

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council Minutes – October 2006

Approved

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Chair: Donald Macgregor

1. Attendance:

Community Councillors

Les Beech, Ken Crichton, Ken Fraser, Ian Goudie, Pete Lindsay, Patrick Marks, Joe Peterson, Carole Tricker, Penny Uprichard, Ben McLeod, George Davidson, Dennis Macdonald, Maggie Stracey, Donald Macgregor.

Students' Association Representatives

Nominated

Jude Innes

Fife Councillors

Jane Ann Liston, Bill Sangster, Frances Melville, Sheila Black

Apologies

Tom D'Ardenne

2. Minutes of September 2006 Meeting

2.1. Recording of Community Council Meeting

Cllr Melville raised the issue of the audio recording of Community Council Meetings. She noted that the agenda now mentioned this fact and expressed surprise that it hadn't previously been so noted. She felt that members of the public attending meeting should be made aware that this was taking place. She was also concerned to be reassured that the audio recording of the minutes was binned following the transcription to print.

The issue had been discussed at the recent Community Council Seminar and she reported that officials were astonished at the extent of such recording, but reassured that audio minutes were generally binned after they had been transcribed. The officials also agreed that members of the public should be made aware of the recording taking place.

Mr Marks replied that he wouldn't want his hard drive to be filled with audio minutes due to the space taken up. He agreed with Cllr Melville that there was no sense in keeping audio minutes on the hard drive once the minutes had been approved at the next meeting.

2.2. Correction to September minutes

Cllr Liston drew attention to 4.4.1 Primary School Changes asking that the report be corrected to make it clear that the issue raised related to the bus for the School Breakfast Club not the regular School Bus run. This was noted by the secretary.

Amended minute accepted as accurate.

3. Presentations

3.1. Constable Ian Laing, Fife Constabulary, St Andrews

3.1.1. CCTV and Traffic Violations

Mr Beech asked about the police responsibility for CCTV. Constable Laing replied that the police had responsibility and the cameras were monitored from a central location and the footage was regularly reviewed. If the local station required details about a possible offence they would email and request footage from a specific camera for a specific period of time.

Mr Beech then asked if anyone had been prosecuted for going along a one-way street the wrong way and going through the West Port the wrong way, based on CCTV footage. Constable Laing couldn't give a specific reply, but advised that he could find out the statistics if requested. Mr Beech commented that he'd been subject to a couple of near misses at the West Port because of this type of driving. The offending drivers had on occasion claimed to be visitors and unaware of the one way nature of the West Port. He also mentioned problems with cyclists doing it. Constable Laing said that if requested they could look at CCTV footage for a specific period and could try and identify the offending driver and tackle the matter accordingly. He would also raise the issue with Inspector Thomson to see if there was some way of tackling the matter.

3.1.2. Conveyance of Prisoners from St Andrews

Mr Peterson asked Constable Laing if he could say how many extra journeys would now have to be taken by the Police now that prisoners would no longer be held overnight in St Andrews Police Station.

Constable Laing replied that at present prisoners would either be transported to Cupar or Glenrothes depending upon the nature of the individual's situation. He could not give exact figures, but would be willing to get the figures from previous years and bring the figures to the next meeting.

3.2. Presentation to Dougie Miller

Mr Macgregor presented journalist Mr Dougie Miller with a bottle of Malt Whisky in recognition for his attendance at Community Council meetings since 26th September 1981 when the previous reporter, Mr A B Paterson, had retired.

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville

4.1.1. Petheram Bridge Replacement

Cllr Melville had had a meeting with Mr Joe Noble, head of Scottish Enterprise, recently on this matter. Scottish Enterprise's financial problems were having an effect upon this project, but its priority rating was also a factor as the improvements to South Street, North Street and Market Street were considered more important by Fife Council.

Cllr Melville had spoken to Mr Derek Crowe from Fife Council Transportation Service who had indicated that Fife Council had been hoping for the entire project to be funded by Scottish Enterprise. Fife Council still recognised the project's importance but it still ranked lower in priority than the other local projects. Cost was now estimated at £500,000 – £700,000, an increase from about £300,000 – £400,000 partly due to a change in building standards since first discussed. Cllr Melville apologised that the project seemed to have gone backwards.

