

# Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

## Provisional Minutes –6<sup>th</sup> October 2014

### For Approval

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## 1. Attendance

### Community Councillors

Henry Paul, Marysia Denyer, Kyffin Roberts, Izzy Corbin, Judith Harding, Ken Crichton, Patrick Marks, Penny Uprichard, Howard Greenwell, Harry Stewart, Ronnie Murphy, Ken Fraser, Ian Goudie, Robert MacLachlan

### Students' Association Representatives

Zara Evans, Pat Mathewson

### Co-Opted

Lindsey Adam

Niall Scott

### Fife Councillors

Dorothea Morrison, Brian Thomson

### Apologies

Callum Corbin, Tom Waterton-Smith, Keith McCartney, Alice Alexander, Bernadette Cassidy, Frances Melville.

## 2. Minutes of Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> September

The minutes were accepted as a correct record

## 3. Presentations

### 3.1. None

## 4. Fife Councillors

### 4.1. Frances Melville

### 4.2. Brian Thomson

#### 4.2.1. New Park Place

Cllr Thomson reported on the situation in relation to the development of the grounds of the former New Park School. The grounds have been partially developed, but part of the site had been left in a quite neglected state. Cllr Thomson then reminded the meeting a bit about the background to the development. He said that the site had permission for the development of seven detached houses and twelve flats as well as the original main house, which was to have two flats plus a conference/meeting space. Consent had been given in March 2011 and work had commenced a year later by C & L Properties. He commented that the flats had all been rented out to students. The developer changed its name to First Scotland, which is owned by an Aberdeen based oil tycoon, Ian Suttie. Cllr Thomson said he'd checked with the planners

to see if there was anything that the developer had failed to comply with and had discovered that there was one condition about landscaping which appeared not to have been done. He acknowledged however that it would be difficult to complete a landscaping scheme until the site had been fully developed. He thought that there was not a lot that could do at this stage. Cllr Thomson had spoken to Chris Smith in Planning who is going to try and find out from the developer about the timescale of what is happening and to try and get some landscaping done for what has been completed. Cllr Thomson said he'd report back on the matter.

#### **4.2.2. Lawhead School Wynd/ Newpark/Bowling Green Developments**

Cllr Thomson reported that an issue had arisen in relation to the former janitor's house, which had been sold and has been demolished recently with plans for four flats to be built in its place. The site is adjacent to the primary school. Cllr Thomson felt that the action by the developer to demolish the property during the school term was very irresponsible, although he acknowledged that they weren't in breach of any planning conditions. The developers are a local firm based in Guardbridge. Following the demolition there was an attempt by the developer to start the development, but Cllr Thomson made aware of the work spoke to the developer advising them that they were in breach of certain conditions in relation to the development and at present the work has ceased. Miss Uprichard asked Cllr Thomson if he could put in writing any further information he could get in relation to the New Park site so that it could be discussed at the next CC Planning Committee. She reminded the meeting that the same company owned the Grange another site still undeveloped, which has been subject to various problems. She felt that the New Park site was an eyesore and had been a disaster since the start but she thought that if the site could have rubble removed and the place tidied up it would be a help. None of the properties built to date had actually been sold and were currently let out. Cllr Thomson replied that he'd write to Mr Suttie to seek clarification in relation to his intentions about further development of the Newpark site and also the Grange site. He also commented that Mr Suttie might be waiting for the market to be more favourable before continuing with the development. Dr Goudie commented on the subject of demolition and Cllr Thomson's statement that no prior notification was required before the work was done and no conditions attached and wondered if he was tacitly suggesting that there should have been conditions and that these had been breached? He reminded the meeting that it was not the first time that such a development beside a primary school had taken place and wondered if there were any mechanisms in place to make use of acquired learning from similar past developments to act as guidance for good practice. Cllr Thomson replied because there was no requirement to have planning permission to demolish the bungalow, there was no condition the planners could have put in place. He felt that the contractor should have acted more professionally in the circumstances and notified the Council and the school about works to be commenced. He added that permission to demolish was only required in a conservation area, but Lawhead was well outside such an area. Cllr Thomson also added in response to a comment from Miss Uprichard that he'd taken the matter to the highest levels, and had been disappointed at the initial lack of response from Fife Council officials in what he felt was a potentially dangerous situation.

