

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

Minutes – November 2005

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1. Attendance

Community Councillors

Les Beech, Bette Christie, Ken Crichton, George Davidson, Iain Goudie, Stuart Holdsworth, Pete Lindsay, Dennis Macdonald, Donald Macgregor, Patrick Marks, Joe Peterson, Bruce Ryan, Maggie Stracey, Carole Tricker, Penny Uprichard.

Students' Association

Alex Yabrov.

Nominated

Ewen Sparks

Fife Councillors

Sheila Black, Jane Ann Liston, Frances Melville, Bill Sangster.

Apologies

Ken Fraser, Frederick St Johnston, Ben Reilly, Richard Douglas, Keith McCartney, Elise Methven.

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3. Presentations

3.1. Community Wind Turbine

Gordon Pay, a former St Andrews community councillor, now resident in Cupar, circulated some papers on wind turbines and then went over the points raised in them.

His reason for speaking to community council is to introduce the idea of community orientated wind turbines which he proposes develop in the North East Fife area.

[He spoke mostly from the following paper, some asides are noted at the end.]

Presentation to Community Council on Community Oriented Wind Turbine Development

I am doing this presentation because I am going to need your support to complete what I aim to do. I understand there is opposition to wind turbines, and I am not asking you to disregard it. What I am asking is that you critically examine the arguments and evidence pressure groups, such as Country Guardian, puts forward. I hope you will find that it does not provide sufficient justification to stop all developments using commercial scale wind turbines.

I should point out that most people support wind turbine developments. The evidence for this is provided in poll after poll. This is not within the margin of error of polls. This support is overwhelming. The latest in the NOP 'Wind Tracker' opinion polls, released October 2005, shows that 80% of the public believe that wind farms are necessary to help meet current and future energy needs in the UK.

There would seem no reason to suppose the population of NE Fife, or the people you particularly represent, would differ significantly on this.

I am persuaded that the extensive use of wind energy is necessary, and necessary now. It does not have to be large developments, by large commercial companies. There is the alternative Danish model.

I make no apologies for emphasising the example of Denmark. Many people still seem unaware of the extent of wind turbine development in other countries outside the UK. It shows not only that what I propose can be done, but that in many ways it is the normal way of doing things.

If you have a look at the map of Denmark, Denmark is similar in size and population to Scotland, there are several things that could be taken from it.

It is worth noting how well spread wind turbines are in Denmark, this has some significance in relation to dealing with the variability of the wind. [1]

Importantly, it should dismiss the misconceptions that wind energy is a new or untried technology. It can be implemented on the scale, and in the time scale required.

What I really want you to note is that most of the turbines there are owned by individuals, or groups of individuals. They own shares in them and get a dividend from the sale of the

electricity.

Most turbines in Denmark are for want of better words community owned. In the early development of wind turbines in that country you had to live within the local area of the turbine to own shares in it, and could only own shares proportionate to your electricity consumption. It has grown beyond that, but that is still where it comes from.

This is the so called Danish Model of 'wind co-ops', and as you can see from the map it has proved very popular. This is what I think we should do here.

I shall now address the criticisms of wind turbines by pressure groups like Country Guardian.

Wind Turbines:

1. Do we need them?
2. Do they work?
3. Why so big?
4. What's in it for us?

Do we need them?

At the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 we decided to adopt the precautionary principle in relation to climate change.

UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE ARTICLE 3 PRINCIPLES

3. The Parties should take precautionary measures to anticipate, prevent or minimise the causes of climate change and mitigate its adverse effects. Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing such measures, taking into account that policies and measures to deal with climate change should be cost-effective so as to ensure global benefits at the lowest possible cost.

In accepting this precautionary principle, we accept that doing nothing is not acceptable.

Country Guardian suggests that the consensus on global warming is a rise of 1 to 1.5 C by 2100. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Third Assessment Report in 2001 projected an increase of 1.4 to 5.8 C. There is not much of an overlap between these sets of figures.

Far from piling worst case scenario upon worst case scenario, the IPCC figures are beginning to look too conservative. They do not take full account of carbon-cycle climate feedback, the current findings on so-called 'global dimming' not available then, or the recently observed melting of arctic permafrost which was not expected now.

I would go so far as to say that Country Guardian does not appear to want to understand the precautionary principle in this context.

Compare with a recent *National Geographic* article (Powering the Future, August 2005). The author comments,

Virtually every energy expert I met did something unexpected: He pushed not just his own speciality but everyone else's too.

