

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

Minutes – September 2010

For Approval

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0. Preliminary Remarks by Chair

Dr Goudie started the meeting with some preliminary remarks. He started by noting the death over the summer of Mr Dennis Macdonald, a past long serving Community Councillor. He commented briefly on Mr Macdonald's considerable contribution to the local community.

He then welcomed Mr Onkar Parmar as a new Community Councillor and Mr Daniel Stephens, a student from Los Angeles, who had requested the opportunity to work with the Community Council as part of his studies while in St Andrews during the remainder of this calendar year.

Dr Goudie following a request at the previous meeting, asked members of the public present to introduce themselves, if they so desired. Members of the public present were, Mr David Middleton, attending as a representative of the Preservation Trust and the Confederation of St Andrews Residents Associations and Mr Ian McIvor, Planning Convenor of the Greenbelt Forum. Mrs Frances Humphries, a local resident was also present.

Dr Goudie then commented on the extent of planning activity over the summer period. He asked the meeting to commiserate with Miss Uprichard on her lack of success in the first stage of her legal action and wished her success for the appeal.

Dr Goudie thanked local Fife Councillors and the Area Committee for work on commenting upon the Local Plan.

Dr Goudie finally thanked Community Council members on their work in running the Bandstand Concerts during the summer period.

1. Attendance

Community Councillors

Onkar Parmar, Patrick Marks, Ian Goudie, Ken Fraser, Ken Crichton, Henry Paul, Marysia Denyer, Audrey McAnaw, Dave Finlay, Penny Uprichard, Kyffin Roberts, Margaret Platt, Carol Ashworth, Judith Harding, Derek Skelhon, Ronnie Murphy, Izzy Corbin

Students' Association Representatives

Holly West

Nominated

Jude Innes

Co-Opted

Daniel Stephens

Fife Councillors

Bill Sangster, Robin Waterston, Dorothea Morrison

Apologies

Frances Melville, Andy Primmer, Catherine Rowe

2. Minutes of July 2010 Meeting

4.1.7. Dr Goudie queried the nature of the Plan to which Cllr Melville was referring. Cllr Morrison thought that the comment was referring to the Area Committee.

3. Presentations

3.1. Mr Michael Buchanan – Presentation on St Andrews West Proposals

Mr Buchanan made a presentation on the proposals for St Andrews West. He started by commenting on a meeting of the University General Council which he'd attended. At that meeting an official had given a presentation on St Andrews West. Mr Buchanan had asked a question on the matter and had been surprised by the extent of the reply from the Chancellor, Ming Campbell. Later in early July he'd written a letter to the St Andrews Citizen on the issue of the need for more purpose built student accommodation. He believed that this could relieve pressure on housing in St Andrews. Historically there has been recognition of this problem and new residences have been built, but with the rapid increase in the size of the student population, this building hasn't kept up with demand. He felt that it was extraordinary that the Structure Plan didn't take into account the special circumstances in St Andrews. He thought that the figures for projected housing need in the Structure Plan no more than covered the loss of many homes as HMOs and holiday homes. He felt that there needed to be a partnership of interested parties involved in looking at these issues, not just a small unaccountable group. He cited a possible head of agreement between Fife Council and the University, despite the role of Fife Council as also being the planning authority. He felt that such arrangements weren't very satisfactory.

Mr Crichton was concerned that new student accommodation was aimed more at the 4 star levels, making it attractive to out of term users. He felt that this priced many students out of the market for University based student accommodation and into the local HMO market. He didn't believe that students needed 4 star type of accommodation. Mr Buchanan in reply indicated that students ironically quickly took up this luxury accommodation. He added that its availability on the summer market did keep prices lower for term time use.

Cllr Waterston expressed his unease at the nature of the discussion about the University without notification. He thought that perhaps a University representative should be invited to answer some of these questions. Mr Wilton thought that the University would be prepared to get into dialogue on the concerns raised. He felt that a lot of the housing problems weren't necessarily related to student demand, but more to the nature of the town. He recognised that there was a growing communications gap between the town and the University and wanted to see if there could be a way for the students to help narrow the gap.

