good, and had been shown maps of St Andrews in which they'd highlighted what they thought were the Common Good titles. There is a proposal to issue the details to Community Councils in a few weeks, with the hope of getting comments from local people with

knowledge to clarify or correct details. Cllr Waterston had also asked officials to investigate what should happen to car park revenues from the likes of the Bruce Embankment car park, which is a Common Good asset. He had also asked for details of the revenues raised from the Common Good Fund. He had also asked about the capital aspect of the Common Good Fund. Income from the capital aspect of the CGF has reduced recently, partly because of the revaluation of the investments in which the capital is held. He was also trying to find out what happened to surplus funds from year to year.

Dr Goudie sought clarification about the figure of 297, wondering how many were council houses? Cllr Waterston thought that there might be about 200 council houses, with the balance being other titles, including the Common Good ones.

Mr Primmer wondered about the management of the capital and whether it was being done effectively. Cllr Waterston explained that the capital was managed by a committee, which was part of the Policy, Finance and Asset Management Dept. He would try to find out a bit more information on the investment policy. He also confirmed to Mr Primmer that the work wasn't outsourced.

4.3.3. "A" Boards Consultation

Cllr Waterston reported that a report would be presented to the Environment and Transportation Committee on possible changes in regulations. Mr Crichton asked about the progress in resolving the A Boards issue. Cllr Sangster replied that he'd been chasing this matter for a number of years, with fellow Councillors. He added that anything like this had to be implemented Fife wide, but the matter was now progressing with the consultation. Mr Marks added that there was an online version of the consultation available to complete. Mr Crichton also commented upon the amount of goods sitting out in Logies Lane in front of the SHELTER Charity shop. Cllr Sangster described his idea of how the use of "A" Boards could be licensed with businesses paying an annual fee, and putting their boards in areas not liable to cause an obstruction. His idea had come from the way Edinburgh managed "A" Boards.

4.3.4. St Andrews Area Budget

Following on another query from the last meeting, Cllr Waterston reported that the apparent difference in the budgets for Cupar and St Andrews related to the budget at the particular time of year, but not to the overall budget for St Andrews. Cllr Waterston explained that the budget for all of North East Fife is divided pro rata, according to population, with a certain amount left for the Area Committee to allocate. As a result St Andrews receives the biggest amount, some £20000 more than Cupar.

4.3.5. Trust Fund Reorganisation

Cllr Waterston reported that the ideas put forward by the Community Council were not accepted. A new St Andrews Settlement Trust is to be set up, incorporating most of the current smaller Trusts. Funds will still be distributed according to the original purposes, but within the new simplified framework. Apparently the Government could have delegated responsibility for some of the Trust management to the Community Council, but chose not to do so. The legal side of the Trust management does lie with Fife Council. Mr Paul thought that there needed to be greater awareness of the Trusts. He cited the Trust related to the care of the Hay Fleming Library now in the University Library and Archives. He had talked to the curator, Dr Reid and the latter had not been aware of the existence of the Fund. He was concerned that moving the Trusts into one larger Trust could lead to losing track of where the money was being paid. Cllr Waterston expressed his surprise that the University was unaware of the Hay Fleming Trust Fund. He went on to explain that once the St Andrews Settlement Trust had been set up, there would probably be more active management of the funds, possibly with the assistance where appropriate of the Community Council. Mr Paul also raised the issue of the low amount of interest earned by the capital in the Hay Fleming Fund, just £600 for a sum of £138000. He wondered what financial management was taking place. Cllr Waterston acknowledged the need to have a better return, but he didn't know precisely how the funds were being managed.

Dr Goudie asked whether it was the case that Fife Council couldn't hand the responsibility over to any organisation or just the Community Council? Dr Goudie cited two Funds, which had a clear relevance to the University and wondered why the University couldn't manage them. Cllr Waterston said he'd check out that matter as he hadn't appreciated that it had been part of the Community Council submission.