"We're going to need everything we can get from biomass, everything we can get from solar, everything we can get from wind," says Michael Pacheco, director of the National Bioenergy Centre, part of the National Renewable Energy Laboratories (NREL) in Golden, Colorado. "And still the question is, can we get enough?"

Do they work?

Opposition groups, such as Country Guardian, seem particularly keen to spread misinformation on this issue. It is the first point they make. You should be careful to note that it is not the technology Country Guardian is attacking here, but the whole concept of getting energy from wind, because fundamentally it is the wind that is variable. Are we similarly going to reject other renewable resources, or make the most of all available?

First we should get one simple misunderstanding out of the way: because a turbine yields say 30% of its rated capacity over a year, this does not mean it is only turning 30% of the time. This is like saying if you have a car with a top speed of 100mph and you do a journey at an average speed of 30mph, you are stationary 70% of the time.

A turbine in this area would be generating electricity about 80% of the time. Let us bring some real world physics into the proceedings. The energy in the wind varies with the cube of the wind speed. This means that if you double the speed of the wind there is 8 times more energy in it. It should be obvious that designing a generator to make good use of stronger winds requires that its maximum capacity is not in use much of the time.

Modern wind turbines actually do a very good job with the resource that is presented to them. They are highly efficient, producing as much energy as was required to produce them in just the first few months after they begin operating.

The electricity system is also set up to deal with intermittent use. We just expect to flick a switch when we want, and for our electricity generating system to supply that variable demand. It has been said by others that the biggest threat to the system is synchronised tea making.

This means that intermittent supply is not a special problem that is particularly difficult to deal with. In due course we will have to come up with better solutions to this general problem, but that is not the issue now.

From a technical standpoint wind turbines work well enough to be part of the solution now.

Why so big?

I am concerned that a community council has been quoted in the press, perhaps wrongly, as saying that they have heard no justification for the scale of modern turbines. The Clatto opposition has certainly made a particular point of the size of the turbines. I would not propose using smaller turbines than were planned for Clatto.

Take a look at the diagram of turbine sizes I have provided – the justification I hope should be quite obvious. There is a compromise between size of turbines and number of turbines. For a given output many more smaller turbines would be required, and these will have a greater environmental impact than a smaller number of larger ones. That probably includes visual impact. [2]

The current evolutionary path of wind turbines has also been towards larger models, and consequently the better more modern turbines tend to be the larger ones. [3]

What's in it for us?

There are several reasons why I do this presentation now, before a site is identified. One is that when site is chosen, any site will probably produce a nimby response. This will most likely attract a lot of attention, and make it difficult for me to do what I'm trying to do. So I want to build positive support now to counterbalance that.

I now have to draw your attention to the following:

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000

Financial promotion

Restrictions on financial promotion.

21. – (1) A person ("A") must not, in the course of business, communicate an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity.

(2) But subsection (1) does not apply if –

(a) A is an authorised person; or

(b) the content of the communication is approved for the purposes of this section by an authorised person.

and for your information:

The European Convention on Human Rights

Article 10

1. Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. this right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers. This article shall not prevent States from requiring the licensing of broadcasting, television or cinema enterprises.

2. The exercise of these freedoms, since it carries with it duties and responsibilities, may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, for the protection of the reputation or the rights of others, for preventing the disclosure of information received in confidence, or for maintaining the authority and impartiality of the judiciary.

Questions

Responding to the question from Bette Christie he said the expected life-span of an installation was 25 years, based on current practical experience in Denmark.

Cllr Jane Ann Liston mentioned that she had heard that Carradale CC had a significant income from its involvement in wind farms on Kintyre.

Asides:

[1] Wind 'resource' in Scotland is as good or better than the best locations in Denmark

[2] The old NEFCON proposal [Dec 1998 2.2] for 6 medium sized turbines was compared with an

alternative for 20 small turbines also considered at that time and a new suggestion of 2 units, slightly bigger than those proposed for Clatto Hill recently. He noted that two large turbines had far less environmental impact than twenty small ones in that they need far fewer access tracks, fewer foundations, and its easier for birds to avoid two relatively high turbines than a field of twenty closer to ground level.

[3] The Enercon E70, with 35m blades, is the biggest that could easily be constructed in Fife as road layout limits the blade size that can be transported.

3.2. South Street

Peter Milne of Fife Council Transportation Service on revised proposals for South Street improvements. He listed some of the problems to be seen on South Street at present: cars parked with their bonnets hanging over the footpaths; children playing 'chicken' at the crossings; poor levels of lighting; tree roots sticking up through the pavement; and the poor condition of the carriageway itself.