He added that a similar premature start of work appeared to have started at the Bowling Green site. Miss Uprichard reported that she'd emailed Fife Council planning about the Bowling Green site and had received an email from Mr Birrell saying that the Bowling Green development was still pending subject to legal agreement. He also said that the removal of grass and other work reported by Miss Uprichard was considered to be pre-development work, which he considered to be acceptable. Miss Uprichard said she'd written back asking how Mr Birrell defined pre-development given the extensive nature of the work to date before the legal agreement had been signed. Miss Uprichard felt that it was important that large developments were monitored by the Council to prevent premature activity before confirmation of any legal agreement.

Cllr Thomson said he'd chased up the Bowling Green site earlier in the day and had challenged the council officer about the pre development issue as he didn't feel that what had been taking place could be defined in this way. He also asked about the legal agreement but

the council officer was unable to give him an answer on that matter. Cllr Thomson felt that the developer had been caught out illegally beginning to start work, which he thought could not be defined as pre-development work. Miss Uprichard expressed scepticism about the way the council official had tried to claim that the work was pre-development work, as she didn't think such a category existed.

#### **4.2.3. Area Transportation Work Programme**

This matter was also received by the Community Council in the form of an email as quoted below received from Colin Stirling of Fife Council Transportation & Environmental Services.

I am in the process of developing and assessing Traffic Management and Road Safety schemes for consideration within next year's Area Transportation Works Programmes and would be happy to receive feedback from each of you on any pressing issues/priorities in your respective Wards. Equally, I am happy for this to be raised/discussed at Community Council meetings and any suggested schemes can be passed to me for assessment and prioritisation within this process. The type of schemes I am looking for is for larger scale works suitable for Capital funding such as pedestrian crossings, traffic calming, new footways, gateway treatment, junction alterations, and traffic signals. Routine smaller items of work should be referred to me in the usual manner.

#### **4.2.4. Fence behind new Police Station**

Cllr Thomson reported on the ongoing attempt to sort out responsibility for the maintenance of the fence behind the Police Station, which is in a state of disrepair. Cllr Thomson had been advised that the fence might have passed into the Secretary of State's remit years ago. Once the legalities behind ownership have been resolved the Council will be able to decide whether to repair or demolish the fence.

#### **4.2.5. Disc Depot Van**

This van has been moved but only up the hill to near the tennis courts according to Cllr Thomson.

#### **4.2.6. Memorial Hospital Site Query**

Mr Crichton who lives close to the site of the development on the site of the former Memorial Hospital asked if there were any conditions on the developers to keep the pavements beside the site clear of mud, water etc? He said that in the past few weeks the pavements were often dirty and muddy from the site making walking through it more difficult and unpleasant. Cllr Thomson said he'd have to check the actual conditions imposed upon the developers by Fife Council but most large developments would have a condition saying that wheel-cleaning facilities had to be provided on site so that vehicles should not leave the site unless their wheels have been cleaned. Cllr Thomson offered to check the situation about the conditions imposed upon the developer in this area.

Mr Greenwell added that there had been a wheel cleaning facility at the northern end of the site originally but it was removed when the foundations were dug. However at the southern gate of the site where the cement tanks were situated it was he agreed a mud bath. He had also checked the approved plans and confirmed that the development should have wheel-cleaning facilities on site. Another issue, which had come to his attention from the development just north of the site, related to the hours being worked by the developer. Mr Greenwell said that he'd been told that work was going on until 7/8 in the evening and also on Saturday and sometimes part of Sunday. He assumed that the longer working hours related to a change in the proposed completion date of the development bringing it back a year to September 2015 instead of September 2016 as originally stated on the hoarding at the development. He suggested that the increased hours were against the conditions of the planning agreement with Fife Council. A formal complaint had been sent to Fife Council by a resident of the Adamson Court development just north of the site, but there had not been a response as far as he was aware. Cllr Thomson agreed to take up the matter with the relevant officers in Fife Council.

### **4.3. Keith McCartney**

#### **4.3.1. Ladebraes**

Cllr McCartney reported that the work on restoring the metalwork has been completed. The metalwork on Plash Mill Bridge, Hallowhill Bridge and on the 'gates' at Plash Mill, Lawmill Pond and on the three paths leading from Lawmill Gardens to the Lade Braes was sanded down and undercoated before the final coat of paint was applied which should ensure the metalwork is protected for years to come.