Dr Goudie acknowledged the concerns raised by Cllr Waterston and Mr Wilton, but felt that the Community Council couldn't ignore such matters completely. He mentioned that several months ago he'd been approached at a Town/Gown Meeting about the University having representation on the Community Council. He'd suggested to the University rep who'd approached him that the University request would be considered by the Community Council if the University would care to email him setting out their case. Dr Goudie reported that no such case had been received. Dr Goudie went on to comment on the ongoing issues related to student accommodation problems, and future possible development plans and how these affected St Andrews because of its small size. He also went on to comment about the inadequacy of the affordable housing requirement in the Local Plan even at the 30% level designated by Fife Council. Enforcing even that percentage he felt, was proving difficult for Fife Council.

Dr Goudie also announced that he'd been asked to meet up with the Vice Principal for External Affairs to discuss town/gown relations.

Miss Uprichard commented on the strategic agreement between Fife Council and the University, which included strategic land use, which was signed in 2006. She written a number of objections in relation to this matter, some of which were signed by the planning committee. She believed that it was unlikely that Fife Council would oppose planning applications put in by its strategic partner.

Holly West asked the Chair about the Town/Gown meetings. Dr Goudie reminded the meeting that there had been no Town/Gown meetings for several months. The exact reason for the cessation of these meetings remains unknown.

Dr Goudie felt that a broader question was the impact of the University on the town. The increasing number of students not staying in residences was one of the factors changing the demographics of the town, and adding to the problem of young families being unable to afford accommodation

Cllr Waterston acknowledged that the Community Council might have some useful contribution to make in this matter, but felt that it should be a constructive contribution. He also acknowledged the communication difficulties for the Community Council with the University and hoped that the Community Council could constructively work towards a resolution.

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville

Apologies.

4.2. Bill Sangster

4.2.1. Comfort Break Scheme

Cllr Sangster announced that a couple of local businesses have signed up to this scheme, whereby they allow their toilets to be used by the public. In return Fife Council recompenses the businesses financially. Businesses signed up to date include the Byre Theatre & Zest and more recently the Scores Hotel.

4.2.2. "A" Board Scheme

This scheme is still going ahead, though businesses have still to be leafleted.

4.2.3. Closer to the Community Project

The Chief Constable has announced a project, which is putting more police on the beat. Cllr Sangster quoted statistics relating to confiscation of alcohol, weapons and drug searches Fife – wide. North East Fife remains in the lowest crime rate category in Fife.

4.2.4. Decriminalise Parking Enforcement

This scheme if it goes ahead allows Local Authorities to apply for legal powers from the Scottish Government, to take over enforcement of on-street parking regulations from the Police.

4.2.5. Housing Support Charges

This scheme, which is still being discussed, is to try and improve services and reduce costs in sheltered housing complexes owned by Fife Council.

4.2.6. Local Development Group Meeting

There is to be a meeting on 13th September of this group, which is looking at the proposed Madras College development.

4.2.7. Community Service by Offenders – Community Payback

Cllr Sangster reminded the meeting that this service could be contacted to make use of offenders undertaking Community Service.

4.2.8. Kinnessburn Work

Cllr Sangster thought that the work on clearing some of the problem areas on the Kinnessburn would start towards the end of the year. Some work can be done before licences are required.

4.2.9. Bell Replacement St Salvator

A crane will be present in North Street on the 12th September to assist in putting in 4 new bells into the Church tower.

4.2.10. Market Street Refurbishment

Jude Innes asked Cllr Sangster about the start date for Market Street and the planned work. Cllr Sangster informed the meeting that this was now looking like the end of October. Cllr Sangster added that he'd asked for the Merchants Association to be represented in all talks about the work to be undertaken.

4.2.11. Drinking Outside Pubs

Jude Innes asked about drinking outside pubs. Cllr Sangster said that any drinking had to be within a designated area, which had to be approved by the Licensing Authority. Cllr Sangster mentioned that new regulations had come in recently and there had been a major review of licences.

