

Monthly Agenda – October 2014

There will be a meeting of the community council at 7pm Monday 6th October in the Burgh chambers of St Andrews Town Hall. 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.

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of 1st September 2014

Read for accuracy in matters of substance – harangue the secretary for minor errors (spelling etc) outwith the meeting. 3. Presentations

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville

4.2. Brian Thomson

4.3. Keith McCartney

4.4. Dorothea Morrison

5. Planning Committee

5.1. Planning Committee Reports

6. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

6.1. Reports from Representatives

6.2. Any Other Matters Arising

7. From Committees

7.1. Recreation

7.2. General Purposes

7.3. 200 Club

Annual accounts have been sent by email to members

7.4. Health, Education & Welfare Committee

No report

7.5. Rail Sub Committee

8. New Business

8.1. Lammas Market – see appendix B

8.2. Community Council Election

8.3. Transition University Events - 10/11 October – see Appendix C – for information

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

9.2. Treasurer

Treasurer's Report sent out by email

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.

Appendix A Correspondence

29/09/14	Karen Hunter Fife Council	Email re Street Parade Application – St Andrews Remembrance Day Parade
22/09/14	Keith Jackson Fife Council	Email re Lammas Market
30/09/14	Colin Stirling - Fife Council	Email re 2015/16 Area Transportation works programme
16/09/14	William Welsh – Fife Council	Email re Road safety: A Guide for Local Councillors in Scotland
16/09/14	William Welsh – Fife Council	Email about Localities Consultation about Health and Social Care Integration
02/10/14	Alistair MacLeod Transition university	Email about a programme of events relating to sustainability
02/10/14	Mary Bennett Fife Council	Email re Fife Council's Planning Performance Framework Report 2013/14

APPENDIX B: LAMMAS MARKET – EMAIL FROM KEITH JACKSON

I refer to the above and report as follows.

The Lammas Market at St Andrews is recognised as the oldest street market in Europe. Market Street is closed to traffic and a Fun Fair operates for the five days commencing on the Friday through to the second Monday and Tuesday in August. On the same Monday and Tuesday, South Street is closed and the larger attractions operate.

Any profit made as a result of this event goes to the Common Good Fund of St Andrews and historically has been used to pay off the annual debt incurred by the Byre Theatre

I took over the management of this event in 2008 and that year it made a profit of about £2,000. It seemed to be a significantly amount of work and effort for very little profit. Various initiatives and cost cutting process were implemented and this resulted in a significant amount of profit donated to the St Andrews Common Good Fund in subsequent years. Last year this amount was down slightly at about £19,500. This years figures are not yet available.

For the past three years the rental for the Showman has been kept the same but for the same period we have received numerous representations from the showmen complaining that their costs were increasing dramatically and that the rental was the highest in the country. The fact that their complaint can be evidenced by the gap sites created by non attendance, particularly this year, has prompted a review in order to sustain the event, the future of which can now be considered to be under threat.

I have met with the elected members of St Andrews and highlighted the danger of the event folding and during a frank discussion, they had no objections to a reduction to income if it were to assist. I have a meeting arranged with the Showmans Guild and relevant officers of Fife Council on 1st October to pursue a course of action which will hopefully result in the reduction of their rent.

That said a projection of the figure based on the proposed rental reduction should still give a profit of about £10,000 which is still a considerable increase on the profit of a few years past. I would be looking for something in return from the showmen, perhaps in terms of labour or payment of advertising, or both. We would also require a change to the historical prescriptive practises of the Showmens Guild. (Its my ground etc).

I submit the above for your information and would be happy to receive any constructive comments as well as welcoming a representative from the Community Council, should you wish, to sit on our Liaison Group which meets with showmen and Fife Council Officers about three times a year.

APPENDIX C: TRANSITION UNIVERSITY WEEKEND EVENTS - 10/11 OCTOBER

Friday 10th October

9.30-12.30: Transition Scotland Gathering – Glass Class, St Andrews Botanic Garden

An informal meeting to discuss how we are doing with Transition in Scotland and what we need to build capacity for the future. If you would like to join us for this event you would be very welcome – please select the appropriate option when booking your ticket for the Friday afternoon and/or Saturday using the booking system linked below. If you wish to attend ONLY the Friday morning session please email transition@st-andrews.ac.uk to book your place.

13.30-17.30: REconomy Workshop – Enabling REconomy in a Post-Referendum Scotland – St Andrews Town Hall

Following the outcome of the Referendum, this is a time for ambition around how to develop more sustainable and resilient communities in Scotland. In this climate of opportunity and transformation we invite you to come and explore what it is to revision and change local economies in Post-Referendum Scotland. This event will be about sharing inspiring examples around the themes of local currencies and trading systems, supporting local resilience, social enterprise and forming relationships based on new enterprise and economic principles. There will be how-to sessions on the resourcing and developing REconomy projects and collaborative activities to build connections and turn ideas into practice based on what works. Register using the link below.

19.00-22.00: Evening Transition Social – Byre Theatre

We are delighted to welcome Rob Hopkins, co-founder of the Transition movement, to join us for a talk on the problems and opportunities facing local communities taking action on oil dependency, climate change, and other sustainability issues. This will be followed by an evening of musical entertainment and celebration led by student group Music is Love. Saturday 11th October

9.30-17.00: Transition Roadshow Workshop Day – Arts Lecture Theatre

Transition Network and Transition University of St Andrews have arranged a day of workshops and exchanges on positive community action, suitable for established Transition Initiatives, new groups, and others working on or interested in similar environmental and social issues. A complete programme will be released soon, but attendees will be able to choose between workshops on Transition as a concept, supporting healthy Transition Initiatives, REconomy (a briefer workshop than the previous day), using Engaging Participatory Monitoring Techniques, Practical Ideas for Community Food Projects, and a session on the Big Questions surrounding the work and future of local community initiatives in Scotland and Northern England. Lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments will be provided. Register using the link below.

17.00-19.00: Optional Early Dinner at a Local Restaurant – Venue to be confirmed

The Transition Team would like to invite everyone to join them for dinner at a local restaurant with options to suit a variety of tastes, diets and budgets. We will aim to be finished around 7pm so those travelling to St Andrews can return home if desired. Please register your intent to attend dinner when you register for the Roadshow so we can make a booking. Please note that all attendees will be expected to fund their own meal.