#### **4.3.2. Bike Tagging**

Cllr McCartney reported that over the summer months 29 bikes were tagged and removed in town.

#### **4.3.3. Hope Park Roundabout**

Cllr McCartney reported that the extensions have now been added to the barriers at the end of Double Dykes Road and on the corner by The Blue Stane which will hopefully encourage pedestrians to use the pedestrian crossings rather than risking crossing over the roundabout.

#### **4.3.4. Kinburn Terrace**

Cllr McCartney reported that the pavement had been reinstated by the development at the end nearest the car park.

#### **4.3.5. Melville Road**

Cllr McCartney reported that the 20mph sign on the south side of the road at its junction with Craigtoun Road was knocked over. This was reported and remedial action taken.

#### **4.3.6. Market Street**

Cllr McCartney reported that a number of branches on the two trees outside Subway were tied back against their trunks to give space for a fairground ride at the Lammas Market and the metal grill at the base of the easternmost tree was damaged. This was reported to the appropriate officer and it was also arranged for the ties to be removed and the damaged branches pruned back.

#### **4.3.7. Graffiti**

Cllr McCartney reported that graffiti has been reported for removal at the following locations:

Langlands Road – bus stop by Boys Brigade Hall.

Kinnessburn Road – metal junction box by footbridge leading to Queen's Terrace and yellow grit bin at north side of footbridge.

Pipeland Road – bus stop by park and skateboard ramps in park.

### **4.4. Dorothea Morrison**

#### **4.4.1. Community Council Garden Awards - Thank You**

Cllr Morrison commented on the hard work done by Mrs Denyer and Mrs Corbin and thanked them for all their efforts in relation to the Garden Awards. She thought that it was a positive part of the work of the Community Council, which should be noted.

#### **4.4.2. West Sands Signage**

Cllr Morrison reported on the plans to put up signage to try and deter the camper vans overnight parking on the West Sands. The initial signage would be improved with larger signs, to ensure that there could be no ambiguity about their intention by users of the West Sands. It was also hoped that older signs, which might be out of date, could be removed to reduce any appearance of clutter. Mr Crichton queried whether the new signage would really discourage such use of the West Sands and he also wondered whether this signage was going to be applied to other beaches such as the East Sands and Kingsbarns? Mr Greenwell replied that the signage didn't include these other beaches but acknowledged that matters might change this need in the future.

#### **4.4.3. West Sands Visitor Centre**

Cllr Morrison reported that she and Cllr Thomson would not be taking part in any vote on this planning application, as they were Council representatives on the Links Trust, which has put in an objection to the plans. Mr Murphy sought clarification about the Links Trust objection as he'd heard that there was more than one application to which they were objecting. Cllr Morrison explained that this other matter was in relation to plans for Rusacks Hotel and it wasn't the Links Trust itself, which wanted to object, but some members of the Management Committee who were concerned that it might have an impact upon the golf courses. In relation to the Visitor Centre they felt that there were too many impacts etc, so it was agreed that an objection had to be made.

#### **4.4.4. Empty Garages**

Cllr Morrison reported that she'd spoken to officials on this subject raised at the last meeting. She had been informed that there were indeed a number of empty garages in St Andrews surplus to requirements in Council ownership for rent to tenants. Officials told her how they'd tried to get acceptance of the possible need to demolish garages in James Robb Avenue and had been met with resistance by tenants/residents and has been put on hold pending a further review and neighbourhood consultation. Officials also informed Cllr Morrison that problems with empty garages could be reported to the local office and garages could be locked up if necessary.

#### **4.4.5. Fountain in Market Street**

Cllr Morrison reported that the Pilgrim Foundation had approved giving a grant towards the balance of funds required to finish the work in restoring the fountain.

#### **4.4.6. Parking in Market Street**

Cllr Morrison commented upon the continuing problem of parking around the Dominoes Pizza area in the corner of the Market Square and her investigations in relation to this matter.

#### **4.4.7. Mitchell/Forgan Waste Bins**

Cllr Morrison had been informed that the waste bins for these restaurants appear to live permanently in one of the street parking spaces. She was pursuing what can be done in this case to determine whether this use of a parking bay for extended periods was legal.