Though Scottish Enterprise Fife pulled out of the previous scheme which was rejected at the beginning of the year, there was some money left, so TS have looked again at the issues of trees and parking, and have proposals which they feel to be a reasonable compromise while allowing them to undertake a professional job of fixing the pavements and carriageways.

There will be plans on display in the Local Office in St Mary's Place; some smaller copies were circulated. Transportation Service would like early comments on the proposals. They have already presented them to the Merchants' Association for their comments, and will be speaking directly to the local businesses likely to be affected.

The new proposals may only affect four trees rather than the original twenty, some of the trees being in very poor condition already. On parking the previous layout lost 27 spaces, the revised layout reduces this to 10. The present layout is substandard in angle, space and results in bonnets overhanging the footpath. Dealing with any of these problems will lead to the loss of some spaces.

Dennis Macdonald felt the loss of 10 spaces was serious in the context of the total number of spaces available, and accused Fife Council of a process of pedestrianisation by stealth. He called for a proper multi-storey car park to be built on the site of the old railway station.

Peter Milne replied that multi-storey car parks were not cheap to provide – Fife Council does not have the money available. He questioned the need. St Andrews has over 2,000 spaces in or within a short walk of the town centre and just over 100 on South Street itself. He is working in the St Andrews Parking Plan. One thing that is being looked at is the uncontrolled parking on North Street, occupied all day by commuter vehicles, which could be freed for shoppers' use by introducing controls. There are no plans to pedestrianise South Street. He pointed to the revised layout between the West Port and Bell Street with its easier access for entering/leaving spaces as the example.

Penny Uprichard had three points. She was surprised that the scheme should be revived in any form after the level of comment and objection to its first incarnation, leading to its rejection by Fife Councillors by a substantial majority. She criticised spending money on attacking the most attractive parts of the town, such as South Street and Lade Braes, instead of filling in holes and other necessary repairs. She wondered at the wisdom of making any reductions in parking spaces at all giving the expansion of the town over the last 25 years and the possibility of 2,000 houses mooted in the Local/Structure Plan.

Peter Milne reiterated that the money was from Scottish Enterprise Fife, specifically for work on South Street. The Lade Braes proposals were from an entirely separate funding source. While 10 spaces would be lost on South Street itself 88 had already been added by the Old Course Hotel very recently and Fife Council would provide more spaces in future when and where practical. The new scheme was more balanced and took account of the views expressed the first time round.

Ken Crichton asked about the problems of the underlying construction of South Street, and pointed out some problems with the current layout. As well as bonnets overhanging the pavements, boots stick into the carriageway threatening to reduce South Street to a single lane at times. Some of the crossings have poor visibility for approaching motorists, particularly in the dark.

Peter Milne confirmed that South Street is a skin of tar over sand, there is no underlying construction. The proposal is to overlay a complete new surface. This will have the advantage of lasting for many years and eliminating the need for continuous piecemeal patching. The crossings he too had found to be particularly gloomy on the way to the meeting this very evening, but noted the scheme included improvements to their lighting.

Ewen Sparks, for the Merchants' Association, has already seen the detailed plans. He felt that this was a completely different sort of proposal. With regard to the loss of parking spaces the Association was not happy, but accepted that something had to be done about South Street. The new angle of parking was better, permitted proper reversing out, spaces were fitted in wherever possible in the new scheme, so he didn't think there was any way to improve what was suggested. The plan should be supported and the work done sooner rather than later.

Pete Lindsay queried the possible 'loss' of four trees. Peter Milne clarified that any tree that had to be removed, or was damaged, would be replaced with a mature specimen. He added that they were discussing with Community Services a tree maintenance scheme, to avoid the fate of some of the new trees at the west end of South Street which had not been maintained properly as no provision had been made for this.

Joe Peterson asked what the work would cost? In the region of £400,000, but it was still being costed so that was not a very firm figure.

Les Beech asked what had happened to the proposed 500 space car park out beyond the Strathtyrum Estate? Why not implement that first before doing away with spaces in town. The reply was that it is a long-term proposal unlike South Street which is being scheduled for this coming year. There is no money to do the out of town park & ride scheme yet.

