

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council Annual General Meeting Agenda – May 2006

The AGM will be held at 7pm Monday 1st May in the Burgh Chambers of the Town Hall, Queen's Gardens. It will be followed by the regular monthly meeting of the community council.

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes of the 2005 AGM

3. Chair's Report

Appendix 1

4. Treasurer's Report

Appendix 2

5. Dates of Meetings 2006 – 2007

6. Any Other Competent Business

6.1. Attendance report

7. Election of Officers

Candidates to be proposed and seconded at the meeting. If there is a contest the candidate or a supporter may speak briefly. A paper ballot is taken. Ties will be broken by a suitably random method.

7.1. Chair

7.2. Vice-Chair(s)

Number to be determined by the meeting.

7.3. Treasurer

7.4. Secretary

Appendix 1 – Chair's Report 2005-6

Chair Donald Macgregor

The past year has on the whole been a difficult one for the Community Council. The longstanding problems facing St Andrews and its future continue to be the object of much discussion and controversy, but the damage done to the Community Council's public standing in the late spring and early summer was to a considerable extent self-inflicted. Various factors – which I will refrain from analysing here – led to an unfortunate episode, which put great strain on all members and caused much embarrassment to some. It resulted in the resignation of one of our Vice-Chairs, and that of course had other knock-on consequences. Action has since been taken by the Council to change the rules for the Honorary/Honoured Citizen scheme in question, and to fill the gaps in our annual programme of events. I hope very much that the Council can put the matter behind it and continue to fulfil the expanding remit it has developed over the past thirty years or so.

Since May 2005 the Council has lost and gained some members and office-bearers. At the moment of writing our membership has been restored to its full quota.

I would like to thank all those who have demitted office or left the Council since last May. I am sure members will agree that we are especially indebted to Pete Lindsay, Secretary over eight years until December 2005, and to Ian Goudie, who chaired the planning committee for 12 years, as well as to Murdo McDonald, our previous Vice-Chair and former Chair, for all the work he did over a long period. In the same spirit I welcome those who have joined the Council and those who have taken on the burden of office – notable among the latter being the Treasurer, Carole Tricker, and the Secretary, Patrick Marks.

St Andrews and the Community Council continue to benefit also from the hard work of the conveners and members of our various committees and working groups – some of it in public, for instance exhibitions and competitions, but much of it behind the scenes. Without their efforts the town would be a poorer place. I would like to thank all who in whatever capacity, inside and outside the Council, have helped with its work, and of course that includes the press representatives who attend so regularly.

The Community Council is a useful channel of communication between St Andrews people and the public authorities, and in that respect the contribution of our four Fife Councillors has been as ever exemplary. Several organisations and individuals have over the year made interesting and valuable presentations at our monthly meetings. Some of these presentations have been on controversial subjects, but the Community Council is a valuable forum at which such matters may be discussed.

In conclusion I thank you all for your support over the past twelve months.

Appendix 2 – Accounts

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

Annual Statement of Accounts. April 2005 to 31 March 2006

Brought forward at 1 April 2005	£24,573.79
Deficit for year 05-06	£1,826.82
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2006	£22,746.97
Represented by bank account (Statement dated 28th March 2006)	£23,336.97
Less cheques not yet showing on bank account*	£589.92

Summary of individual accounts:

Account	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing balance
Administration	805.49	3,170.88	909.06	3,137.97
General	3,587.24	698.01	2830.36	1,384.23
Millennium	3,666.03	0.00	0.00	3,666.03
Youth Committee	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Recreation Committee	445.35	836.07	1,023.91	257.51
Senior Citizens' Party	3,400.13	1,050.00	1,011.75	3,438.38
Band Concert	764.24	0.00	1,419.64	-655.40
Upper Arlington	216.41	0.00	216.41	0.00
Coat of Arms	7,910.35	0	0	7,910.35
Newsletter	120.65	0	120.65	0.00
Ceilidh	3,607.90	0.00	0.00	3,607.90
Total	24,573.79	5,754.96	7,581.78	22,746.97

Administration Account:

Opening Balance	805.49	
Income: Fife Council grant and donation		3,170.88
Expenditure:		
Hire of Burgh Chambers	495.50	
Auditors	90.00	
Secretary's expenses	182.69	
Treasurer's expenses	27.39	
Ken Crichton expenses	113.48	
		-909.06
Closing balance		3,067.31
Hence surplus on this account		2,261.82

General Account:

Opening balance		3,587.24
Income		
Transfer from news letter	120.65	
Bank interest	449.36	
Fair trade reception	128.00	
		698.01
Expenditure		
Printing newsletter	385.00	
Friends of the Earth	36.00	
St Andrews in Focus	600.00	
Scottish Lang. Dictionary	20.00	
Planning Aid for Scotland	10.00	
Association of Scottish CCs	15.00	
Secretary's expenses	52.08	
Lady Haig's Poppy factory	18.95	
Quaiches fro presentation	96.00	
Scout's donation	500.00	
Rural Scotland Subs	15.00	
St As CC/fairtrade reception	195.61	
Honorarium Sec	300.00	
Photographs	119.43	
Civic reception	69.29	
Young Citizens prizes	75.00	
Loches reception	89.41	

Fair Trade donation	150.00	
Donation to Madras College	83.59	
		2,830.36
Closing balance		1,454.89

Millennium Account

Opening balance	3,666.03	
No income or expenditure		

Youth Account

Opening balance		50.00
No income		
Transferred to 100 club	50.00	
Account closed		

Recreation Committee

Opening balance		445.35
Income		
Grant from Fife Council	750.00	
sale 3 photos	65.00	
Donations to exhibition	21.07	
		836.07
Expenditure		
Floral expenses	225.90	
Engraving floral awards	29.00	
Fife Council, planters	200.00	
Expenses floral awards	45.53	
Prize floral comp	20.00	
Prizes photo comp	240.00	
Expenses Art Exhibition	103.23	
Payment for photos	55.25	
R Walker expenses ph.	5.00	
Rent for Art exhibition	100.00	
		1,023.91
Closing balance		257.51

Senior Citizens' Party

Opening balance		3,400.13
Income		
Donation R and A	750.00	
Donation Pagan Os	300.00	
		1,050.00
Expenditure		
Students Union costs	951.75	
K Crichton Expenses	60.00	
		1,011.75
Closing balance		3,438.38

Band Concerts

Opening balance		764.24
No income		
Expenditure		
Kennoway town Band	150.00	
Dysart Silver Band	200.00	
Advert for band concerts	51.70	
Richfield Springs group	60.00	
Dunferline Town Band	350.00	
Posters	207.94	
Madras College Band	150.00	

Clackmannan Band	250.00	
		1,419.64
Closing balance		-655.4

Upper Arlington

Opening balance		216.41
No income		
Expenditure		
Donation to Madras College	216.41	
Account closed		

Coat of Arms

Opening balance	7,910.35
No income or expenditure	

Newsletter

Opening balance		120.65
Transferred to general account	120.65	
Account closed		

Ceilidh

Opening balance	3,607.90
No income or expenditure	

*** Unpresented Cheques**

10813	£50.00	Transfer to 200 club
10828	£200.00	Planters
10842	£25.00	Prize photo comp not awarded
10849	£5.00	Prize not awarded
10856	£5.00	Prize not awarded
10869	£30.51	Fair trade refreshments
10884	£25.00	Young Citizen prize
10884	£89.41	Loches reception expenses
10887	£150.00	Fair trade donation

Monthly Agenda – May 2006

There will be a meeting of the community council following the AGM at 7pm Monday 1st May 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.

(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 at <http://www.standrewscc.net/>)

1. Apologies**2. Minutes of April 2006**

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 (West)****4.2 Sheila Black (South)****4.3 Bill Sangster (Central)****4.4 Jane Ann Liston (South East)****5. Planning Committee****6. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings****6.1. World Class****6.2. Reports from representatives****7. From Committees**

7.1.1. Recreation**8. New Business****8.1. Calor Scottish Community of the Year 2006**

Appendix A

8.3. Fife Advocacy

Appendix C

8.4. Ship to Ship Transfer of Oil in the Firth of Forth

Appendix D

8.5. New Student Rep for Community Council**8.6. Fife Access Seminar – 2nd June 2006****9. Reports from Office Bearers****9.1. Chair****9.2. Treasurer****9.3. Secretary****9.3.1. Correspondence**

see Appendix B.

