

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

Provisional Minutes – April 2011

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0. Preliminary Remarks by Chair

1. Attendance

Community Councillors

Patrick Marks, Ian Goudie, Ken Fraser, Ken Crichton, Henry Paul, Marysia Denyer, Audrey McAnaw, Penny Uprichard, Kyffin Roberts, Catherine Rowe, Ronnie Murphy, Izzy Corbin, Meg Platt, Andy Primmer, Robert McLachlan, Keith Cordrey, Howard Greenwell.

Students' Association Representatives

Holly West, Owen Wilton, Patrick O'Hare

Nominated

Lindsey Adam

Co-Opted

Niall Scott

Fife Councillors

Bill Sangster, Robin Waterston, Dorothea Morrison, Frances Melville

Apologies

Judith Harding, Rebecca Ladley, Carol Ashworth

2. Minutes of March 2011 Meeting

3. Presentations

3.1. Karen Nolan – Locality General Manager, St Andrews Community Hospital

Mrs Nolan had been invited to speak on the Minor Injuries Unit at the Community Hospital to help explain its changing role and clarify its future. She emphasised at the start that the service wasn't closing. The main change related to access out of normal working hours and at weekends when the service had to be accessed via NHS24. The daytime hours finish at 18.00 during the week. Up until midnight during the week anyone who turns up at the Minor injuries entrance will be treated by staff on duty, but after midnight they will have to access the on call GP via NHS 24. Rumours that the service was closing completely were unfounded, though Mrs Nolan did emphasise the difference between a Minor Injuries unit and an Accident and Emergency service. Details of the type of injuries and ailments dealt with at St Andrews were available to anyone visiting.

The changes that had taken place to the service were not considered significant and not requiring public consultation, as the service was still functional, albeit with access different out of hours. The Scottish

Health Council had been involved in the decision to change the service. Leaflets etc were available explaining the service.

Cllr Sangster asked what happened after midnight. Mrs Nolan explained that if someone had a minor injury after this time and they contacted NHS24, they would be given an appointment to see the on call GP. Dr Goudie asked what happened to someone who arrived at the hospital after midnight? Mrs Nolan replied that there was a phone outside the entrance door to contact NHS24 to arrange an appointment if it was considered appropriate. Following a query from Mr Fraser about the procedure added that St Andrews Community Hospital were aligning themselves with all other similar hospitals Scotland wide. Mrs Nolan also said that the percentage of minor injuries after midnight, which required treatment at the unit, was only 2%.

Mrs McAnaw mentioned the need to make the public more aware of using their local Pharmacist to assist in dealing with some minor ailments.

In reply to a query from Mrs Corbin, Mrs Nolan replied that the service was an appropriate one to meet the needs of the local community and it hadn't been reduced as had been rumoured.

Mr McLachlan asked about the definition of a minor injury. Mrs Nolan briefly outlined the definition and added that leaflets were available also detailing the types of injuries and ailments, which the Community hospital could treat.

3.2. Idea Bank Meeting

Mrs Lesurf informed the meeting about a plan to have a meeting at the Cosmos on a Wednesday afternoon between 1 and 3pm. The nature of the meeting she suggested would be one where people could come to discuss ideas that they might have and where they could possibly see these ideas develop. The first such meeting will be on the 13th April.

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville

4.1.1. Westburn Lane

Cllr Melville reported that planning permission had been refused for this application.

4.1.2. Knightsbridge Planning Development

A meeting is to take place this week to discuss this major application. Their needs to be a strategic development framework and a Master Plan produced. Fife Council staff and the developers will be meeting for a discussion on the progress of the proposals.

4.1.3. A Board problem

Mrs Rowe had written on this topic. Cllr Melville acknowledged her concerns and felt that the situation was a mess. Cllr Melville had been in contact with the Head of Transportation Services. She suggested the possibility of the Head of Transportation Services going around with Mrs Rowe to see at first hand the problems she faced. Mrs Rowe commented that with her dog she was able to avoid many of the hazards but added that there were a lot of obstacles on the pavements. She felt that it was if the pavements were being used to "dump" things with no thought about the pedestrians. Cllr Melville replied that she'd pursue the matter with officials. Miss Uprichard expressed her disappointment at the lack of action in relation to "A" Boards commenting that Dundee had a byelaw prohibiting their use, while Fife council appeared to be procrastinating on the matter.