#### **4.4.8. The Smokehouse – Greyfriars Garden**

Cllr Morrison mentioned that there is to be a site visit for the proposed restaurant. As there is a change of use planning permission is likely to be required. Mr Greenwell reminded the meeting that this restaurant had no bin space and while the previous coffee shop had been allowed to share space owned by the owners of the No.5 Greyfriars Gardens, the latter are not willing to share this space with the new venture because it will be open for much longer hours which they are not happy about. Cllr Morrison acknowledged that there were a number of issues needing to be resolved hence the decision to have a site visit to allow Councillors to see the situation at first hand.

#### **4.4.8. St Andrews Brewery**

Cllr Morrison had also heard that the St Andrews Brewery will require permission for a change of use and there have also been complaints from residents in the area because of the number of people standing/sitting outside of the pub creating a significant amount of noise at night at times.

#### **4.4.9. Councillors Membership of Links Trust/ Conflict of Interest**

Miss Uprichard expressed concern that Councillors were ruling themselves out in voting on a planning application to which the Links Trust had objected because they were representing Fife Council on the Links Trust. She thought that they should still be able to consider their role as Councillor and vote on such planning applications.

#### **4.4.10. Brownhill Equestrian Lodges**

Miss Uprichard raised the issue of the recent approval of the planning application for 10 Equestrian lodges at Brownhills. She had been having correspondence on this application in the Greenbelt with Alistair Hamilton. She thought that there was nothing in Greenbelt policy which allowed accommodation to be built and had pointed this out to Mr Hamilton, but he'd come back with some rationale about the decision which she didn't feel was satisfactory.

#### **4.4.11. Housing Plans for Craigtoun Road by Mount Melville Estate**

Miss Uprichard raised the issue of recent email correspondence from Mr Younger about plans to build housing and associated facilities west of the most recent private housing development on the Craigtoun Road. She queried this as she thought that anything relating to the Western extension required master planning as a whole, but thought that this didn't appear to be happening. She thought that this particular application was premature as it was separating off a part of the western extension in a way, which she didn't feel was compliant with master planning. She sought Councillors' comments on this matter. Cllr Morrison reported that there had been talks between Fife Council and Mr Younger's company for some time about releasing some land in the strategic development area. She said that there was a shortage of available land for development with the University land not ready to release any of their land. Fife Council was prepared to consider the release of land in the strategic development area to allow mixed-use development. There is to be a consultation on the proposals according to Cllr Morrison. Miss Uprichard expressed scepticism about the value of such consultations and reiterated her view that in the Local Plan there was talk about master planning with considerable public involvement and wondered where that was in these proposals? She didn't understand the rationale for Cllr Morrison's contention that land needed to be released for development given the large amount of development already going on within the town. Cllr Morrison acknowledged the need to comply with the Local Plan but added that this was the emerging Local Plan they were looking at with a view to identifying where things could go and that it was not all housing in the Craigtoun Road area. Mr Greenwell thought that half the proposed site appeared to be sticking out into the Greenbelt if the recent email and other information were correct. He added that the scoping opinion from Mr Younger would appear to indicate an area bigger than had been allocated in the 2012 Local Plan and felt that Younger Estates appeared to be going beyond the Local Plan in this pre application notice. Miss Uprichard also expressed scepticism that this proposed development would deliver 30% affordable housing, if the experience of the tiny number of units being built in the Knightsbridge development was anything to go by. Dr Goudie thought that the CC shouldn't adopt an absolutist position on the Green Belt and in his view the town had valued some parts such as the Southern Hillside for a long time. However in drawing up precise boundaries for the Green Belt it had to be recognised that in the last decade there had been a considerable amount of gamesmanship as to the way the boundaries were drawn. He acknowledged that the view of the town was that the Kinness valley represented the best area for development, so he felt that the CC should be talking to Mr Younger putting forward issues like affordable housing and simply making sure that the developers are aware of the basic facts of the case. He reminded the meeting that developers could make bad decisions about developments in the pursuit of profit maximisation and he cited the problems for the developer at Newpark as an example. He thought that the considerable merits of building for actual community needs should be emphasised.

#### **4.4.12. Increase in budget for Pipeland School development**

Miss Uprichard noted that in the agenda for the Fife Council Executive Committee the budget for the proposed new school at Pipeland was being increased by 2.7 million. She wondered where this increase was coming from and what it would be used for? Cllr Morrison in reply commented that the sum quoted was a projected overspend, but she didn't know whether it was a very optimistic over projection in relation to a possible overspend or not.