Mr Douglas asked if World Class could be approached about this project. Cllr Melville thought that anything was worth trying and encouraged local people to push the council on this project.

Dr Goudie asked if it was worthwhile getting an independent estimate for the project. He wondered about the estimate given and if this was being used as an excuse not to proceed, rather than a realistic estimate. He wondered who was setting priorities for St Andrews.

Cllr Melville said that priorities for funding could be changed at the Area Transportation Committee. She agreed that the Petheram Bridge is one of the most important local projects. She would be willing to take the matter to the committee and make them aware of the feelings of the Community Council.

4.1.2. Jacob's Ladder

The planting at Jacob's Ladder is being tidied up with funding from the Local Office budget.

4.1.3. Pedestrian Crossing – Pilmour Links

The need for a pedestrian crossing has been identified at Pilmour Links and will probably be built early in the 2007/2008 financial year.

4.1.4. Parking and Metering Proposals

Cllr Melville said that at the next Area Services Committee meeting on the 11th October there would be discussion about the extension of paid parking areas and the possibility of introducing parking meters. There would be a consultation process. Cllr Melville circulated a booklet relating to the proposed metering with a map of the area to be covered.

4.1.5. West Sands

Cllr Melville reported that numbers visiting the West Sands had doubled due to the good summer. This had resulted in difficulty in keep the bins emptied, so more bins are being ordered for next year to meet the possible demand.

4.1.6. Hepburn Gardens/Lawpark Lighting

Cllr Melville reported that Derek Crowe had apologised for the lengthy delay in dealing with this matter. Restructuring and departure of a relevant staff member were among the reasons, however it should now be brought forward for action. Cllr Melville has passed the letter from Derek Crowe to Margaret Goudie who had raised concern about the lack of adequate lighting.

4.1.7. Strategic Agreement between University and Fife Council

Cllr Melville reported on this matter. She commented about the lack of consultation with councillors, prior to its appearance on the agenda for a Policy and Resources Committee meeting. Councillors along with senior Fife Council officials have been invited to a briefing at which a proposed action plan may be detailed. Cllr Melville made clear that she still harbours serious concerns about land use references, particularly with the Structure Plan and Local Plan still far from resolved.

Dr Goudie commented on the proposed Action Plan which was circulated to the meeting. He viewed it as a strange hotchpotch with many of the clauses open to a variety of interpretations. He wondered if the Action Plan could be put on the web. Mr Lindsay agreed to do so.

Pete Lindsay

Dr Goudie acknowledged that some of the aims seemed worthy, and he didn't object to Fife Council/University co-operation to make best use of facilities. One would however expect a short term action plan to delineate crisply defined action projects that could be undertaken in the remaining months of the year. However there were some matters for which he couldn't see an obvious role for Fife Council. He also cited the very general statement relating to transport links, with no clear statement demonstrating any serious thought about a railway, as an example of his concern. He mentioned the existence of the St Andrews Transport Forum in the Action Plan, and commented at the lack of a mention of involvement

from both Fife and Community councillors. He felt that this appeared to be an umbrella organisation being established without involvement of democratically elected representatives.

He thought that most infuriating aspect of the action plan was that Fife was assuming that the Structure Plan would go through in its present form. He felt that this was highly discourteous to all the concerned local people who had objected to the structure plan as presented. He wondered about the agreement's status if the Scottish Executive required major changes to the Structure Plan. He felt that Fife Council failed to show any respect for the due process; over the summer it has already adopted a transportation strategy which is part and parcel of the Structure Plan strategy and moved ahead with the Local Plan even though its grounds are not yet defined by the new Structure Plan.