4.1.4. Review of the Structure Plan

Dr Goudie reminded the meeting that at the last meeting he'd raised the issue of the review of the Structure Plan in relation to the affordable housing requirement. He'd reread after that meeting Policy H1 of the Structure Plan and quoted from it: "Land would be required to meet housing land requirement for the period 2006-2011 (subject to appropriate review 2011-2026). He wondered if the Councillors knew where the Council stood on that matter? Had a review taken place or was it currently taking place? Cllr Melville acknowledged that she didn't know and would have to find out.

4.1.5. Toilets at East Sands

Mr Crichton raised the issue of the problem with accessing the toilets at the East Sands. He commented upon the Council's decision to stop the owner of the shop near the toilets from giving out the key for public use. He commented upon the issue of insurance as an obstacle, citing the loss of the East Sands Putting green as an example where the Council's insistence upon insurance proved unaffordable for the man who had taken on the running of the putting green. Mr Crichton felt that the lack of accessible toilets would be off putting to visitors. Mrs Corbin added that she had spoken to the owner of the cafeteria at the harbour. While there, she had witnessed visitors coming in to ask why the toilets weren't open. She had offered to open and close the toilets for a minimal sum but hasn't been allowed to do this task. She had also been told by Fife Council that the toilets were open all the time, but this did not appear to be the case. Mrs Corbin had a letter from the café owner on the matter, which she felt needed to be addressed before the new summer tourist season.

Cllr Sangster acknowledged the long running nature of the problem. He informed the meeting that an agreement had been reached between the Harbour Trust and Fife Council on the management of the toilets. Cllr Sangster added that the reason Fife Council had given for not allowing the key to be looked after by the café owner was on health and safety grounds. Cllr Sangster acknowledged that he couldn't understand the logic of this decision.

4.2. Bill Sangster

4.2.1. Loches Alliance

Cllr Sangster explained the background history of this cultural exchange, which has been going for the past 15 years. A former Chair of the Community Council started it. The exchange isn't a twinning but still receives funding as a cultural link.

4.2.2. "A" Boards

Cllr Sangster reported how he'd taken a couple of Fife Council officials around St Andrews to look at the "A" Boards. The officials had chatted with various shopkeepers about the proper use of these boards. There were plans to issue pamphlets explaining exactly how to display "A" Boards. The officials would be enforcing the rules as well as educating shopkeepers.

4.2.3. Seagull problem

Cllr Sangster reminded the meeting that there is still a problem with seagulls in the town particularly with the breeding season starting. A pamphlet has been issued giving guidance on reporting problems as well as safety guidance as gulls can be aggressive when defending their nests with eggs and young. He urged local people not to feed the gulls.

4.2.4. Cosmos Community Centre – 40th Anniversary

There is to be an open day to commemorate this anniversary. Invitations will be sent out for any celebration of this anniversary.

4.2.5. Cockshaugh Park Changing Facility

Cllr Sangster has been campaigning to get improvements of the sports facilities at Cockshaugh Park, which he feels are poor with a range of problems needing a major fix. Fife council is attempting to get funding and there are plans to put a new changing unit in the park by the end of this football season.

4.2.6. Market Street Work

From the 5th of May there will be a one-way system at the Peter Michael end to allow work to replace the road surface as planned to proceed.

4.2.7. Hospital Taxi Ranks

Cllr Sangster noted the disappearance of taxi ranks at the Community Hospital to be replaced by parking spaces for the disabled. He had reported this change as he said that part of the planning permission included a taxi drop-off and pick-up place. Mr Crichton commented that in his experience the disabled

parking spaces were well used. He suggested that taxis could use the bus parking area to drop-off or pick-up. Cllr Sangster replied that the parking spaces to which he was referring were the former taxi parking ones, not those, which have always been, disabled spaces. He added that he'd hardly seen anyone use the new disabled spaces.

4.2.8. Crails Lane Upgrade

Cllr Sangster reported that the upgrade was almost complete.

4.2.9. Dog Poo bags

Mrs Rowe informed Cllr Sangster that the libraries and local offices had stopped selling these bags. She wondered if it was possible for these to be on sale again. Cllr Sangster replied that this was part of the Council cutbacks and didn't think they would be bringing the bags back for sale.