Miss Uprichard asked about possible procedures for administering the Fund and making grants. Cllr Waterston thought that it would be similar to the procedures for the Common Good Fund, with Councillors being asked for their views when an application was received. Sums under £5000 can be paid upon Councillors agreeing, but if there is disagreement the decision goes to the Area Committee, as does any application for over £5000.

4.3.6. St Rule's Housing Application

Cllr Waterston announced that the application for housing in this area near the harbour had been refused and an appeal turned down. Mr Crichton asked if this meant that the whole application was thrown out. Cllr Waterston replied that the previous application could still be proceeded with, but the developer had indicated that that wouldn't be economic for them to do.

4.4. Dorothea Morrison – on holiday

5. Planning Committee

5.1. Planning Committee Reports

Miss Uprichard felt that the Committee report should indicate more clearly the status of anything where they had indicated that plans hadn't been received. Mrs Denyer acknowledged the issue and explained the original reason for stating that plans hadn't been received. She agreed to modify the way she reported decisions taken in her reports.

6. Matters Arising

6.1. Trust Reorganisation – update

Although this matter had been discussed earlier, Dr Goudie still felt that there was a question to be decided in the light of the information given to the Community Council by Cllr Waterston. It was clear that Fife Council hadn't accepted the Community Council view as to how the Funds should be managed. He assumed that in the mind of the Charity Regulator the prime need was to fulfil the wishes of the original donors so far as it was possible to do in the optimum way. He suggested that one option was for the Community Council to send Mr Paul's submission direct to the Charity Regulator if it was so minded. Mr Primmer thought that it might be a good idea, as he wasn't certain that it would be best to allow the funds to be subsumed into a St Andrews Settlement Trust, as this might not necessarily allow the original wishes of the benefactors to be met. Dr Goudie added that he felt that there might be a case for pursuing this matter.

Mr Crichton thought that in the light of recent legislation that it might be possible to ask Fife Council to ask OSCAR for its views on the matter.

Dr Goudie asked if there was support for the proposal to be sent as it stood to OSCAR. Mr Paul sought guidance as to whether he should send it as it stood, with an attached note explaining that Fife Council wouldn't accept the Community Council submission? Cllr Waterston thought that some of the original purposes were difficult to fulfil and wondered how the Community Council would manage something where the original purpose such as to build a Poor House was quite out of date. Cllr Waterston also wondered how managing such funds could be related to the Community Council's own legal status. Mrs Harding suggested that the Community Council would at least like to have a greater say in any decision-making, even if it didn't have direct control. Cllr Waterston acknowledged that if the local Fife Councillors were making decisions they would want to consult the Community Council.

Mr Paul to send letter to OSCAR with appropriate comments.

6.2. Climate Challenge Fund Update

The decision about the application has still to be made, possibly before the end of April. The feasibility studies into Cycling and Renewable Energy have not been considered and Mr Yarr is trying to discover the reason. In response to a query from Mrs Ashworth, Mr Marks acknowledged that there would be a lot of work to be urgently done once the funding approval was received. There would be support from Fife Council and from

6.3. Arms Report

Mr Paul reported that he'd had some correspondence with the companies, and had received a reply from the American company, but was still to receive the letter from the British company. The replies to be discussed at the next GP Meeting and the May meeting.

6.4. Any Other Matters Arising

6.4.1. Greyfriars Gardens

Mrs Denyer reported on a meeting, which she'd attended with Miss Uprichard and Mrs Corbin on the 31st March. Mr McGregor had reported on a phone conversation with the enforcement officer. The owner of the garden has applied for planning permission to erect a metal fence and gate. Mrs Denyer described various issues in relation to the garden, from its general management to the archaeological interest as part of the site of the former Greyfriars Monastery land. There is also a plan to try and create a community garden.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Recreation Committee