He questioned whether it was Fife Council's place to "*ensure support to St Andrews University estates strategy in Structure and Local Plans*". He felt that in the case of the Structure Plan only the Scottish Executive's view now matters, so is this agreement calling for joint lobbying? The role of Fife Council's Planning Department was called into question, appearing more like a development promotion department, where it should be objectively assessing planning proposals. He commented that this agreement showed ever-closer co-operation between, Fife Council, Scottish Enterprise, St Andrews World Class and St Andrews University, which he felt showed that Fife Council is less fit to sit in judgement on the plans it itself is promoting.

Ms Uprichard asked Cllr Melville how the Community Council could make a contribution. Cllr Melville thought that it might be reasonable for the Community Council to write to the Chief Executive or the appropriate officer to ask for more information, and remind them of the Community Council's statutory role in any consultation, and pick up the issue about the Transport Forum which hasn't mention any role for Community Council or Fife Councillors so far.

4.1.8. St Andrews Transport Forum

Mr Beech mentioned that he was a member of the St Andrews Transport Forum whose members to date consist of stakeholders such as Fife Council Transportation Services, St Andrews University, Scotrail, Stagecoach Buses and St Andrews Taxi Association, of which Mr Beech is the Chairman. He emphasised that he could also represent St Andrews Community Council and that there was nothing sinister about the meeting, which had been set up to look at the best forms of transport to and from St Andrews, from trains to cars. He mentioned that the university are very keen to promote car sharing by their staff to reduce the number of cars going into St Andrews. The Forum could ask other bodies such as the Community Council to join on an invitation basis. Mr Beech offered to provide copies of minutes of the meetings for anyone interested.

Dr Goudie asked how often the Forum met and queried whether Mr Beech could represent both his association and the Community Council, which might have quite different agendas. Mr Beech said that the Forum would meet four times a year and so far had met twice. He felt that the Forum didn't want too many members as it could become unmanageable. Dr Goudie was not happy feeling that this was an example of a tendency to move away from elected representatives to *ad hoc* fora in which the influence of unrepresentative groups can have a disproportionate influence upon decisions about policy.

Mr Beech denied that there was any plan to undermine anybody. He reiterated his view that there was nothing sinister and that they were all wanting to do the best for transport to and from St Andrews. Dr Goudie reiterated his view that the perceived priorities of the Forum might not be the same as those of the Community Council, as had been his experience over the years with Fife Council officials such as Peter Milne. Dr Goudie expressed a preference for Fife Councillors to be on the Forum. Mr Beech agreed to bring up this view to the next meeting. Cllr Melville agreed to bring up the issue at her next meeting with local council officers. Mr Crichton felt that Cllr Liston would be a good representative for local opinion. Mr Macgregor suggested that it would be the best way forward to follow Cllr Melville's offer to raise the matter at the meeting with local council officers.

4.1.9. Bus Station Progress

Mr Beech asked Cllr Melville for news on the completion of the Bus Station. Cllr Melville informed the meeting that a contractor has been appointed, and there is a hope that the work will be completed before Christmas.

4.2. Sheila Black

4.2.1. Bassaguard Area – correction

Cllr Black advised of the need for a correction to previous Community Council minutes [July 4.2.2?] where the Bassaguard garage business at 'Largoward road' (Tom Stewart Lane) seem to have been confused with the Bassaguard Industrial area at James Street.

4.2.2. Civic Amenity Site

There has been a delay in the opening date to the end of November. Various checks have to be made and compactors have to be commissioned before it can be officially opened for business. Cllr Black hoped to be able to report more by the next meeting.

Mr Fraser asked about the pedestrian access issue. Cllr Black thought that pedestrians should be able to walk up to it but she wasn't sure how far the pathway went. Mr Macgregor asked the Councillors to check if there would be any restrictions to pedestrian access. Cllr Black said that the facilities at Morrisons would still be available for the present range of materials.

Mr Peterson said that he could not remember that pedestrian access had ever been a consideration in the plans for the Recycling Centre. Mr Sangster added that his impression was that the Recycling Centre was at least initially designed to take bulky items.

4.2.3. Puffin Crossing – Canongate Primary School

This crossing is to be constructed during the half-term school holidays.