4.3. Robin Waterston

4.3.1. West Sands Partnership

Cllr Waterston reported that this was reaching the stage where a plan on the use of the area would be unveiled for public consultation. A meeting would take place in June. He hoped that there would be a non-technical summary available for members of the public interested in the subject. Miss Uprichard thought that members of the public should be members of the West Sands Working Group. Cllr Waterston explained that there were a couple of aspects to this, one being a working group of Councillors and officials, while the other was the Partnership made up from various relevant organisations and which he chaired. He added that he could be said to be the public face as an elected Councillor.

4.3.2. Outhead Road Closure

Cllr Waterston informed the meeting that the Outhead Road had been finally closed to vehicular access as had been planned. He was hoping to get an information notice place in the area to explain the reason.

4.3.3. Castle Sands Landslip

Cllr Waterston informed the meeting that there had been a landslip on part of the steep grassy area above the beach. The area has been closed off until it can be made safe.

4.3.4. Botanic Gardens Working Group

Cllr Waterston reported that the Botanic Gardens had had a consultancy look at ways to ensure its future as an active and successful enterprise. He reminded the meeting that the costs of running the Botanic Gardens were shared between Fife Council and the University but that a new model of management and funding was required. The working group is looking at the various issues. Cllr Waterston reaffirmed his determination to try and see that its future could be assured. Mr Roberts queried whether there had ever been a connection between Craigtoun Park and the Botanic Gardens? Cllr Waterston confirmed that such co-operation had taken place and he added that some of the Craigtoun Greenhouses had been moved to the Botanic Gardens. Mrs McAnaw wondered if there was anything else that local people could do to help the future of the Botanic Gardens. She acknowledged that she like many local people probably hadn't adequately used this resource. Mrs Denyer informed the meeting that anyone could become a member of Friend with a subscription of £10 per year. Cllr Waterston acknowledged the substantial work of the Friends of the Botanic Gardens, but felt that the Botanic Gardens were still under-utilised. He also informed the meeting about an attempt to make the little known access to the Botanic gardens via Viaduct Walk being more widely known and accessible.

4.3.5. New Access Path to Craigtoun

Dr Goudie asked about the sudden appearance of a substantial new path going north from close to Lumbo Farmhouse to the back of Craigtoun Park. Cllr Waterston was unaware of this new path.

4.3.6. University Land Purchase Query

Miss Uprichard reported that she'd read on the University Court web about a meeting in October which said, "Members discussed the rationale behind the purchase of some agricultural land situated near the town, given the potential for this site to advance the western expansion development it was agreed that the

questioner should pursue this subject to its having a clear strategic value". She wondered where the site might be and added that in her view it would appear that land could be bought and added into the western expansion. She sought for comments from the Councillors and Mr Scott. Mr Scott replied that he'd not been at the meeting so couldn't comment. None of the Councillors were able to throw light on this report.

4.4. Dorothea Morrison

4.4.1. Road Cleaning

Cllr Morrison reported that she'd heard from a Mr Harry Byers of Transportation Services in Fife Council that the roads would be getting a proper clean to get rid of the gravel and grit etc that had accumulated during the winter. Material collected would be recycled if possible at a facility in Melville woods.

4.4.2. Award for Community Service

Cllr Morrison asked about the possibility of the Community Council being able to give an award to a local man who has devoted years to helping the St Andrews Colts Football team, but is now retiring. Fife Council had been approached by Mr Dochard who runs the team, flagging up a suggestion about some sort of recognition.

4.4.3. Student Fair

Cllr Morrison reported that the university students were having a Fair in St Mary's Quad on the 17th April. Cllr Morrison has been asked to judge the baking. Cllr Morrison thought that it was a good way to assist in the development of Town/Gown relations.

4.4.4. St Andrews Colts Changing Facilities

Mrs McAnaw asked for a progress report on the possible plan for a replacement of the current inadequate facilities at Tom Morris Drive. Cllr Morrison replied that there wasn't any progress but she'd chase it up with Council officials.

5. Planning Committee

5.1. H.M.O. Consultation

Mr Roberts reported that recent Planning Committee meetings had been mostly taken up with the H.M.O. issue. They had managed to put together a response agreed by the majority of participants.

5.2. East Area Committee meeting

Miss Uprichard had attended the recent East area Committee meeting. She commented that the meeting was unusual in that ten out of fifteen applications were refused contrary to the recommendations of officials. These included Knightsbridge and Westburn Lane, also on in North Castle Street. Prior to the meeting she had circulated the Community Council objections to Councillors. This was partly based on the question of the prematurity of the strategic development framework. She also commented on the difficulty in keeping up with the volume of material in some applications, such as Knightsbridge, which could contain documents into three figures. She also commented upon some poor communication in relation to discovering when a major application was going to committee. She had hoped that officials would have informed the Community Council but the first she had known was two days before the East Area Committee in a report in the Courier. She felt that this was very unsatisfactory.