Cllr Jane Ann Liston asked how many parking spaces were needed to satisfy demand in St Andrews, how many more would have to be built? Peter Milne said that with over 2,000 spaces in and around the centre there were plenty already, if they were managed properly and not occupied by all day commuter parking or even longer term residential parking; for example: Hope Park, Howard Place and Abbotsford Crescent. He hoped to be back early in the new year with the St Andrews Parking Plan to look at how parking is managed in town.

Cllr Frances Melville asked what planning permission would be needed? The roads element would not need planning permission but the lighting changes would be the subject of a planning application. He added that the lighting columns were designed to accommodate hanging baskets and also to provide power points for such as the Lammas Fair.

Bruce Ryan asked why the new parking layout was suggested for South Street before the Parking Plan came out for discussion. Could the resurfacing be done, the old parking layout restored, and any changes made after due discussion of the overall parking scheme as it would just be a matter of repainting a few white lines? Peter Milne said the parking plan wouldn't change South Street much, it would be concentrating on the surrounding streets. Once the resurfacing work was done it would have to be marked up anyway so it was better to do it right first time rather than amend and repaint within a few months.

Bette Christie asked about reserved spaces for disabled drivers; there will be more was the reply. She also made a point about lack of wheelchair access during pavement work. As a current example she cited Golf Place. She has to go well out of the way going to destinations on Golf Place during current works there; there may be alternative pedestrian access, but not wheelchair.

Pete Lindsay recalled that one of the few points about the previous scheme he'd been unhappy about was the proposed removal of the public notice board outside the Royal Bank; as this is the most heavily used board in St Andrews he wondered what the plans were for it this time? The reply was that not only were there no plans for interfering with the boards, but Transportation Service would be willing to meet to discuss refurbishment.

Cllr Bill Sangster asked about the Madras Crossing – Transportation are looking at upgrading this to a pelican, signal-controlled, crossing because of feelings there is a problem with a constant flow of children holding up traffic by using the crossing at break times.

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville (West)

4.1.1. A91 at Balgove

Following Dennis Macdonald's comments [September 4.3.8] she has raised the matter here with Transportation Service. They are now working on plans for anti-skid surface and signing. Longer term there may also be improved pedestrian facilities in the area, subject to ongoing investigations.

4.1.2. St Leonard's Fields

There will be a preamble / procedural meeting for the inquiry on the developer's appeal on Tuesday 8 Nov.

4.1.3. Replacements of Gas Mains

Sections of Doubledykes Road will have to close while this work is done. Schedule is for two sessions 14/11-18/11 and 5/12-9/12.

Ewen Sparks called for the work to be delayed so as not to interfere with Christmas shopping.

4.1.4. Western Cemetery Gates

[October 10.2] Works orders for painting of the gates have been issued, functioning will also be looked at.

4.1.5. Renewable Energy Display

Information display caravan at Logies Lane 9-5, Tuesday 8 Nov.

4.1.6. Buchanan Gardens

Resurfacing works have started. The eastern end is done, the western end will be later in conjunction with work at Lawhead Roads West and East and work on the drainage problems in the area.

4.1.7. Buchanan Gardens / Strathkinness High Road Junction

Investigations of the sight lines show there is still a problem here so there will be further talks with property owners in the area to see if any improvements can be made.

4.1.8. Bus Station

Pete Lindsay passed on queries from his fellow commuters, waiting in the pouring rain a few days earlier, about the apparent standstill in the redevelopment.

Once she'd taken her head from her hands Cllr Frances Melville said she'd had no information for the last seven or so weeks. Les Beech had picked up some news from Stagecoach staff. Some delays were down to BT providing services, but even since then nothing had happened. Cllr Melville will enquire at the next Locality Meeting.

4.3. Bill Sangster (Central)

4.3.1. Golf Place

Work will continue for another three weeks.

4.3.2. Church Square Toilets

The work has been further delayed by electrical problems. Completion and hand over was scheduled for Monday 28 Nov, but he is asking for Friday 25 Nov so they are available to service St Andrews Festival events in the area on the Saturday.

There was some discussion about alternatives if the toilets were not ready. While 'portaloos' hire is cheap by the day (£40 per seat) they usually have to be hired for minimum periods which drives the cost up. Cllr Sangster was unhappy with the lack of consideration shown to the community in the timing of the closure and lack of alternative provision.

He will be checking that the problems with RADAR keys for disabled access have been resolved.

4.3.4. Abbey Walk Bus Shelter

Design work is in progress; special plans are needed rather than an off-the-shelf design because of the narrowness of the pavement.