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 – Calor Scottish Community of the Year

From www.communityoftheyear.org.uk

Open to any properly constituted community group in Scotland, the awards carry a total prize fund of £5,000 and cover every aspect of community life.

On entering their ninth year the awards have announced changes to the entry guidelines and will also introduce new categories for 'People' and 'Communications'.

"Since launching in 1998, we have received entries from hundreds of communities from the four corners of Scotland and everywhere in-between," said Hamish Husband, Calor Scottish Community of the Year manager.

"We have always strived to ensure the awards are as relevant as possible to the initiatives undertaken at the grass roots. By introducing new categories this year the awards will remain fresh and reflect the real activities undertaken by the country's many and diverse communities."

In 2006 the awards will be made up of four separate categories, Business, Environment, People and Communications.

The judges will primarily be looking for well-balanced, proactive and caring communities, which, irrespective of size, strive to make the best of opportunities available locally to improve and maintain the quality of life for all.

In particular the judges will be looking for evidence of initiatives that are community driven rather than led by outside agencies.

In 2005, the title Calor Scottish Community of the Year was awarded to Cornton Community Council/CAPP by Communities Minister, Malcolm Chisholm, MSP, at a ceremony held in Edinburgh.

The judging panel had been particularly impressed by the community's involvement and approach to a number of projects to engage the younger generations of Cornton and the surrounding area.

The awards are supported by Calor Scotland in partnership with Communities Scotland and backed by the Association of Scottish Community Councils (ASCC), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Scottish Business in the Community (SBC).

Craig McLaren, director of the Scottish Centre for Regeneration, Communities Scotland said:

"Communities Scotland is pleased to sponsor this competition again. The quality of entries to the competition illustrates that communities throughout Scotland are actively working to make life better and more enriching for the people who live in them. I am sure we will see this again this year."

Community groups who wish to enter the awards or require further information should contact Ashley Ross, awards co-ordinator, on 01224-588900. Applications can also be made online at the official website www.communityoftheyear.org.uk. The closing date for completed entries is June 30th 2006

Appendix B – Correspondence

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Date	from	Subject
April	Take a Pride in Fife	Spring 2006, Environmental Network Newsletter
April	Rural Scotland	Newsletter: Winter 2005/6 7 Director's Report 2006
11th April	Fife Council – Community Services	Event Organisers Pack
April	Calor Scotland	Calor Scottish Community of the Year 2006
4th April	Kennoway Community Council	Ship-to-Ship Transfer of Oil in the Firth of Forth – Copy of letter from Mr MacDougall MP and request for continuing support in this issue.
17th April	Fife Constabulary	Fife Constabulary Policing plan 2006-2007
18th April	Fife Advocacy	Leaflet about Advocacy and letter from volunteer co-ordinator
30th March	Oatridge Ltd	Fordiehill – New Village Proposal – letter and design discussion document
24th April	Fife Council – Law and Administration	Copy of letter to Mr Crichton about St Andrews Common Good Fund – Applications received
24th April	Fife Council – Law and Administration	Copy of letter to Ms Lesurf about St Andrews Common Good Fund – Applications received
3rd April	Fife Council – Law and Administration	Letter about Community Councils – Financial Guidelines/Annual Grant Arrangements, 2006/07
1st April	Fife Council – Finance and Asset Management Service	Letter – Renewal of Insurance Policy – Community Councils plus copy of insurance certificate
April	Fife Police	Eastern Community Division Newsletter – March 2006
26th April	Fife Council – Chief Executive's Service	Letter about removal of BT Payphones and Change to Cashless Facility
26th April	Fife Council – Community Services	Fife Access Seminar 2nd June Rothes Halls
April	Scottish Environment Protection Agency	http://www.sepa.org.uk/publications/sepaview/index.htm

Appendix C – Fife Advocacy

Dear Mr Marks

Fife Advocacy has been awarded a grant to recruit and train volunteers in the North East area of Fife.

After completing training the volunteers will be matched with a partner, in the community or hospital, who is suffering from Mental Health problems or dementia and will speak up for them and make sure their voice is heard and represent and support their individual wishes and interests.