She assumed that as the site was in the Local Plan issues would be raised in that forum. She thanked Councillors for their support and the way they'd handled these complex major applications at the East Area committee meeting.

Cllr Melville acknowledged that Councillors had also got the papers about Knightsbridge very late and close to the meeting date. She also commented that usually when an application has been refused at appeal, the developer will discuss with officials what might need to be done to improve its acceptance if it is otherwise within the allowed developments under the Structure and local Plans. However she thought that it was odd that one of the major applications had come back to the recent meeting with no real changes. Mr Primmer couldn't understand how the officials could approve an application if it didn't have any commitment to affordable housing. He thought that this seemed to be contrary to Fife Council's policy.

Cllr Waterston explained that the issue about Knightsbridge was that there would be affordable housing, but not in the initial phase, although he acknowledged that that was arguable.

Mr Roberts added that at a recent meeting with Knightsbridge they discovered that there was a revised SDF, but they'd never been able to find the revised SDF. Mr Roberts made the meeting aware that the Planning Committee had refused to have a further meeting with Knightsbridge because of their dissatisfaction with the developer and the now that the application had been refused, didn't feel it was appropriate to have any further meeting, although one had been suggested for later in the day after Knightsbridge had met with Fife Council officials. Several members added that Knightsbridge had phoned them directly about attending the meeting. Dr Goudie felt that it wasn't right to turn Knightsbridge down flat, but to make them aware of the conditions the Planning Committee felt were appropriate, mainly in relation to bringing forward plans for the affordable housing element of their plans. He reminded the meeting that the Community Council had not been against the possible development in principle, but acknowledged that Knightsbridge could have approached matters better to gain support for their plans.

6. Matters Arising

6.1. Climate Challenge Fund Update

Mr Murphy reported that the project finished under the CCF funding on the 31st March, with almost all of the money being used from the grant. The project is no longer part of the Community Council, as it will now have to secure funding on its own behalf. Fife Council has awarded a small grant of just under £5000 to help while attempts are made to secure other funding. Mr Murphy acknowledged that the project was moving into a new phase because of the need to find its own funding. He elaborated on the decision to become independent of the Community Council. There will still be a Community Council presence on the Project Board with four Community Councillors comprising the majority on the Board. He suggested that it wasn't appropriate the Community Council to become involved with a business albeit a non-profit making one. He commented that the new Standen would still want to support the Community council's ideas on energy conservation and would promote the Community Council. The new setup will allow Standen to apply from other funding sources. He hoped that the Community Council would support this plan. He acknowledged a couple of uncertainties, one in relation to insurance and the other in relation to the

Dr Goudie suggested that the document relating to the proposed new setup for Standen only be accepted with appropriate changes. Dr Goudie made some suggestions to clarify and tighten up on the proposals in the structure for the new Standen. One suggestion related to section 5 of the new Standen setup, with Dr Goudie feeling that this needed to be tightened up. He quoted from the proposed constitution that said that at least 4 on the board would be from the Community Council and that they would have voting rights. He also asked about the rights of associate members of the Board as he felt that it wasn't clear whether they had voting rights, in which case the Community council might not have the majority on the management committee. Dr Goudie felt that it as important to have a controlling say on any new Standen as in theory it could propose developments in the renewable energy field, which might be at odds with the views of the Community Council.

Mr Roberts sought the meeting's views on how matters should proceed. Mr Paul reminded the meeting about the Standen sub-committee and agreed with Dr Goudie on the need to have a majority say on that committee. It was agreed to continue with the sub-committee, as it presently exists. Mr Murphy suggested that the meeting approve the continuation of Standen as a separate entity subject to necessary changes because of the new funding situation. There was unanimous support for this suggestion.

6.2. Martyrs Monument Update

Mrs Corbin reported that she'd had a meeting with Eric and Bill on the 2nd February at which they'd agreed to bring Mr Ray Pead onboard. They met up with Mr Pead on the 14th March and agreed a way forward. Forms for Entrust have now been completed. Cllr Sangster said he'd emailed the Kate Kennedy Procession board to thank them for a donation towards this work.