Mr Roberts was not present, but Mr Paul reported that he would be looking for volunteers to assist on the Sundays of the Bandstand Concerts when he returned. Dr Goudie wondered how many volunteers would be required for each concert? Mr Paul thought two, but ideally three. Someone with an estate car to transport the chairs would also be an advantage. Mr Roberts had also raised the possibility of expanding the number of concerts, partly to fit in with the Celebrating Fife 2010, which is a possible source of funding towards the cost of concerts. Mr Pead added that it needed as many Community Council members as possible to commit themselves to assisting in at least one or two concerts to make it viable. Dr Goudie wondered about the best way to proceed, and it was agreed to circulate a list so that volunteers could sign up. Mr Pead felt that all members should contribute some time to this event. Dr Goudie whilst acknowledging the importance of having enough volunteers said that one couldn't insist on members participation, but that members should contribute something to their Community Council role beyond attending the monthly meeting, but this would vary according to individual interests and abilities. Dr Goudie warned of the danger of agreeing to commit to something and then not be able to get enough members to assist. Mr Paul explained the usual procedure for the Bandstand concerts. The concerts usually start at 2 pm and volunteers collect the chairs from the Victory Memorial Hall and ensure these are in place and pick them up after the event after 4 pm when the concert is finished. Cllr Sangster reminded the meeting that access to the electricity box would also be required. He'd had a new padlock fitted on the access to the power supply last year.

7.2. G.P. Meeting

7.2.1. Community Council Constitution and Community Council Support Working Group

Fife Council are working to produce a revised set of guidelines for Community Councils, so Dr Goudie suggested that it might be wise to wait until the new version of the Community Council Scheme had been issued to discuss the Constitution.

A related point according to Dr Goudie concerned work being done by the Community Council Support Working Group, which contained some relevant points to which he felt the Community Council might want to make some contribution. One point rose concerned funding for Community Councils, a matter to be discussed at the next Support Group meeting on the 10th June. Discussion followed around the figure used to calculate the grant, which was based on the population of the town. Dr Goudie felt that the calculations had not correctly included the student population, which stands at around 7000. According to Cllr Waterston the figure used by Fife Council was 16500, based on the figures produced by the General Registry Office of Scotland. Dr Goudie commented that this figure appeared to be at odds with his understanding of the population of St Andrews, which was nearer 22000. Based on this figure he thought that the Community Council should receive a larger capitation. Cllr Waterston acknowledged the problems with the accuracy of the statistical information. Cllr Waterston explained that he and Mr Middleton had been trying to find out the reason for the discrepancy in the local population statistics during the past year and had visited the General Registry of Scotland offices. He added that he was still awaiting an outcome of

a promise to look again into the figures. Miss West confirmed that in her understanding student numbers are around 7200.

Another matter to be raised at the next Community Council Support Working Group was the issue of paying for use of Council premises. Dr Goudie said that the GP Meeting had noted this point in connection with a possible requirement in CC procedures that its meetings should be open to the public. As some committee meetings are held in the homes of members, he felt that the expectation that they should be open to the public was unsatisfactory.

A further point to be discussed at this meeting related to the level of surplus funds held by Community Councils. Dr Goudie expressed the hope that there wouldn't be a one size fits all rule developed for this matter.

Finally, another matter to be raised will be "value for money". Dr Goudie briefly commented that he felt that Community Councils gave extremely good value for money.

Dr Goudie felt that an eye needed to be kept on these matters. He wondered whether the Community Council would get any formal opportunity to make representations on these points. Cllr Waterston replied that as far as he understood the consultation had finished and he didn't think there would be another one. As far as he understood decisions would flow from the assessment of the responses to the consultation.

7.2.2. Relationship with Green Belt Forum

This was discussed at the GP Meeting. Mrs Denyer and Mrs Rowe would continue to attend as individual members. Mrs Denyer sought further clarification on their status when attending. Miss Uprichard thought that the Green Belt Forum constitution didn't allow for individual membership only membership by organisations from which representatives attended. She also reminded the meeting why Dr Goudie and herself had stopped attending the meeting. Dr Goudie acknowledged that it was a difficult position for the Community Council as a statutory body with elected members, in an organisation where the majority of members were essentially self-appointed. He wondered what happened when a vote was taken at such a meeting? Was it appropriate for the elected representatives to be voted down by self-appointed members and what did that mean?