I would appreciate it if you could inform anyone in your community who may be interested in volunteering and include this in any newsletter you distribute.

With thanks and best wishes

Aaron Greenberg
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Tel: 01383-511155

Appendix D – Ship to Ship Transfer of Oil in the Firth of Forth

Ship to ship transfer of oil and the Habitats Directive

Reply sent to John MacDougall MP from House of Commons Library and forwarded to Kennoway Community Council.

You asked whether the proposals for ship to ship transfer of oil off the coast of your constituency would contravene the EU Habitats Directive. I understand that you are fully aware of the application for ship to ship transfers in the area, having participated in the Westminster Hall debate on this issue in October last year.

On 20th October 2005 the European Court of Justice ruled that the UK has failed to adequately transpose into law a number of provisions of the 1992 Habitats Directive. It is likely that this will require a "considerable tightening in national law".

One of the main points raised by the Court was in relation to Article 6 (3) of the Directive. This requires Member States to have to subject "any plan or project" likely to have a significant impact on a protected site to an "appropriate" assessment. The Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations 1994 is the key transposing legislation, however to fill any potential gaps in existing regulation, the Government include a general clause to require that the Secretary of State, nature conservation bodies and other public bodies to have regard to the Directive. The Court found that such general clauses were not sufficient to plug any gaps in national legislation.

The Government stated that they had "reached no view on the applicability" of the judgement to the ship to ship transfer application. However, the Government accepted that the Directive appears to require an appropriate assessment of the impact of the plan on the designated areas in the Firth of Forth. Alistair Darling MP, Transport Minister, said that in his opinion such an assessment "ought to be carried out as a

matter of good policy". The Minister went on: "Given the very strong interest which this subject has generated on local economic, environmental and public health grounds, I consider it entirely appropriate that such an assessment is conducted and taken into account when analysing the adequacy of the oil spill contingency plan to deal with incidents in the harbour authority's area of responsibility as the MCA is required to do under the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation Convention) Regulations 1998.

The consultation will include the submitted oil spill contingency plan material and supporting information from Forth Ports and SNH. The consultation will assess the implications of the plan for the protected sites (in view of their conservation objectives) with a view to ascertaining whether the plan will adversely affect the integrity of the sites concerned.

The planned duration of the consultation is 12 weeks. Time will also be required, after the consultation period is over, for the analysis and presentation of the results of the consultation.

At the end of the process, in the light of the consultation responses and taking into account the advice of SNH, the statutory nature conservation authority, the MCA will finalise its appropriate assessment and consider whether any amendments to the plan are needed.

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Planning Committee Meeting

10 April 06

Present: Penny Uprichard, Bette Christie, Donald Macgregor (part), George Davidson, Pete Lindsay (minutes)

1. University 'carbon neutral' plans.

Much discussion of the various related issues but far too early for comment; university are not even formally committed to the idea yet.

2. Planning 'Good Practice'

Discussion of possible experiences in negative examples of 'good practice' in our relationship with Fife Council for a PAN being developed by Scottish Executive. Major planning implications should not be consequences of sub-clauses of special agreements not discussed 'up-front' in applications e.g. new road at hospital site revealed as part of the conditions at April CC meeting or the variable consideration of policies on the 'unbuilt coast' (e.g. as (not) applied at Kingask vs at the Hungry Horse).

3. Updates

1. A recent application for extra storey on a property off Argyle Street, which would overlook flats in Argyle Court, was rejected, but is expected to be appealed by the developer.

2. Argyle Lodge (Doubledykes Rd/Kennedy Gdns). Concern from some that the actual outcome is worse than envisaged when we didn't object.

4. Applications

1	75 South St	Single storey extension	–	-nc-
2	Baker Lane	New house within garden ground (06/00880/efull)	Obj: infill, loss of garden ground, character of baker lane	Obj PL
3	3 John Street	Install rooflight, etc	–	-nc-
4	57 Hepburn Gardens	Extension to dw. house	–	-nc-
5	7 Johnston Court	Replace windows	–	-nc-
6	Brownhills Farm	2 houses to replace agricultural buildings	Off patch, better than a shed, too small to affect St Andrews	-nc-
7	59 South St	HMO	–	-nc-
8	Andrew Melville Hall	External alterations	Details unknown	wait plans
9	Morton of Pitmilly	Holiday complex development	Way off patch	-nc-
10	15 Auchterlonie Court	2 story extension	–	-nc-
11	Unit 7, Tom Stewart Lane	Erect signage	Details unknown	wait plans

5. Structure plan meeting

Penny Uprichard gave her impressions of the Fife Development Committee meeting which rejected some recommendations for the draft Structure Plan. NB this could be overturned at full Fife Council, April 27.