6.3. St Andrews Community Trust

Mr Paul reported that the work to confirm the independent trustees were gradually progressing and he'd been informed would be finalised by the end of April. In answer to a query, Mr Paul informed the meeting

that there was £44000 in the Trust at present. £1000 has been donated to the Scouts and £5000 spent on a website.

6.5. Craigtoun Update

Mr Roberts reported on the meetings of the Working group comprising of Cameron Community Councillors and St Andrews community councillors, namely Mr Roberts, Mrs Corbin and Mrs Denyer. The group had access to Fife Council accounts. Cameron Community Council eventually stated that setting up a Trust was a feasible proposition. Mr Roberts acknowledged that he generally agreed with this view given the time involved and the costs. He said that there would have to be a decision by St Andrews Community Council as well as to whether they should continue to investigate the possibility of setting up a Trust. He added that if the Trust doesn't get set up Fife council could consider selling the property. Fife Council currently is putting in basic running costs of £167000 per annum, but might pull this after this year if there is no obvious future.

Mrs Corbin felt that we couldn't just wash our hands of the matter and thought that the Community Council should try to do something. She thought that local people should be asked what they wanted done with Craigtoun Park. Mrs Corbin added that she had been given email and telephone details of people who might be able to or want to assist.

Mr Roberts whilst sympathetic to Mrs Corbin's concerns replied that Craigtoun Park desperately required a large cash investment in the order of at least three million pounds for renovation costs. Fife Council didn't have this money, hence their reluctance to do more than do basic upkeep of the grounds. He went on to comment about possible ways that money could be raised, but highlighted the fact that even an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund would require raising a percentage of the money required before it would be considered. He wasn't certain how this could be achieved in the present economic climate.

Dr Goudie agreed with Mrs Corbin that it seemed irrational to walk away from the situation. Mr Roberts explained that it was the issue of setting up a Trust, which had been considered unfeasible by Cameron Community Council. Dr Goudie thought that there should still be an opportunity for Community Council representatives to make some constructive and imaginative suggestions as to how the difficulties in determining Craigtoun Park's future could be resolved. He thought that there must be other ways to raise funding and found it extraordinary that such a resource close to St Andrews couldn't attract some funding and become a viable proposition. He acknowledged the need to have business expertise in determining the future of Craigtoun Park.

Cllr Melville commented upon the value of Craigtoun Park as a local asset and reminded the meeting about Craigtoun Park's value as a "greenspace" and that St Andrews was by Fife Council's own reckoning underprovided in this area. She thought that there must be a way forward for Craigtoun Park, whilst acknowledging the costs of maintenance and she supported Mrs Corbin's thoughts that there must be suggestions, which could come from other local people to save Craigtoun Park.

Mrs Corbin informed the meeting that she had spoken to someone who might be able to give more advice on the idea of setting up a Trust. Miss Uprichard reminded the meeting that a Trust would need to be set up before there could be any application for funds. She felt that the Community Council shouldn't give up pursuing the possibility of finding a way to save Craigtoun Park. She acknowledged that it was hard to see what could be done and that it was a very confusing situation. She had also suggested the possibility of going down the route of letting the grass grow, but had been informed that this would be more expensive in maintenance terms than regular cutting.

Mr Roberts added that more discussion was required on the matter and that the Community Council would stay at the table and talk again to Cameron Community Council. Cameron Community Councillors had also commented that while the decision for the future might be suggested by Fife Council officials, the final decision was in the hands of the Councillors.

Cllr Waterston commented that one needed to be realistic about the matter. He said that for "Cameron Community Council to ask Fife council to continue to run Craigtoun Park with a sustainable vision for its future was not going to happen". He added that the cuts would mean that difficult choices would have to be made on closing some facilities. He thought that there would be a limited period of time in which, new ideas could be considered by Fife Council. He felt that there was no chance of Fife Council paying more to continue running Craigtoun Park.

Dr Goudie asked a question in relation to the financial costs of running Craigtoun compared to running other similar venues in other parts of Fife. He wondered what Craigtoun's share of the budget might be

compared to parks such as Silverburn? He also asked about the maintenance of the public toilets at Craigtoun, which he thought was an important issue.

6.6. Reports from Representatives

6.6.1

6.7. Any Other Matters Arising

6.7.1. H.M.O Consultation – University response

Mr Scott reported that the University had responded to the recent Fife Council consultation on the possible policy of stopping further HMO registration in the central area of St Andrews. He said that the University response was now on the Fife Council website. Whilst recognising concerns raised by Fife Council and local people, the University also endorsed the Student views on the subject. The University believed that the matter was more complex than presented and would be willing to sit down with Fife Council and see if there was anything it could suggest to resolve the issue to everyone's satisfaction.