Another area of difference is the change in Green Belt Forum policy by promoting an inner Green Belt boundary, which is not consistent with the views of the Community Council. He agreed with Mr Murphy's view that we need to keep in touch with the GBF, but because of the differences in relation to the inner boundary amongst other things, he wasn't sure how this could be achieved. Mr Primmer wondered what the GBF constitution allowed in the way of attendance at meetings, and if attendance was allowed as an observer he felt that we should attend in that capacity. Miss Uprichard was concerned that attending in any capacity could be used in a misleading way, by implying support for GBF policies in any press release. Mr Primmer thought that it would still be useful to discover whether Community Council representatives could attend as observers, without implying support for their policies. Mrs Denyer commented that she'd had an indication from the GBF that she and Mrs Rowe could attend as individual members, not necessarily needing to be their as CC representatives. Mrs Denyer added that if the Community Council didn't send any representatives, she didn't think it could expect CCs attending as individual members to report back to the CC. Dr Goudie asked Mrs Denyer if the GBF had viewed them as observers? Mrs Denyer replied that she didn't view her role as that of an observer, but as an individual member with an interest in the subject with no responsibility to report back. Mr Murphy asked Mrs Denyer if she could get a copy of the constitution and get it emailed to him. Cllr Sangster thought that the right time to raise this issue would be at the GBF AGM. Dr Goudie asked Mrs Denyer if she could seek clarification at the GBF AGM on this matter, but he still wasn't certain about how the technical difference could be resolved.

7.2.3. St Andrews Events

The GP meeting had seen concerns expressed about the developments with respect to St Andrews Events. There had been some discussion and it had been agreed that Mr Crichton should discuss the situation with his colleagues involved in St Andrews Events.

7.2.4. Community Council Notice Boards

Dr Goudie thanked Mr Roberts for his work in bringing the boards back into use.

7.2.5. Gonfannon

Mr Crichton is seeking a transparent protective cover for the Gonfannon, which will allow it to be displayed without having to take it out of the cover. Mr Crichton will keep the CC apprised of his progress in obtaining funds for a suitable protective cover.

7.3. 200 Club

97 – Mr I Syme

128 – Mr R Murphy

167 – Mrs E Reed

7.4. Health, Education and Welfare Committee

7.4.1. Martyr's Monument

Mrs Corbin reported on the committee work in trying to look at the ways to get the Martyr's Monument restored. She mentioned that she would like to get a copy of the Fife Council assessment of the condition of the monument, and an estimate of the work that would need to be done to restore it. She reported that Patrick Loughlin had written to her indicating that St Andrews Partnership had written to Mr Kohler requesting financial support. Mr Pead reported that there had been a reply from Mr Kohler to St Andrews Partnership. The reply had not been a definite yes or no, but indicated that support could not be considered while the planning application for Hamilton Hall was still outstanding. Mrs Corbin felt that matters needed to be discussed at another HEW meeting and then at a GP meeting.

7.4.2. Japanese Pop Culture Exhibition

This exhibition is to be in the Town Hall on the 2nd June with the official opening at 13.00, but there will be nibbles etc from 12.15 until the official opening time. Mrs Corbin asked that members try to attend and email her to indicate if they could attend.

8. New Business

8.1. Headon Meeting

Mr Headon has been offered the choice of coming to the full Community Council or to the Planning Committee.

8.2. TAYPlan Main Issues Report

There will be a meeting in Dundee, Tuesday 13th April @ Enterprise House, Greenmarket, and Dundee DD14QB. (TAYplan's Office) 6.30 – 8.00pm. Miss Uprichard possibly to attend on behalf of the Community Council.

8.3. Fundraising Proposal

Mr Murphy explained the idea, which had come to him as a possible way to raise a large sum of money for the Community Council, as well as benefiting a local good cause. He has made some initial approaches to the Links Trust and there will be a meeting on the 23rd April of the trustees, which will gauge support. Mr Murphy has also approached the R&A who may be supportive depending upon the position of the Links Trust for the idea. Mr Murphy outlined what would take place if the event got support. The idea would involve golfers placing themselves strategically around the golf course and hitting the golf ball, with the aim of getting it into the final hole as quickly as possible. A similar event had taken place previously in Johannesburg when the ball had been hit round the course in under 10 minutes and with a score of 73.