4.2.12. Common Good Fund

Miss Uprichard asked about the role of the Community Council in relation to the Common Good Fund. She had read that the Community Council was a consultee. Mr Paul commented that he'd recently had a meeting with an official and it had been agreed that there would be a role for two Community Councillors as consultees. Community Councillors would not have a vote on the final decision of an award.

4.2.13. Toilets – Bruce Embankment

Mrs Denyer informed Cllr Sangster about the state of the Bruce Embankment Toilets. She felt that they required some maintenance to keep up to a reasonable standard of appearance and hygiene. Cllr Sangster acknowledged this matter.

4.2.14. Tom Morris Drive Toilets

Mrs McAnaw informed Cllr Sangster about the state of the Tom Morris Drive toilets and wondered if anything was happening. Cllr Sangster replied that he'd heard from officials that these toilets were okay. However he'd report Mrs McAnaw's concerns so that the current state of the toilets could be checked.

4.2.15. Cycling Proficiency Tests

Mrs McAnaw asked if it was true that the Cycling Proficiency Tests for P6 were going to be withdrawn? Cllr Sangster in reply indicated that the Community Safety Police would still be involved in these tests.

4.3. Robin Waterston

4.3.1. Botanic Gardens – Consultation Meeting

There will be a meeting on the 15th September at the Botanic Gardens to discuss in a workshop setting the possible ways to both secure the future of the Botanic Gardens, but also to look at ways to widen its appeal and the use of facilities. Community Councillors will attend the meeting. Dr Goudie asked if it was under serious threat. Cllr Waterston reminded the meeting that it costs £300000 per annum to run the Botanic Gardens.

4.3.2. West Sands Partnership

Cllr Waterston was also on this group looking at developing a plan to secure the future of the area. There will be a public meeting on the 30th September at 19.30. The purpose of this will be to present a draft management plan to the community. A finalised version will be produced after this meeting. Miss Uprichard asked about the barrier at the end of the West Sands. Cllr Waterston explained that during the Open the barrier wasn't closed as the area was used for storage etc. The area will now have the barrier reinstated.

4.4. Dorothea Morrison

4.4.1. Kinnesburn

Cllr Morrison reported that following the meeting; a new survey is to be done of the Kinnesburn before work is started.

4.4.2. Market Street

Cllr Morrison reported that there isn't a firm date for the work to start. The contract has been signed but there has been a hold up in the acquisition of materials. Some of the material has had to be sourced from abroad for cost reasons. In reply to Mr Murphy she explained that it was the cost of the kerbstones, which was considerably different.

4.4.3. Tom Morris Drive toilets

Cllr Morrison said that she'd looked at funding sources and had passed information to one of the Fife Council officials. Following work there was some expectation that the St. Andrews Colts would look after the toilets. She wasn't certain about the reason for the ongoing delay and would make enquires.

4.4.4. Gents Harbour Toilets

These have been closed recently due to vandalism, but should be reopening now. She added that the toilets were looked after by Transportation Services and closed too early in her view. She added that the toilets at the East Bents were looked after by Community Services and had longer opening times. Mr Crichton asked Cllr Morrison for her opinion on what he viewed as a strange arrangement for two separate services to be maintaining these toilets. He suggested that local members should try to get Fife Council to sort this out.

4.4.5. Winter Maintenance Regime

Councillors had recently been going over a report on this matter. It was hoped that there would be sufficient salt/grit if there was another bad winter.

4.4.6. East Sands Urban Design Guide

Councillor Morrison had recently been at a meeting on this subject at which the author of the report Dilys Livingston had been present. Cllr Morrison reported that the main issue had been the Boat Yard used by the Sailing Club, but she thought that this concern had been resolved in the report. She hoped that the report would be a useful guide to local members when they had to make decisions.

4.4.7. Employment Land Strategy Report

Miss Uprichard asked about the report presented to Councillors at a recent committee meeting by Mr Winter asking that the Employment Land Strategy be reassessed, with a report to come back next year. He had been suggesting that there needed to be an increase in the area of employment land. Miss Uprichard said that there had been approval of the main thrust of the report, which had suggested this increase in employment land and that officials should have authority to compulsorily purchase land. She wondered about Councillors views on this report and its potential implications, given the powers of compulsory purchase suggested. Cllr Morrison acknowledged that she had hoped to ask about the compulsory purchase measure, which had been one of the measures suggested in the report, but hadn't managed to get it asked. However given financial constraints and limited resources she thought that there would be very few cases where such a power could be used.