4.3.5. Parking Restrictions

Restrictions and associated yellow lines are to be imposed on street corners in the Hope Street and Howard Place area where persistent inconsiderate parking is interfering with the passage of other traffic.

4.3.6. Park & Ride

No service for Christmas. Officials are still resistant to the idea after the poor uptake in 2003, though Cllr Sangster thought that advertising could have been more effective.

4.3.7. New 'MyFife' Cards

These are now available to give over-60s travel concessions, access to various services such as libraries, swimming pools, etc.

4.3.8. 1 Greyfriars Garden

He reported that the Preservation Trust were now taking over the long-running campaign to make something of this in the face of the difficulties with the owners, whose asking price is £50,000. Their 'Pride of Place' committee is working on this and on raising interest and funds in the town.

Carole Tricker reported that she had attended a meeting of the Pride of Place committee which is trying to bring together interested parties with a view to buying and maintaining this garden for the town, looking at possible low-maintenance designs etc. They hope for support by and involvement of community council.

Joe Peterson suggested Fife Council should use compulsory purchase and use the garden to widen the road, and move the CCTV camera to avoid pavement crowding on the Bell St / St Mary's Place corner, and provide a toilet. Cllr Sangster said that he'd investigated the compulsory purchase option, but the garden is not in such a state that it could be applied. He also pointed out that Fife Council is reducing the number of toilets about town not increasing them.

4.4. Jane Ann Liston (South East)

4.4.1. East Bents Trampolines

The pits have now been filled in by Community Services for safety reasons and will be grassed. The space will be used as overflow car-parking.

4.4.2. Toucan Crossing, Bridge Street

She has had a query asking why this has no bleep for the assistance of people with vision difficulties. The reason is that nearby residents complained that it was disturbing them. It may be possible to enable the bleep on only one side where it is next to a boundary wall, but not the other where it is close to several residential windows. Joe Peterson suggested a vibrating pad on the pole, but when Cllr Liston had suggested this to the person with vision difficulties she was informed that these are only appropriate for people with vision *and* hearing difficulties.

4.4.3. Viaduct Walk Lights

Temporary repairs have been made. Permanent work will be carried out around Christmas.

4.4.4. St Andrew's Festival

Circulated the printed programme booklet.

4.4.5. Langlands Primary School 20mph zone

Also features extended 20mph residential zone with various traffic slowing and road safety measures extending as far as Nelson Street. Details will be coming to community council for comment.

Les Beech was concerned that rather than slowing traffic on Lamond Drive speed bumps would cause drivers to divert to other routes. He asked what the point was with Langlands School recommended for closure and how much the work would cost. Cllr Liston replied that whatever happened it was likely the building would be used for school purposes for some time to come. He suggested that rather than speed calming on Lamond Drive, which inconveniences everybody, speed cameras should be installed to catch those who broke the limit without interfering with those driving legally.

4.4.6. St Andrews-Guardbridge Cycle Path: Hedge Trimming

Following complaints of punctures from the thorns on hawthorn hedge trimmings Transportation Service will now sweep these after hedge cutting.

4.4.7. St Andrews-Guardbridge Cycle Path: Night Visibility

She will be taking a night ride with an officer from Transportation Service to demonstrate the problems of dazzle from car headlights from the adjacent A91 at certain points on the track, particularly where the track is lower than the road. Reflective edge markings and shielding bushes are amongst the possibilities that will be discussed.

5. Planning Committee

5.1. Minutes

5.1.2. Tennis Court

[Appendix A.2] Pete Lindsay said that he had not had time to act on this item.

5.2. Other Matters

5.2.1. Local Plan Protest Meeting

Tayport Action Group on the Local Plan are holding meeting 24 Nov in Cupar jointly with other similar groups from north Fife to protest against aspects of the Local Plan, speakers include various local MSPs.

5.2.2. St Leonard's Fields Inquiry

Ian Goudie has informed the Reporter's Unit that this community council will probably want to present evidence on this appeal.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

6.1. Honoured / Honorary Citizen

- 1.1.i Agreed to continue an Hon. Cit. scheme in principle.
- 1.1.ii Agreed to have one scheme but award the title of Honoured Citizen for a St Andrews resident, Honorary Citizen for a recipient resident outwith.
- 1.2. Agreed that candidates should have a 'credible connection' to St Andrews, but make clearer that residence and deeds are just examples not exclusive criteria.
- 1.2. Clarify that these 'criteria' are guidelines for the sorts of candidates who will be considered by community council, not tick-boxes for automatic awards.
- 1.3. A point has been raised on opening proposals of award to the wider public, via proposal forms etc. This is felt to be too bureaucratic; townspeople are free to contact any member of community council to bring forward a proposal.
- 1.3. steps A-I agreed.
- 1.4. Voting: agreed.