## **5. Planning Committee**

### **5.1.1 Planning Committee Report**

Mr Greenwell commented that the past month had been the quietest in terms of planning applications since he'd joined the CC nearly 4 years ago. The committee didn't object to any of the applications but it did discuss concerns about the attitudes and part of the implementation of the monitoring which was associated with planning applications. He mentioned that he and Miss Uprichard had considered inviting the four local Fife Councillors to a planning meeting to go through these concerns/issues. He added that there were about ten situations ongoing around the town, some of which had already been mentioned but others not. He thought that the Councillors might be able to give advice about tackling these issues with Fife Council because he claimed that every problem they met related back to the operation of Enterprise, Planning and Protective Services.

### **5.1.2. Amended Planning Application for Madras Pipeland**

Mr Greenwell announced that he'd received an email before the meeting about the amended planning application for Madras Pipeland with the standard three weeks consultation period in which to put in comments/objections. This will be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting.

## **6. Matters Arising**

### **6.1. Reports from Representatives**

#### **6.1.1. Student Representative Report**

Zara Evans one of the student representatives outlined work she was doing to improve areas of activity, which affected both the students and the local community. One related to students and cycling with an attempt being made to help student cyclists be clearly aware of the laws relating to cycling, especially around town.

Another issue related to noise reduction. She is researching this issue and is also the university officer in relation to discipline in this area where episodes of disruption and anti-social behaviour have to be tackled.

She reminded the meeting that Raison was taking place on the 9<sup>th</sup> October with the Student Association and the university trying to do everything they can to minimise disruption.

She also reported on other activities taking place such as a beach clean up being organised by one of the student societies this coming Saturday. She asked if this could be mentioned on the CC website.

Dr Goudie commented on the problem of students misunderstanding the cycle lanes. He thought that there might be confusion as the cycle lane in Greyfriars Gardens was two way and he'd seen some students doing the same up Hepburn Gardens unaware that the cycle lane layout was on both sides of the road.

Mr Marks wondered about the possibility of an off road cycle route for students coming into town by bike from areas such as Fife Park given the amount of land owned by the University which he thought could facilitate a cycle route most of the way into town. He recognised that this might not be completely possible but thought that it would potentially reduce the risks on the likes of Hepburn Gardens for both cyclists and motorists.

Pat Matheson asked if the Community Council supported the proposed disciplinary measures as detailed by Zara? He also mentioned that a student night bus programme was also to be started which he thought could have an appreciable effect upon the number of students cycling at night. Mr Greenwell asked the CC if there were any objections. The plans were not objected to by any member of the CC.

Ms Evans then read out the text of the motion to be discussed by the SRC for the benefit of CC members. Mr Greenwell confirmed the support of the CC for the motion.

### **6.1.2. St Andrews Partnership Report**

Mr Murphy who recently became the CC representative on the Partnership reported back on his attendance at a meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

## **6.2. Defibrillators**

Dr Goudie asked about progress in relation to the installation of the defibrillators being promoted by Dr Hamish Tait. Mr Paul reported that the progress was variable with one possibly to be installed by Trespass or the Sue Ryder shop if permission could be obtained from the owner of the building from which Trespass or Sue Ryder lease the premises. Mr Paul commented on the way the defibrillators were managed if damage occurred due to vandalism or similar with Dr Tait being contactable to sort out the problem. There was an issue with the possible installation of one on the University Estates Building at the East Sands as no one was prepared to take ownership of checking the defibrillator when installed though this was resolved eventually after this meeting. Mr Marks reminded the meeting that a defibrillator would be installed beside the Tennis Club premises.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **7.1 Recreation Committee**

Mrs Denyer reported on the events being organised by the Recreation Committee, with the Coffee Morning on the 11<sup>th</sup> October being the soonest to occur. Mrs Denyer reported that Mrs Ashworth was still assisting with some events such as the Coffee Morning and the Civic Reception. She reminded the meeting of the need for assistance for the Coffee Morning and detailed assistance offered to date. Mr Greenwell asked whether Mrs Denyer had appropriate people to assist with the teas and coffees. Mrs Denyer thought that she could pull something together before Saturday.

Mr Greenwell asked about preparations for the Civic Reception on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs Denyer reminded members that there would be a meeting of the Recreation Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> October at the Cosmos Centre at 7 pm to discuss this event and the Xmas Party for Senior Citizens with all interested members welcome to attend.