Miss Uprichard felt that it still remained a matter of concern, whilst acknowledging that finances were tight at the present time. Further to a query from Dr Goudie, Cllr Morrison confirmed that within the terms of the Structure Plan and Local Plan, employment land had to be identified, and that such land had already been identified in St Andrews. Cllr Morrison thought that Fife Council's attention was mostly on regeneration of areas with major employment needs, such as the Levenmouth area.

5. Planning Committee

5.1. Planning Committee Reports

Mrs Denyer reported on the meetings held over the summer. She also commented upon the response she'd had from members to her round robin circulation of the Planning Lists in an attempt to determine if members would find this useful and respond accordingly. She'd had a minimal response and wanted CC thoughts as to whether she should continue to send round the lists by email. Dr Goudie suggested that anyone who didn't want to receive a list should email Mrs Denyer to have their name taken off the list of recipients. See appendices for details of July and August meetings.

5.2. Report on Meeting with Alistair Hamilton

Miss Uprichard commented on this meeting at which Planning Committee members had met with Mr Birrell, Mr Smith and Mr Hamilton and other planning officials to discuss the issues around the receipt of planning applications in paper and electronic form and communications with Fife Council officials on the planning matters.

Issues such as the differences between electronic lists and paper lists received were pointed out to officials who expressed some surprise at this, as well the response given to the Preservation Trust in relation to the Knightsbridge Papers, who had been told by an official to share those sent to the Community Council or go to the library. Miss Uprichard reported that the senior officials present took on board Mrs Corbin about the reliability of the web based information. Miss Uprichard had pointed out to officials the fact that when there was an appeal, previous information was not available on the web relating to the original application, having been removed and that other applications she'd cited were not on the web. She also commented upon the fact that in the case of two letters she'd sent on behalf of the planning committee, the responses had been sent to Mr Marks the secretary and not to Miss Uprichard herself. Because Mr Marks had been on holiday the receipt of these letters had been delayed.

Mrs Denyer also commented upon the ongoing issue of the difference in what was received electronically and in the post. In the past week she'd received 9 applications electronically, but only 4 in the post. Dr Goudie also commented upon the inconsistency in the receipt of applications.

Mrs Corbin mentioned a recent problem with an application for a Bell Street property where the decision had been made before the Planning Committee letter had been received. The Planning Committee letter had queried some aspects of the application, but had not put in a specific objection at that stage. The decision had been made under delegated powers and there had been no response before this decision was made to the Planning Committee queries, and therefore they had no time to object. Cllr Morrison hoped that if such an application had come to Committee before it had been decided, that there would have been an attempt to stop it being decided under delegated powers. Mrs Corbin was particularly concerned in relation to this application, as she felt that part of it breached health and safety regulations, but was being pushed through.

Dr Goudie recognised that officials were probably under pressure to reduce times taken to process applications, but would be concerned if there were evidence that they weren't waiting to the end of the consultation period. Miss Uprichard cited other examples of delegated decisions, which she felt had been handled in what appeared to be a similar fashion. She felt that it was sometimes very difficult to find out when the consultation period started and finished. Dr Goudie citing recent email correspondence commented that it appeared that under recent legislation Community Councils had to notify an interest within seven days if the objection is to be treated as statutory. He thought that this might necessitate expressing an interest in everything in order to ensure that CC objections can be treated as statutory should CC decide to make them. Cllr Sangster suggested that Mrs Denyer email Chris Smith with any query about this matter.

Mrs Corbin informed the meeting that the Planning Committee letter relating this particular matter had been posted electronically the day after the Planning Committee meeting on the 23rd August and the official had made her decision on the 27th August. Mrs Corbin wondered if the letter had been read and noted by the Planning Official before she made her decision. However as it was pointed out, the letter had contained a couple of queries and wasn't a letter of objection. Mrs Corbin replied that she had wanted the issue about health and safety clarified.