4.2.4. Public Toilets in St Andrews

Ms Uprichard asked about the number of open and operational public toilets in St Andrews. She wondered why the West Port toilets couldn't be refurbished. Cllr Black agreed but said that she'd tried every angle with Fife Council to no avail. They claim that a variety of factors make it uneconomic, including the proximity of the Bus Station toilets, eventually. Mr Peterson suggested that the West Port toilets could be replaced by a Superloo. He couldn't understand Fife Council's reluctance to go down that route.

4.2.5. Supervision of School Pupils on Buses

Mr Crichton raised an incident on the 99 Bus where he'd seen a pupil sitting on the luggage area. He wondered about the duty of care of teachers or bus drivers to ensure that pupils were seated safely and that they were educated to safely use the buses. Cllr Black acknowledged that there was often poor supervision on the buses. She suggested that such an incident could be reported to the school authorities to allow them to investigate the matter and speak to errant pupils about their reckless behaviour. Mr Lindsay challenged the view that this represented a danger to the pupil, based on his experience as a bus user.

4.3. Bill Sangster

4.3.1. Eastern Cemetery Gates

Cllr Sangster reported that a rather hotchpotch job had been done to the Eastern Cemetery gates. He has asked for quotes to sort out the mess, but admitted it wouldn't be cheap. The blacksmith has had one quote and is waiting for another. He hopes that the work will be started soon.

4.3.2. Rights of Way Problem – Greenside Place

[September 4.2.6] Cllr Sangster reported that he and Mr Crichton had walked along this route from the Memorial Hospital to Greenside Place and found it open.

4.3.3. Memorial Baby Garden

Mr Crichton asked Mr Sangster about the progress in establishing this garden in the Eastern Cemetery. Cllr Sangster said that he has added his support to the proposal. A group is working on it, and will report back to him once they have something settled.

4.3.4. Proposed St Andrews Parking Plan

Cllr Sangster raised the issue of this proposed plan. He noted Cllr Melville's hard work in relation to getting a half hour parking charge which appears to have borne fruit and will eventually be implemented. Cllr Melville added that they have pushed for parking charges to start from 9am instead of 8am. This proposal is going out to consultation as well.

Mr Macdonald noted that there appeared to be a proposal for charging for Petheram Bridge car park. Cllr Sangster said that in his view once charging started in Petheram Bridge people would find other places to park. Cllr Sangster felt that if people paid for the park and ride it would help support the system for the rest of the year. He added that he'd always felt the Park and Ride could be integrated into the normal bus service as a bus passes the area every 15 minutes. He couldn't see why the Park and Ride should have to look for money every year. Mr Douglas mentioned proposals to extend parking charges to other streets currently with double yellow lines. Mr Macdonald said that the limited route of the Park and Ride bus was disappointing. Cllr Sangster replied that it had been originally proposed to have the bus go as far as the East Sands but the additional costs for the extra mileage had stymied that plan.

4.4. Jane Ann Liston

4.4.1. Play Park Scheme Funding

Cllr Liston, in response to Mr Crichton's query at the last meeting [September 4.4.2a], had established that £650 has been spent so far in St Andrews, but the East Sands play equipment is to be refurbished later in the year.

4.4.2. Families First

Recent hiccups in relation to the Breakfast Club have been due to the transport. Part of the problem relates to the time of the transport which does not suit the usual routine of some of the more needy pupils, so they have been missing out.

Mr Douglas reported that recently the bus didn't turn up at all. He wondered what guarantee there was about the bus turning up. Cllr Liston requested details of the incident from Mr Douglas so that she could check it out.

4.4.3. St Andrews Harbour Trust

A public meeting will be held quite soon.

4.4.4. Local Holiday Dates

May Day local holiday will be on 30th April despite Cllr Liston's attempts to get a May date as preferred by community council.

4.4.5. Skate Park – Pipeland Road

A new group of youngsters have approached Cllr Liston about the skate park in Pipeland Road. They are becoming concerned about the condition and would like to raise funds to get the Skate Park refurbished

and new equipment installed for the use of local Skate Boarders. Cllr Liston is investigating who has responsibility for maintenance and will be having a further meeting with the youngsters on site. The youngsters would like a Cupar-style concrete ramp which is better and more weather proof.

