

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council Agenda – July 2006

There will be a meeting of the community council following the AGM at 7pm on Monday 3rd July 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 on line at <http://www.standrewscc.net/>)

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of June 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. Blue Flag Award Ceremony – 7th July 2006

The Awards Ceremony is to take place at Elie Sailing Club on Friday 7th July at 12.30pm – representatives of the Community Council are invited to attend – availability to be confirmed by ringing Linda Scott on 01334-412824 or emailing linda.scott@fife.gov.uk.

6.2. St Andrew's Day Reception

6.3. Removal of BT Payphones

A further letter has been received from Sir Menzies Campbell who has written to BT Chief Executive on that company's policies in relation to the matter.

6.4. 200 Club

6.5. Small Awards

6.6. Licensing of St Andrews Community Council Coat of Arms

6.7. Park and Ride

6.8. Reports from representatives

6.9. St Andrews in Bloom

Appendix E: draft constitution, for approval [June minutes 7.1.1].

6.10. Any Other Matters Arising

7. From Committees

7.1. Recreation

8. New Business

8.1. Fair Trade Town Sign

See Appendix B.

8.2. Best Kept Village and Town Competition

See Appendix A for letter from Fife Council.

8.4. Review of Bylaws Prohibiting Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Designated Public Places

The Community Council is invited to comment on the effectiveness of the current bylaws operating in relation to the above matter. Fife Council are reviewing the current situation and want comments by 7th July. The bylaws are not being changed, but if any new bylaws are required the Council have to provide evidence to the Scottish Ministers of substantial alcohol misuse in the communities concerned.

8.5. 27th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences

This major event is being held in St Andrews for the first time. Mr Mark Dennis, Secretary General Congress XVII, has written to invite representatives of the Community Council to the opening ceremony on 21st August.

8.6. New Community Education Worker at Cosmos Centre

Izzy Whyte, the new Community Education Worker, has written asking if she can attend a future Council Meeting and give a short presentation.

8.7. Scottish Language Dictionary

Letter received from this organisation asking if we'd like to make a donation to their Book Fund which buys hard to find books for the Reading Scheme which their volunteer readers check for Scots.

8.8. Proposed Planning Bill Legislation Meeting

See correspondence and Appendix D for outline of minute of meeting and plan for a further meeting with MSPs on the Bill.

8.9. Web Site Renewal

Renewal time for the CC web site and domain name (standrewscc.net) will come due over the summer, approximately £30. Do we wish to renew?

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

9.2. Treasurer

9.3. Secretary

9.3.1. Correspondence

see Appendix C.

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 – Best Kept Village and Town Competition

From Martin Jeffcott, Parks Development Advisor, Community Services (East).

I am writing to advise you that the Preliminary Judging of Fife Council's Best Kept Town and Village Competition will take place during the week commencing Monday 3rd July 2006. If you would like a short meeting with the judges at the preliminary stage, please contact me on 01334 412823.

Those Towns and Villages successful in progressing to the next stage of the competition will be notified of their success and the arrangements made to meet the judging party on a day and time, week beginning 18th July 2006.

Please note it is important that those successful in reaching the next stage should arrange to have representatives of the Town or Village available to meet the judges to show them around the chosen route and to answer any questions which they might have.

Appendix B – Fair Trade Town Sign

Fife Council has agreed to erect a Fair Trade sign at an entrance to the town following representations from the Fair Trade group. Fife Council will not fund the total cost and require a partnership approach to funding, namely a contribution to the cost. The total cost is expected to be £500 with a contribution from the Fair Trade Group of £100. As this group has very little in the way of funds they have requested assistance from the Community Council.

The group have been actively trying to promote Fair Trade products in the town at B & Bs and Hotels and other businesses. A sign advertising the town's status as a Fair Trade town could have beneficial effects on the businesses using these products and enhance the image of St Andrews further afield.

Ben Reilly the new Student Representative has emailed the secretary suggesting that if the status of St Andrews University as a Fair Trade University was added to such a sign, the University could contribute a substantial amount towards the cost of the sign/s.

Appendix C – Correspondence

Date	from	Subject
12/06/06	Sir Menzies Campbell	Copy of letter to Chief Executive of BT Group re payphone removal procedures.
31/05/06	Fife Council Community Services	Blue Flag Award Ceremony – 7th July 2006
22/05/06	Fife Environment Trust	Letter with new enquires address
13/06/06	Fife Council Environmental	Mobile CCTV Unit at St Andrews to aid Environmental Services to catch people littering, fly tipping and allowing their dogs to foul without