5.3. Filing Cabinets

Miss Uprichard raised the issue of filing cabinets for the Planning Committee to use. Mrs Denyer reported that the caretaker had informed them that there wasn't any space in the town hall for filing cabinets. Cllr Sangster said that he'd have a word with the caretaker to check out the possibility.

6. Matters Arising

6.1. Arms Update – to be taken in camera

6.2. Climate Challenge Fund Update

Mr Murphy reported on the progress of this project. The project is now fully up and running. There are 4 Champions employed who have passed their City and Guilds Qualifications for the job. A full time Co-ordinator is also in place.

One of the first actions will be to look at the funds and try to work out how to make best use of them. This might result in a need to employ another Champion to help meet the target of covering the town. The project has had about 600 leads from EST. Systems are being put in place including one very useful online reference system, which is run by Fife Council and will help to co-ordinate all the results, including how much carbon is saved by the project. The Co-ordinator has been putting together a specific form for everyone approached to complete, which will help provide relevant data, including what might be the best future project to set up.

Standen and HIS shared a stall at the recent Farmers Market and will attend the Community Council Coffee Morning. Standen will also attend the Student Freshers Week on 22nd, 24th and 27th September.

Mr Murphy also mentioned a need to get volunteers to fit radiator panels in the homes of older people.

6.3. Reports from Representatives

6.3.1. Report from Convenor

Mr Crichton had attended an event hosted by the Polish Consul General in Edinburgh. He had also attended the Blue Flag Awards on behalf of the Community Council during the summer.

6.4. Martyrs Monument Project

Mrs Corbin described the ongoing progress in setting up this project. There has been recent contact with Ross Tulloch from Fife Council who has sent some relevant material to discuss and make comment. They also hope to meet up with a consultant holding some meetings during the design phase. Historic Scotland is also involved in the project. She asked that any donations towards the project be sent to St Andrews Preservation Trust, which will hold the Martyrs Monument Fund. Cllr Sangster mentioned the Buist Request as a possible source of some funding towards this project.

6.5. St Andrews Trusts and Common Good Fund Update

Mr Paul reported on this matter. He and Dr Goudie had attended a meeting on the 22nd July with three members of Fife Council, including Linda Purdie and Andrew Ferguson (Fife Council solicitor) and discussed the possible way to proceed. Originally Fife Council had planned to amalgamate most of the Trusts into one funding source, but OSCR had objected, so the idea is being reviewed. It will only be possible to amalgamate Trusts with similar objectives. Mr Paul had made various suggestions following discussion within Community Council as to how the Trusts could be run. He mentioned the Buist Bequest, which could be used by the Preservation Trust as it, related to repairs etc in the town and the Hay Fleming could go to the University Library as they had taken in the original collection from the town library. Mr Paul emphasised that this was all still in the proposal stage.

Dr Goudie asked about the Old Folks Treat Fund, which hadn't been used for the actual event. Mr Paul replied that Fife Council would be willing to let the Community Council use the funds as long as it was for the event in question.

There was also a discussion about the Common Good Fund. Fife Council are trying to get a more accurate take on what is covered under this label in St Andrews. Fife Council are asking local people to come forward with suggestions about possible places not shown on the current map of Common Good assets.

Mr Paul added that Fife Council were keen to have Community Council representation at meetings relating to these two areas, although that doesn't include voting rights, rather an observer status.

Cllr Sangster mentioned the rents being generated in the Scores/ Bruce Embankment area from businesses on this Common Good land.

Cllr Waterston added that Fife Council was now recognising the need to get the management of this sorted out and finding out the details of the land owned was one part of the process.

Dr Goudie added that the meeting had been a very positive one.

6.6. Any Other Matters Arising

6.6.1. Parking Revenue Fund

Miss Uprichard asked about where the revenue from motorists parking at the North Haugh went. Cllr Sangster replied that it went into the central Parking Revenue Fund. Miss Uprichard wondered if that was

an appropriate way to treat public parking? Cllr Sangster replied that it was the way Fife Council dealt with the revenue from Fife Council run parking areas.