4.4.6. Fife People's Panel

Cllr Liston had recently chanced upon this organisation. She asked the Community Councillors if anyone had heard of this body, and received a negative response. She said that this has been set up by Fife Council or Fife Partnership to advise the council on the views of the people. They are trying to recruit 3,000 people with a broad, representative demographic spread and have recruited 1,000 already. Anyone can apply to join via the Fife Direct web site [<http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/doitonline/> look for "Fife People's Panel Application Form"]. It is being run by Fife Partnership which includes a part of the NHS in Fife.

4.4.7. Bus Changes

Cllr Liston reported on changes to local bus services in August. The four times an hour 99 is one of the changes. The 94 was to be replaced by a service known as the F3. Cllr Liston when looking for a timetable for this new service discovered a leaflet titled "Go Flexi". This service apparently offers a taxi for the price of a bus, but there are various restrictions, some of which were detailed by Cllr Liston: the service cannot be within St Andrews, or Cupar, or from St Andrews to Leuchars Railway station. There are also restrictions on times the service can be used, such as peak times. Cllr Liston wrote to Transportation Services with some questions. She is awaiting an answer and will keep the Community Council informed.

5. Planning Committee

5.1. Minutes

5.1.1. Cameron Connection / Brewsterwells

This is a sister development to the Brewsterwells planning application to which the Planning Committee have already objected, as detailed in the October agenda appendix D. Ms Uprichard has only received the papers and hasn't had time to object, although it is outside St Andrews. Mr Lindsay asked about the size of the proposed development at Brewsterwells. Ms Uprichard had heard from the secretary of Cameron Community Council that the development might involve 400 people. Cllr Melville informed the meeting that both Brewsterwells and Cameron would be going to departure hearings.

5.1.2. New Park School Development Application

Ms Uprichard said that the developer for the proposed plans had written and offered to do a presentation to the Community Council. Ms Uprichard had written back advising the developer that Scottish Executive guidance strongly discouraged such contact between developers and Community Councils.

5.1.3. World Class, Stratford

Ms Uprichard read out an article from a national newspaper for information about plans for development in Stratford-upon-Avon, being promoted by a body called World Class Stratford.

5.2. Strategic Agreement between Fife Council and the University

Already discussed under 4.1.7.

5.3. Hospital

For information only. Dr Goudie asked if it could be noted for public awareness that this is old information from July, not a new objection.

6. Matters Arising

6.1. Ship to Ship Oil Transfer

A letter from MEP Alyn Smith – Appendix A of the October agenda. Mr Marks informed the meeting that the MEP happy to receive further information relating to this matter.

6.2. Gofannon

Discussion about the future care and storage of the Gofannon.

Mr Fraser thought that we shouldn't simply give the Gofannon to the St Andrews Museum without conditions. He felt that those who had given the Community Council the Gofannon would not be pleased if we gave it away. He felt that the first option as detailed in the letter from the Curator of the St Andrews Museum [Appendix B] was preferable, with the proviso that should the Community Council require it for the purpose for which it was intended such as use on public occasions that there would be a way of getting it out of the museum. Mr Macgregor agreed with Mr Fraser's thoughts.

Mr Douglas informed the meeting that the university has a Gofannon on display at all times. Mr Macdonald thought that it shouldn't just be stuck in the museum but displayed on a temporary basis around various important buildings in the town, such as the town churches, the Old Course Hotel, the Links Trust and other premises. Mr Lindsay said that we had to consider the future. Mr Fraser informed the Community Council that the arms on the Gofannon were the Community Council coat of arms. Mr Lindsay added that while it had to be available it also had to be looked after. He was concerned that there should be a secure, permanent place for the Gofannon to be stored and felt that the museum would be the best place with the proviso that it could be taken out for use as required.