	Services	picking it up on 27/28th June in 3 locations in St Andrews..
06/06/06	Fife Council Law and Administration	Guidance on Records Retention
13/06/06	Fife Council Community Services	Best Kept Town and Village Competition
07/06/06	Fife Council Law and Administration	Review of Bylaws Prohibiting Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Designated Public Places
14/06/06	Fife Council Transportation Services	Proposed Installation of Bus Shelters
01/06/06	Fife Development Services	Finalised Fife Structure Plan 2006 – Deposit Period
01/06/06	Cosmos Community Centre	Letter of introduction from Izzy Whyte, Community Education Worker
June 2006	Mark Dennis – Secretary General Congress XXVII	Letter from Mr Dennis about International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences XXVII
12/06/06	Fife Council Development Services	Taking Forward Renewables – Supplementary Planning Guidance – Wind Turbines
22/05/06	Planning Aid for Scotland	Notification of AGM on 17th June 2006 in Edinburgh.
June/06	Postwatch Scotland	Newsletter Spring/Summer 06
June/06	Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland	Rural Scotland Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2006 – This has an article on the Fife Structure Plan
June /06	Scottish Executive Development Department	Booklet – Public Participation in Environmental Impact Assessment – Summary of Consultation Responses
June/06	Scottish Health Council	Scottish Health Council News – Spring 2006
June/06	Fife Community Safety Partnership	Fife's Youth Justice Action Plan Review and Strategy 2005-2006
14/06/06	Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland	Letters re: Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 – Review of Electoral Arrangements Fife Council Area
05/06/06	Scottish Language Dictionaries Ltd	Letter requesting donation towards Book Fund
08/06/06	Alex Falconer, Secretary, Dunfermline Community Council	Letter and minutes of a meeting on 30th May at which various West Fife Community Councils attended to hear details of new Planning Bill from Jim Mackinnon, Chief Planning Officer of the Scottish Executive. Invitation to attend a meeting in Dunfermline in early July to consider the implications of this bill.
30/06/06	A.S. Edwards	Email thanking the CC for the info about the Structure Plan and commenting on the loss of quality food shops and the potential consequences for the future of the town centre's shopping diversity.

Appendix D – Abstract of Minute of Meeting on the Proposed Planning Bill at City Chambers, Dunfermline

Mr Jim Mackinnon, Chief Planning Officer for the Scottish Executive gave a powerpoint presentation on the new legislation at present passing through the Scottish Parliament. He emphasised that a Community Participation was central to the Bill's intention. He advised that Planning Advice Guidelines on how the public were to be involved and consultation would take place on how these guidelines were to be drawn up.

Questions from Community Councils at Meeting included:

- The conflict which arose where Councils, strapped for money, could fall prey to offers of facilities supplied by Developers.
- The confusion which arises over different procedures
- The Agreement on best practice which Fife Council is signed up to.
- The attitude of Council Planning Officials when meeting with Community Councils
- The method of calculating housing needs, how the percentage be determined
- The concern of Fife being a housing ground for Edinburgh and Dundee's needs
- If there is not a Third Party Right of Appeal how was the consultation procedure on Guidelines to be resolved, and the continuing demand for a Third Party Right of Appeal

Mr Mackinnon in reply said that the current practice where developers supplied certain amenities such as new roads *etc* would probably continue. He regretted the way some planning officers behaved, but the overwhelming number were highly disciplined responsible individuals. Consultation with Communities should be improved with the introduction of the Bill and it was important that wide discussion take place on the Guidelines. There was a debate on how housing needs should be decided and how the percentage should be arrived at. He agreed at present there was confusion on the method of issuing notices

regarding Planning and the Executive was looking into the matter. On the Right of Appeal the Executive's position was that there was a number of problems on who should have the Right of Appeal. In answer to a follow up question as to why a developer should have the right to appeal but the Community did not, Mr Mackinnon said that the Human Rights Law allowed for the Developer the Right to Appeal, but Mr Mackinnon also emphasised the need for a culture change by all concerned if this Bill was to work.

A follow up meeting of local Community Councils was proposed with first past the post and List MSPs for Fife. This likely to be early July and interested persons should email alex@afalconer.freeserve.co.uk or phone 01383-723188 if interested in attending to discover time and venue.

Appendix E – St Andrews in Bloom – Draft Constitution

St Andrews in Bloom

(Affiliated to St Andrews Community Council)

Our Objectives

1. to provide and maintain floral enhancements in St Andrews working in conjunction with St Andrew Community Council, Fife Council and other local bodies and individuals
2. to encourage and provide assistance where possible to local organisations and individuals to display and maintain their own planting
3. to instigate and provide guidance for community floral projects within St Andrews
4. to raise funding to enable our activities

The Committee

St Andrews in Bloom Committee will consist of members of the following whenever possible:

A member of St Andrews Community Council, an Elected member of Fife Council (St Andrews area), Fife Council, University of St Andrews, Merchants Association, Links Trust, Friends of the St Andrews Botanic Gardens, St Andrews Gardening Club and any other individual or organisation whom the committee consider appropriate.

Notwithstanding the above Fife Council Officials and other individuals may be consulted and coopted as and when appropriate and required.

There shall be elected from amongst the Committee the following office bearers:

Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer

The first meeting will take place no later than 30th June each year to elect office Bearers.

Accounts

St Andrews in Bloom will retain its own accounts which will be submitted to the Community Council annually.
