

Monthly Agenda – June 2011

There will be a meeting of the community council at 7pm Monday 6th June in the Burgh Chambers of the Town Hall, Queen's Gardens. There will be a short break at about 8pm during which the 200 Club draw will be made. The meeting is audio-recorded to assist the secretary in producing the minutes.

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

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of May 2011

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

3. Presentations

3.1. Stephen McGee – St Andrews University

The University position in relation to the future of the Botanic gardens

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville

4.2. Bill Sangster

4.3. Robin Waterston

4.4. Dorothea Morrison

5. Planning Committee

5.1. Planning Committee Reports

6. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

6.1. Standen - update

6.2. Martyrs Monument Update

6.3. St Andrews Community Trust Update

6.4. Craigtoun/ Botanic Gardens Update

6.5. Reports from Representatives

6.6. Any Other Matters Arising

7. From Committees

7.1. Recreation

7.2. General Purposes

7.3. 200 Club

7.4. Health, Education & Welfare Committee

8. New Business

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

9.2. Treasurer

Appendix B – written report summary.

9.3. Secretary

9.3.1. Correspondence – Appendix A.

10. Any Other Competent Business

Please notify Chair of AOCB items before the start of the meeting or at the break. Hint: Given that the end of the meeting is often taken in something of a rush, unless items are urgent it might be better to submit them for next meeting's New Business.

30/05/11	Linda Purdie, Fife Council	Email news update from ASCC
23/05/11	Frances Melville	Email about Local Plan examination dates etc
15/05/11	Robin Waterston	Email about future of the Botanic Gardens
27/05/11	Frances Melville	Email about a report in newspapers on the Marine Conservation society and beach standards at East ad West Sands.
16/05/11	Fife Council Development Services	Development Plan Update May 2011
31/05/11	Robin Waterston	Email about West Sands Public Meeting on 13 th June in Burgh chambers at 19.00

Appendix B: Treasurers Report

Treasurer's Report

Projected income and spending for 2011-2012 looks extremely healthy at the moment. Although FC has reduced our annual grant by approximately 25% to £2,422.72, they have also given us £3,750 from a small grants award and the area budget to be used to fund the bandstand concerts this summer. That gives us a total income of £6172.72.

Our projected expenditure, using last year's figures, is approximately £6,000, of which £2,400 will be needed for the bandstand concerts. I have assumed eight bands at an average of £300 per band. These figures are projections and they take no account of possible fund raising at the bandstand concerts and maybe running a couple of coffee mornings.

I will hand out the normal spreadsheet of the May accounts and a spreadsheet of the proposed spending figures above, at the meeting. I will be asking for an endorsement of this spending plan for 2011-2012.

Appendix c: Planning Report

Planning Committee Meeting
Minutes – 25th May 2011

1. Attendees

- a. Ian Goudie, Howard Greenwell, Andy Primmer, Kyffin Roberts, Penny Uprichard

2. Apologies

- a. Izzy Corbin, Judith Harding, Henry Paul

3. Recent Applications

It was noted that Brownhills should be included in the St. Andrews Area. When searching for relevant planning applications, the "Ward" of St. Andrews should be searched – not the "Community Council".

Action HG: Agreed to create some headed paper for use by PU.

The group noted that the following applications were not relevant to the Community Council: -
11/02190/LBC, 11/02574/LBC (outside CC area), 11/02258/FULL, 11/02263/FULL (HMO applications that CC does not comment on),

The group considered and noted that the Community Council has no comments on the following applications: - 11/02242/LBC, 11/02243/FULL, 11/02362/FULL, 11/02411/FULL, 11/02425/FULL, 11/02420/FULL, 11/02550/FULL, and 11/02600/FULL.

On 11/02565/PPP and 11/02762/PPP, the group was concerned that this was a scaled down development of a proposal from 2008. The 2008 application was rejected on appeal, as this area is designated as Green Belt for St. Andrews.

Action PU: Find all relevant papers for 2008 application, and 2010 appeal hearing.

Action HG: Download all relevant documents from the 2008 and 2011 Applications, as well as the DPEA Appeals decision.

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4. Paper vs. Online Documents

a. Reasons for Storage

After discussion, KR noted that it was up to the Planning Group to decide if an application was controversial enough for the Community Council to object to it that the application would warrant storing the documents for later inspection. If there was any likelihood of a refused application going to appeal, then this was a good reason to store the documents.

b. Methods of Storage

While PU volunteered to store the documents, it was felt that a large portable disk (500Gb) would be a good medium to hold documents for future reference.

Action HG: HG to evaluate the time taken to download and store the documents for an application, and bring a proposal to the next planning meeting.

5. Use of Meeting Space in St. Andrews University

Although there was some reluctance to take the University up on their offer of using meeting space in St. Katherine's, it was felt that there could be a good financial benefit to the Community Council and therefore an investigation of the cost savings and issues should be undertaken.

Action HG: HG to contact HP over the costs of using Kilrymont, and also to Contact NS over a site visit to the space being offered, returning an analysis and proposal to the next meeting.

Of particular concern raised at the meeting, were projector availability, Internet access, accessibility, parking, availability, University impartiality, to name a few.

6. Tayplan Presentation

a. Community Council Action and Response

Action PU: PU to draft a simple response mechanism to inform as many relevant people as possible about the issues that the Community Council need to object to.

b. Letter from Largo Community Council

The group did not understand the Largo CC rationale for inviting St. Andrews CC to speak at their meeting. Equally, it was felt that each CC should respond to the TayPlan individually.