Mr Greenwell reported on the saga of arranging the “Beating of the Retreat” which takes place before the Civic Reception and features the local Pipe Band marching in South Street. He commented that it was proving to be an interesting challenge but he thought that with the assistance of Rod Cox he was getting matters sorted out. He informed the meeting about charges now being levied by Police Scotland to police events. A possible solution would be to have the event in Church Street for which the Police would be able to supply one policeman free of charge.

Mr Roberts asked why there should be a need to change location and reminded the meeting that in the past the event had never required more than two local constables and sometimes just the one. He thought that the logistics of closing South Street would not require a lengthy period of closure and he wondered about how the crowds who attended would fit into Church Street. He thought that it was nonsense if the event couldn't be in South Street.

Miss Uprichard thought that Church Street wouldn't be any more suitable as it was a part of the main circulation of traffic.

Mr Greenwell was asked about the possible cost of having the Police and replied that it could be anything up to a couple of thousand pounds. He added that Police Scotland had brought in rules and regulations about the support of public events. He acknowledged that he still had to look at the matter in more detail but hoped to get more idea of matters when he met up with PC John Robertson.

Mrs Adam suggested that if the cost was relatively low, a couple of hundred pounds a local business might be prepared to sponsor the event. Other possible sources of funding were

discussed such as the Common Good Fund, but there was concern that if the cost was on the high end any funding could be wasted if the event was affected by bad weather.

Mr Crichton reminded the meeting that he had inaugurated the Civic Reception as an event and expressed his pleasure at its continuance.

Mr Greenwell agreed to continue his negotiations about the possible cost of policing the event and would report back to the CC on his findings.

## **7.2. GP Meeting**

No meeting recently. Mr Greenwell however reported that as the result of a decision at a previous GP meeting he'd created a welcome Pack for new Community Councillors which members were welcome to inspect. Dr Goudie asked if the text could be circulated by email? Mr Greenwell replied that he was still trying to find the electronic versions of some of the documents and hoped to circulate before his holiday later in the month.

## **7.3. 200 Club**

1<sup>st</sup> Mr Syme 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Denyer 3<sup>rd</sup> David Paul

## **7.4. Health, Education and Welfare Committee**

Mrs Corbin nothing to report. Mr Marks informed members of the plans following new legislation passed in the past year to amalgamate part of Social Services with the NHS in the hope that this would make service provision for adults more effective.

## **7.5. Rail Sub Committee**

Dr Goudie reported that the main issue was how to maintain momentum, which arose from the Tata Steel report and obtain funding for a STAG appraisal. At the present time it had been agreed to write to Community Councils similarly located at the end of existing branch lines to make enquires as to what way the rail link brings benefits to those areas.

# **8. New Business**

## **8.1. Lammas Market**

Mr Marks commented upon an email from Keith Jackson of Fife Council on the issue of the rental being charged the showmen attending the Lammas Market and the possible need to review and look at the possible need to reduce the rent costs if current costs are leading to gaps in the market. He asked if a representative from the Community Council might like to attend the three meetings held annually in relation to the Lammas Market?

Mr Roberts wondered what the traders were charged? Mr Greenwell had noted that the Council had been making an increasing profit on the site rental and this had risen several fold in recent years. Mr Greenwell asked the meeting for a response and acknowledged his own lack of experience in this area. Miss Uprichard noted that the rents charged for this event were the highest in the country, which supported the case for a possible reduction. Mr Paul reminded the meeting that not many years ago the letting of lots had been determined by auction but had changed to allow the traders to book in advance. Mr Murphy added that the change had been an attempt by Fife Council to counteract a ploy by the traders in relation to the auction.

Mr Greenwell asked if any CC member would like to be the CC representative? Mr Roberts indicated that he was willing to represent the CC on the Lammas Market Committee. Mr Greenwell to email Fife Council about Mr Roberts's representative. Cllr Morrison commented that Keith Jackson had only been looking at the reduction being for this next year to reduce the chance that traders would continue to attend. Mr Marks pointed out that Fife Council in suggesting a reduction in rental was looking to an improvement in the practices of the traders in various ways. Cllr Morrison confirmed that there would be discussions with the traders on what they could offer.