The fundraising aspect of this would be a lottery to sell tickets with purchasers, having to guess how long it would take for the ball to be hit around the course and what the score would be. He would want to involve all the local golf clubs and get the best low handicap golfers to play. He would also like the Clubs to make a contribution towards the running costs of the event. The need to sell tickets as widely as possible was crucial to get sufficient funds raised to make it successful. Mr Murphy thought that tickets should be sold locally, possibly from a stall on the 2 Saturdays before the open in the town centre as well as a stall in the tented village. He recognised that a lot of support would be needed to make the event a success. He felt that 2 volunteers would need to man the stall at any one time. He was also seeking help from anyone with experience in publicity, to help design posters and publicise the event.

Mrs Macanaw wondered about the possibility of involving young golfers in the event. Mr Murphy agreed that it was a possibility. To be discussed further to see if it might be possible.

Mr Crichton asked Miss West whether there was any course at the University in which design work was a part and which could be used to produce a poster. Miss West said that there was a design team in the Students Union, which she could approach to see if they might be prepared or able to assist in designing a poster/publicity.

Mr Crichton wondered if it might be possible to use an empty shop to publicise the event, or even a shop window. Mr Murphy thought that might be a possibility as he'd seen shops windows used in such a way.

Another area to sort out would be the need for suitable prizes for the winner/s and this would involve going round shops asking for prizes and writing as well to the larger bodies such as hotels, with a follow up. Mr Murphy felt that he'd need a committee of 5 or 6 to organise and work on the fundraising. Dr Goudie asked for possible committee members. Five Community Councillors indicated an interest, and Mr Paul added that Kyffin Roberts would also be interested. Dr Goudie added that Mr Murphy should get firm commitments from members wanting to assist and send an email around to members unable to attend the meeting about the proposal.

Mr Paul suggested having a stall at the Open Gardens weekend at the end of June.

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

9.1.1. Chair's Report

Dr Goudie arranged a GP Meeting for the 16th April at Kilrymont.

9.2. Treasurer

9.2.1. Treasurer's Report

See Treasurer's report in Appendix C. Mr Pead reported that the Admin budget would come just within its limit, with around £58 left after remaining unpresented cheques were cashed. The accounts have to be reconciled for the AGM.

Mr Paul asked about the ex-Trust Fund and why it can't be spent. Mr Pead acknowledged that he hadn't a clear idea and confirmed that it hadn't been used in the past year. He thought that it could be used for good causes. Mr Paul suggested that at the AGM a proposal should be put forward to bring the funds into the normal funds of the Community Council. Cllr Sangster said that when the Trust was formed it was with the expectation that a lot of money would be going into it. He thought that there should be some written documentation, somewhere relating to the Trust. Mr Paul said that it had been set up after the Arms deal had been signed. The idea had been to keep the income from the Arms in this Trust and used for local events etc. Mr Pead and Mr Primmer both agreed that it seemed a shame that the money was sitting without benefiting the community.

9.3 Secretary

9.3.1. Correspondence – see appendix A.

9.3.2. Common Good Fund Applications

Mr Marks wondered if HEW would like to take on board the role of commenting upon Common Good applications, which are occasionally received. He'd received one recently, which he was happy to pass on to HEW.

9.3.3. Entrust Annual Return

Mr Marks had received the annual form from Entrust, which needed to be returned even if it was a negative return in relation to receipt of any environmental funds for projects.

10. Any Other Competent Business

10.1. Boase Wood

Mr Paul mentioned that the Preservation Trust is looking for donations for the maintenance of Boase Wood. He thought that it would be a good idea if the Community Council could make a donation, either from the 200 Club or the ex-Trust Fund. He accepted that it would need to be discussed at the GP meeting if it was to come from anything other than the 200 Club.