7. Committee Reports

The Chair reminded Committee Chairs about the benefit of having written reports for the meeting. These do ease the secretary's burden as well as shortening the time taken to provide feedback in most cases.

7.1 Recreation Committee

7.1.1. Bandstand Concerts

Mr Roberts reported on the success of the summer concerts and reminded members of a final concert on the 26th September, which will be part of a nation wide event at Bandstands for charitable purposes. Mr Roberts thanked the various donors who helped make the concerts possible. Cllr Sangster congratulated the Recreation Committee on the work in running the concerts.

7.1.2. Garden Competition

This has recently taken place and has been judged. Cups and certificates to be presented at the Burgh Chamber on Thursday 23rd September. Mrs Corbin and Mr Paul assisted the judges at various stages of the competition, which had been judged last month.

7.1.3. Dunhill Golf Competition

The Community Council had been approached to assist in promoting this competition. This year will be the 10th anniversary. Mr Roberts had agreed to put up notices in the CC Notice boards and the organisers have given the CC 10 tickets for the Sunday of the Competition, which is the only day when entry is charged.

7.1.4. Community Council Coffee Morning – 18th September

Mr Paul asked for volunteer involvement at this event, to help make it a success.

7.1.5. Photographic Exhibition

The Exhibition this year will be at the Victory Memorial Hall as the Byre is unavailable. This will be held between the 26-28th November, St Andrews Week.

7.1.6. Young Citizen of the Year Award

Audrey McAnaw is organising this event.

7.1.7. Request for Assistance towards funding St Andrews Week

Rob Murray Brown has asked the Community Council to help make up a shortfall in funding, due to the withdrawal of a business funder. £3000 is being requested. Mr Paul thought that this could be met from the Ceilidh Account, reminding the meeting that there will be three Ceilidhs held over the weekend in a large marquee erected in South Street. All events will be free. The Friday night will see the start of the Ceilidh weekend events, followed by a workshop and Children's Ceilidh on the Saturday afternoon, finishing with a Ceilidh on the Saturday night. Miss Uprichard expressed concern both about the fact that these events would be closing part of South Street to motorists and also about the large amount being taken from the Ceilidh Account. Mr Paul reminded the meeting that the money in the Ceilidh Account could only be spent on a ceilidh. Dr Goudie asked if the meeting was happy to see this money used in this way. Miss Uprichard wondered if the money could be reassigned, but Mr Paul advised her that this was not appropriate. Dr Goudie asked about the cost of running the New Year Ceilidh for comparison. Mr Crichton and Mr Paul estimated that it was up to £2000 for a Ceilidh at which children were not allowed to attend. There was a consensus that the new arrangements for the St Andrews Week ceilidhs represented good value. Mr Parmar thought that it was a social benefit to have these activities, particularly ones in which young people could be involved.

7.1.8. Civic Reception

The Civic Reception will take place on 30th November at 18.00 in the Burgh Chambers, finishing at 19.30. Then there will be the Beating of the Retreat.

7.1.9. Old Folks Treat

This event will be on the 10th December in the Town Hall from 13.00 – 17.00. Contact Mrs Denyer or Mrs Rowe to volunteer.

7.2. General Purposes Committee

There have been 2 meetings since the last main CC meeting of the General Purposes Committee on the 14th July and the 16th August. The secretary had circulated minutes of both meetings.

7.2.1. General Purposes Meetings

Dr Goudie went through the minutes picking out items not dealt with elsewhere to comment upon as necessary.

In the July minute, the latest consultation comments of the Scheme of Administration Review had been discussed. Since then Dr Goudie had noted in an email, a proposal to rethink capitation, which might have an impact upon the Community Council. The proposal was to increase the basic block grant to £400, but then reduce the per capita grant to 12p per head of population from 18p. This is proposed to start in the coming financial year. This will require further investigation.

Item 4 in the July minutes, was the proposal by Mrs Ashworth in relation to a Welcome Pack for new Councillors. There had been general support for the idea, though the main issues in getting one organised, are finding someone to write the material, and also determine whether there should be hard copy, or if it could be online. Dr Goudie indicated that he'd welcome any contributions on that idea.