Mr Wilton, Student President thanked the University for its response to the consultation and agreed that the matter was more complicated than it had been presented. He added that what had emerged from some of the submissions to the consultation was that there was an interest in the preservation of the town, in looking after the upkeep of properties and holding landlords to account as required. He felt that these were shared interests between local residents, students and the University. He has applied to give a presentation to the North East Fife Area Committee and has notified Mr Middleton of the Links Trust on this subject.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Recreation Committee

7.1.1 Royal Wedding Breakfast

Mr Roberts reported that significant progress was being made to organise this major event at the end of the month, with sub-committees working away at different aspects of the event. He thought that it was all coming together quite smoothly. Mr Paul appealed for help Community Councillors on the day and reminded the meeting about ticketing arrangements. Mr Fraser raised a concern about what would happen if the event made a financial loss. Mr Roberts replied that he didn't think this would be the case. He added that the event organisers would try and adjust the plans if there was any hint of financial problems, but he reiterated that he didn't think that this would be the case.

7.2. General Purposes

No meeting has been held in the past month

7.3. 200 Club

1. £50 no 72 Mrs Bentley
2. £30 no 145 Ms Reed
3. £20 no 26 Mrs Speight

7.4. Health, Education and Welfare Committee

7.4.1. Site Visit to New Victoria Hospital

Mrs Corbin reported that she had a site visit to the new Victoria Hospital building in early May. This is currently under construction behind the older hospital. He will report back at the next meeting.

8. New Business

8.1. Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami

Mrs Corbin reported on the fundraising efforts of a Japanese student attending the University who had shaved her head for charity. To date she has raised over £4000, much more than had been expected. Mrs Corbin welcomed any other ideas in relation to fundraising for the Japanese disaster.

Mrs Corbin also mentioned that with the convenor, Mr Crichton and a couple of other Community Councillors she'd like to send a letter of condolences to the Japanese Consulate, signed by Mr Crichton. Mr Roberts sought the meeting's approval. This was unanimously agreed. Mr Crichton raised the issue of responding more quickly to such events, where it was appropriate for the Community Council to respond. He felt that this event highlighted the need to get something done more speedily. Dr Goudie suggested that it was up to Community Councillors to circulate a proposed letter and if there was a positive response send it with any amendments as required. Mr Paul felt that there should be an opt out system in these situations, with a time limit for comments in response to suggestions for such letters. Mrs Corbin added that there should have been a response within a couple of days of the event but thought that there was no option but to put it to the full Community Council. She thought that Community Councillors should be able to go ahead and respond in a more flexible way. Mr Roberts replied that as far as he understood it the Community Councillors did have the option as they would have received the email, but as the majority hadn't responded it didn't go. There was a feeling that a non - response to such emails should be taken to mean no objection in order to avoid unnecessary delay.

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

Mr Roberts had nothing more to add to earlier comments.

9.2.1. Treasurers Report

The treasurer Mr Paul reported on the end of year accounts for March, which had been circulated and gave a figure of £3128.09. The annual accounts laid out in the approved Fife Council format were also circulated but as Mr Paul explained would be available at the AGM for full consideration.

9.3 Secretary

9.3.1. Correspondence – see appendix A.

The secretary reported that the new Scheme for Community Councils was available online though he did have a hard copy available. Main changes included the reduction of the voting age to 16.

There was also a new registration system for Entrust the details of which the secretary had received in recent days.

Mr Roberts commented that Fairtrade Tea would be served at the Royal Wedding Breakfast event.

Mr Marks added that he'd received a couple of letters related to licensing matters and suggested that if any Community Councillor wished to take on the role of responding to the letters he'd happily provide their details to Fife Council.

10. Any Other Competent Business

10.1. Parking charges

Miss Uprichard commented on the increase in parking charges. Cllr Sangster thought that the charges should be rounded off to £1. Miss Uprichard replied that this was what was happening. Cllr Sangster added that there would be a half hour charge added to the current scheme. Cllr Sangster defended the need for parking charges.

10.2. Leuchars Forum

Mrs Corbin had attended the RAF Leuchars Community Forum. She reported that there was going to be no news about the future of RAF Leuchars until after the May elections.