## **8.2. Community Council Elections**

Mr Marks circulated nomination forms and mentioned that at least 4 councillors had clearly indicated a decision not to stand again. Mr Marks reminded the meeting about the time limit for the receipt of applications by Fife Council. He also commented on the hope that there would be new members with something to offer the community. Mr Roberts hoped that the press would be able to give the election reasonable publicity in order to ensure public awareness. In response to a query from Ms Evans, Mr Marks explained the procedure for Community Council elections. He reminded the meeting that the application forms had to be in by 16<sup>th</sup> October to Fife House. If there was no election there could still be a Community Council if there were sufficient candidates to form a quorum.

## **8.3. Transition University Workshop Events**

For information - see appendix in agenda. Mr Marks encouraged members to consider attending at least one of the activities listed. He felt that it was a positive attempt by a university organisation to work with the community.

## **8.4. Internet Domain Name – Opportunity**

Mr Fraser made the meeting aware of the existence of a new suffix for Internet domains, namely SCOT. He wondered whether the CC might see a benefit in purchasing a domain name for the CC with this suffix before someone else purchased it? Mr Greenwell acknowledged that it was indeed possible to purchase these domain names quite cheaply but added that the cost of going around the entire Internet domains to ensure acceptance of the CC domain name would be unaffordable for the CC. He didn't see any benefit in rushing to purchase just because of the SCOT suffix

## **8.5. Street Name Query**

Mr Fraser raised the issue of the request for a possible suggestion about the name for the Social Housing development in Abbey Park received from Jacqui Sinclair, Housing Project Officer. Mr Greenwell explained that the area in question was part of the walled garden of St Leonards hence the suggestion about that being in the name.

Mr Greenwell acknowledged that he wasn't aware of any formal naming process for streets etc. In the past he'd noted that a previous suggestion from the CC had been ignored. Cllr Thomson acknowledged the lack of a formal process. He suggested that if the CC wasn't happy it should pursue the Council on the matter. He also added that there was another scheme in the same locality, which needed to be named, and in this case the Project Officer, Jacqui Sinclair had emailed the CC about a name for this Fife Council social housing block of flats. Mr Greenwell suggested that this could be discussed in the next CC meeting and asked for it to be put on the agenda. Cllr Morrison mentioned that in Ms Sinclair's email the possibility of a competition in local schools might be a way to find a name. Dr Goudie suggested that the matter should be investigated further given Mrs Denyer's suggestion and Mr Fraser's expertise on the matter of street names and he was further heartened by the fact that the CC were being approached by a Fife Council official on this matter.

Mr Marks to email the enquirer Ms Sinclair about the discussion and to check on the timescale for a response.

# **9. Reports from Office Bearers**

## **9.1. Chair**

Mr Greenwell talked about a possible repainting of the Bandstand in time for next years Open Championship. Mr Paul had obtained a quote for the work coming in at about £3500. Mr Greenwell thought that an upgrade on the electrics might be worth considering as well. An application would be progressed to the Common Good Fund once the new Community Council has been formed. Mrs Corbin wondered about the possibility of having hanging

baskets on the Bandstand as well. Mr Greenwell agreed to add the idea of baskets to the list for the Bandstand refurbishment.

Mr Greenwell also reported on the receipt of a letter from the Loches Alliance expressing their condolences in relation to the death of Mary Freeborn who was the founder of that organisation in 1997. She was also a past Chair of St Andrews Community Council. Dr Goudie reflected that she had been Chair at a difficult period for the CC and thought that she had worked tirelessly for the CC in that role.

Mr Greenwell also reported that John Matthews had invited him to lunch with the representatives from Loches who were arriving in St Andrews in a few days time. The representatives would also be attending the CC Coffee morning. Mr Greenwell said he'd report back on the outcome of that lunch as he thought the issue of twinning might arise again.

Mr Greenwell reminded members that the November CC meeting would be the last one in the current CC set up as the December meeting would see a new CC emerge from the election if one took place or from the list of candidates if less than the full slate of candidates had applied to be a CC.

## **9.2. Treasurer**

See Treasurer's Report sent separately. Mr Paul reported that the Bandstand Concert bucket shaking had raised several pounds more, this year than the previous year, which would help, pay for a band next year.

## **9.3 Secretary**

### **9.3.1. Correspondence**

Further details of correspondence available from the secretary as requested. Mr Marks briefly read through the emails recorded in the appendix some of which had also been raised at the meeting via Councillors or other business.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**