Item 5 was the Community Council Election date, which will be in the 4th Thursday of February 2011.

Item 6 related to a request by Mrs Harding for a filing cabinet to allow storage of 200 Club materials.

In relation to the meeting of the 16th August some items were on the agenda of the main meeting. Items discussed included the need for a nomination for a place on the ASCC Area Reps Committee, the Settlement Trust, the Common Good Fund, noting the arrival of Daniel Stephens, the CC Election Date, Standen, response to letter from Mr Headon about his possible attendance and finally a meeting with Fife Council Planners about communication.

There were no comments on the GP Minutes.

7.3. 200 Club

Winners for September 2010 are 1st: No.66 Mrs M Hastie No.2.

Mrs Harding reported an ongoing difficulty in getting anyone to join the 200 Club and the loss of three members who have died. Mrs Harding hoped to publicise the 200 Club at the Coffee Morning and was hopeful at a response from the website.

7.4. Health, Education and Welfare Committee

7.4.1. Membership Request

Mrs Corbin advised the meeting that she was looking for new members for the committee.

7.4.2. Seating/Bike Racks at Community Hospital

Mrs Harding had contacted Mrs Corbin to discuss the situation. There are 4 seats for the public waiting for buses, and six bike stands as well as 5 bike lockers. There was a feeling that the bike stands could be moved to allow for more room for more seats for bus passengers. Mrs Corbin also felt that it would be useful to have a more detailed bus timetable, which included any buses, which passed nearby, but didn't stop at the hospital, such as the 99, which stops by Morrisons. Mrs Corbin talked about trying to contact the relevant Council official to discuss the bus timetable issue.

7.4.3. Byre Theatre

Mrs Corbin asked members to send emails of support to the Byre Theatre at this difficult financial time.

8. New Business

8.1. ASCC Rep

Mrs Corbin has agreed to have her name put forward as a candidate in the election for the Fife Area ASCC Rep.

8.2. St Andrews Street Names – Appendix C

Mr Marks explained briefly that this issue had arisen from some email correspondence and Cllr Morrison explained that St Andrews Partnership was also looking at the subject. The idea was to try and include original street names on a sign where the street name had been changed.

8.3. Review of Polling Places

For information. Fife Council has to review polling places by law to check if they remain suitable. The CC could put in comments as part of the process of consultation, which ends at the beginning of October. To be passed to the GP Committee.

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

Dr Goudie asked members to prompt him with any changes required when he updates the CC Website. Miss Uprichard asked about planning submissions etc going on the website. Dr Goudie replied that they hadn't been going on as a matter of course, but he hoped that this would eventually take place.

9.2. Treasurer

Mr Paul had emailed and sent out copies of the last 2 months accounts. The Fife Council Grant has now been paid. He also commented on the success of the fundraising at the Bandstand Concerts at which some £400 had been raised. Mr Finlay asked about the expenditure in relation to the meetings at Madras College. Mr Paul confirmed that the accounts showed the cost to date.

9.3 Secretary

9.3.1. Correspondence – see appendix A.

Nothing more to report – see appendix.

10. Any Other Competent Business

10.1. Town Survey - St Andrews in Focus

Mr Paul informed members about a survey in the latest issue of St Andrews in Focus. Mrs Selwyn will collate responses and send the results to Fife Council. Mr Paul asked if the Community Council would endorse the idea. Dr Goudie reminded Mr Paul that not everyone had seen the questionnaire yet, so while supportive could not officially endorse. Mr Paul suggested asking Mrs Selwyn along to the Coffee Morning to try and get members of the public to complete questionnaires. He felt that the survey contained some interesting questions on local subjects of interest/concern.

10.2. Lack of Presence of Reporters

Cllr Sangster suggested that the CC should try and contact local editors to discuss the reporting of CC business. He expressed his disappointment at the lack of attendance by local reporters.

10.3. Co-option of Daniel Stephens

Dr Goudie asked the meeting if they would be prepared to co-opt Mr Stephens to the Community Council. Dr Goudie explained the section in the Procedures, which allowed co-options of other persons, but without voting rights. There was a general acceptance of Mr Stephens co-option for the period he is in St Andrews.