6. Disabled Access through Town Centre

Bette Christie had undertaken a tour with a Transport Service officer whose main comment throughout was that they lacked funds to undertake any remedial work, or that particular items (e.g. toby covers) were not Fife Council responsibilities.

DRAFT Objection by Pete Lindsay

06/00880/efull Baker Lane, St Andrews

The Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council wishes to object to this proposal, for the following

reasons:

i) Effect on the character of Baker Lane.

This is currently a wide and mostly open wynd. An infill building here will detrimentally affect the character of the lane though enclosing part of the western side.

ii) Infill of open garden ground.

This plot, though clearly once built upon, has been open ground for many years and forms an effective continuation of the open ground in the memorial garden to the north of the site.

iii) Obscurement of historical feature on adjacent property

The 'Face of Pontius Pilate' is listed in old guides to the features of St Andrews, such as the 1930s Standard Guide, based on the work of Dr Hay Fleming. This face is a mediaeval carved stone showing a grotesque, crowned visage, tentatively identified as 14th century and as a 'King Death' motif. It is likely to be re-used stone from some mediaeval religious premises, perhaps a house of the Knights of St John of Jerusalem which once stood at this site. The stone is built into the end wall of the property to the immediate south and currently partly obscured by a bush. (In fairness it must be added that the face has been neglected and is much weathered in recent years.)

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Memorial Hospitals

Historical information via Ken Crichton

The Gibson Memorial Hospital was founded and endowed by the late Mr William Gibson of Duloch for the sick, aged, and infirm poor of the City and Parish of St Andrews and of the Parish of St Leonard, was erected in 1882-84 at a cost of £4,000. Memorial Cottage Hospital

For many years before the present New Memorial Hospital was erected the Cottage Hospital was a memorial one. When started originally, in a rented house in Abbey Street, it was a memorial to the late Lady William Douglas of Grangemuir. Afterwards, with the funds subscribed to raise memorials to the late Dr Adamson and Dr Oswald Bell, much esteemed medical practitioners in St Andrews, a house was purchased in Abbotsford Place, the female wards in which represented the Douglas memorial, the male wards the Adamson and Bell memorial.

New Memorial Cottage Hospital, St Andrews. This useful and beneficent institution was opened on the 27th August 1902. Mrs Tait (mother of the late F G Tait) gracefully declared it open in the presence of a large gathering. It was erected at a cost of about £3,000, and the undertaking on its present scale was only made possible by the large donation given by the Tait Memorial Fund Committee, on the understanding that in respect of this donation the managers of the Hospital should build and name a ward in perpetuation of the late Lieutenant Tait's memory, and grant a preference in the applications for admission to those who are professional golfers, or caddies, or soldiers (particularly those who belong, or have belonged to the Black Watch). Tait Ward used to contain many tokens of the interest shown in the memory of 'Freddie Tait' by friends in all parts of the world. Freddie Tait was the Amateur Golf Champion.

It is worthy of note that the plans and general arrangements of the Hospital (which were designed by Mr Anderson, architect, St Andrews) met with the approval of Sir Henry Burdett, who is editor of The Hospital and one of the best authorities on Cottage Hospital Management. The Tait ward is pleasantly situated in the south-west corner of the main block, and is one of the most interesting features in the Hospital.

Lieutenant Tait

Only a month after the Boers declared war in 1899. The 2nd Battalion, Black Watch arrived in South Africa. There it was to be part of the column sent to the relief of Kimberley under the command of Gen. MacDonald. In the disastrous attack at Magersfontein 19.12.1899 the Battalion suffered 300 killed/wounded. Lt Tait was wounded. Two months later 07.02.1900 at the battle of Koodoosberg which cleared the route to Kimberley Lt. Tait was killed. A street in St Andrews was also named after him.