6.3. Awards

December

6.5. St Andrews Day Holiday Bill

Keith McCartney to be asked as St Andrew's Day representative to write to the parliament committee in support of the principle of the bill as it has been referred back, and to contact those MSPs representing St Andrews or Fife who voted for and against it to thank them for their support or to ask their reasons as appropriate.

Keith McCartney

7. New Business

7.1. World Class Initiative Representative

Dennis Macdonald volunteered.

Dennis Macdonald

Joe Peterson said that it was important that the secretary, as well as the representative, receive the agendas of WC meetings, to circulate, so our representative can be given the general views of community council on issues as they arise.

Level of representation: observer vs. participant vs. full member to be discussed once we have access to the WC constitution.

7.2. Rural/Scotland

Subscription renewal.

£15 agreed

8. Reports from Office Bearers

8.1. Chair

8.1.1. St Andrews Bay Developments

Attended a meeting at St Andrews Bay Hotel at which some provisional plans for expansion were outlined. This was purely for information, no comments were passed.

8.1.2. RAF Leuchars Community Relations

A Miss Budd, community relations officer at Leuchars wishes to speak to community council in the new

year, though she can't address issues of aircraft noise. Date to be arranged.

8.3. Secretary

8.3.3. Meetings 2006

The Burgh Chambers have been booked: 9 *January*, thereafter the usual pattern of first Monday in the month; 6 Feb, 6 Mar, 3 Apr, 1 May (AGM), 5 Jun, 3 Jul, 7 Aug, 4 Sep, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec.

8.3.4. Secretary's Core Tasks

Having already informed the Chair, Pete Lindsay gave notice that he will leave the post of secretary at the end of the December meeting.

[Standing orders suspended to allow continuation of the meeting past 9.30pm.]

9. Reports

9.1. From Committees

9.1.1. Recreation

Gateway Centre

Meeting agreed for Joe Peterson to contact the University over possibility for landscaping the area round the Gateway with flower beds etc to complement the flower-beds at the north side of the A91.

Joe Peterson

Lammas Market

There is a proposal that the funfair area should be allowed to expand into the stances not let to the market traders.

Speaking personally Joe Peterson suggested that this was a bad idea for the Lammas Market, exacerbating the trend towards a pure funfair. He proposed that more efforts be put into attracting trading stall, if not from the traditional market trader background then from such as the farmers' market or even encourage local traders to take stalls. He worried that if it became entirely a fun fair the argument for keeping it in the centre of town became very much weaker.

Cllr Jane Ann Liston regretted that there had been no one from community council present at the meeting at which this was discussed, despite it being held in St Andrews specifically to make it easier for community representatives to attend. The problem is that unlet spaces represent loss of revenue to the Common Good Fund. There are not the stall-holders applying for the places so the thought was to let the spaces to other applicants to generate income.

Overall the meeting appeared to prefer that Fife Council pursue more traders, of whatever sort, before letting more stances to rides.

9.2. From Representatives

9.2.1. Fairtrade

Bruce Ryan reported that the Burgh Chamber is booked, as are refreshments, 200 invitations have just been sent out, responses are just starting to come in. All community and Fife councillors are invited, of course.

Donald Macgregor emphasised that as this was being billed as a community council co-hosted event it was important that as many members as possible should attend at least for the opening.

The Fairtrade Campaign wishes to circulate a Fairtrade Directory of where to buy Fairtrade products in St Andrews, at the reception. He asked whether community council would be prepared to print it. Pete Lindsay said that the quantities discussed were far less than the normal monthly meeting print run and that at most a nominal charge of £5 might be made.

Printing agreed

9.2.2 RAF Leuchars Liaison

Dennis Macdonald reported that he and Stuart Holdsworth had attended the latest meeting, but there had been nothing of relevance to St Andrews.

9.2.3. Golf Liaison

Donald Macgregor and Stuart Holdsworth attended a recent meeting, but there was nothing new to report.

10. Any Other Competent Business

10.1. Young Citizen of 2005

Joe Peterson will run this again this year but would like someone else to take over for 2006. Posters *etc* will be put up and details circulated in due course. He hopes to have the award resolved this year rather than it drifting into next year as it so often does.