Mr Peterson suggested that it could be lent to the museum on a yearly basis. He did not favour Mr Macdonald's suggestion. Ms Uprichard wondered why it couldn't remain in the town hall? Mr Macgregor explained that Fife Council were not keen to have it in the town hall, partly because of space, partly

because of the possibility of it getting damaged. Mr Macdonald defended his suggestion by reminding the Community Council that churches are not commercial institutions and that to have it displayed at a couple of hotels would allow it to be seen by many more people. He didn't think that the museum would give it as great exposure.

Mr Peterson said that as other local items of interest were in the museum, the Gofannon would add to the museum's attraction. He wasn't against commercial premises such as hotels having access to it, but felt that they could have leaflets advertising where it could be seen thus attracting more to enjoy the displays in the museum as well as the Gofannon. He thought that it might still be possible for other bodies to borrow the Gofannon for special occasions depending upon the agreement between the Community Council and the museum. Mr Lindsay informed the meeting that the expected life time of the Gofannon according to Mr Dennis is about 200 years.

Mr Macgregor suggested that if Mr Peterson could keep the Gofannon for another month, it would be hoped be possible to have negotiated an agreement with the museum curator about display and access at least for a year and review the agreement at the end of the year. Mr Peterson had no objection to keeping the Gofannon.

Mr Peterson also brought up the matter of the length of the pole, which he said was problematic for transporting to and from events where it is to be used. He suggested that if the pole could be cut in half and a special brass clamp made to hold it together when required it would make transporting it much easier and safer. Mr Fraser agreed with this suggestion. Mr Peterson said that he would approach the museum on the matter of the Gofannon and its future care and would make enquires about the work needing done on the pole to make it more transportable.

Mr Peterson to approach curator to discuss storage

6.4. Planning Meeting with MSPs – report

Ms Uprichard had attended a meeting organised by the Dunfermline Association of Community Councils with MSPs on the Third Party Right of Appeal (TPRA) in planning, which she said is not looking too rosy for local communities. Mr McConnell, First Minister, had apparently appealed to a group of business men recently to support him in opposing TPRA. The MSPs attending the meeting mostly supported the TPRA. Consultation is still taking place on the subject.

6.5. Reports from Representatives

None.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Recreation

7.1.1. St Andrews in Bloom Committee

Mr Peterson said that there hadn't been a meeting, but he and Mr Crichton had attended the AGM of the St Andrews in Bloom Committee at which Mrs Janice Macdonald had been elected as Convenor of the committee. Mr Peterson thanked Cllr Sangster and Cllr Liston for their work in helping keep the committee running in the past.

Mr Peterson hoped that the committee would attract new members particularly anyone interested in the environment as the Scotland in Bloom and Britain in Bloom now require entrants to have some Green projects. Mrs Macdonald has also organised a ceilidh in the town hall on Saturday 25th November, at the beginning of St Andrew's week, with tickets at £15.

7.1.3. St Andrew's Day Reception

Mr Macgregor reported his ongoing organisation of the St Andrew's Day reception. He has ordered fair trade produce through Holy Trinity church. It will start at 6pm with helpers required for the set up from about 5pm. Mr Macgregor hoped to have a keynote speaker to give a short speech to add to the occasion.

7.1.4. Young St Andrews Citizen of the Year

Mr Peterson appealed to the press to publicise this award so that there will hopefully be a broader response this year. He will put out publicity material to schools and other venues.

7.2. 200 Club Draw

Mr Lindsay reported his progress in sorting out the 200 Club. He said that the club had been paying out slightly more than the 50% of income stated in its constitution, so he proposed to reduce the number of draws to 3 each month to bring it into line over the year as a whole.

There have been a number of cheques to winners outstanding, but on inspection of the records some winners were not paid-up members at the time of the draw. He was not going to send payments to those who were not members, which would also help correct the balance of winnings vs income.

He will be needing assistance from the Community Council's auditors to approve the 2004 end of year accounts which are fairly complete. 2005 accounts he hoped to have ready soon.

He commented that there had only been two applications to the 200 Club so far this year, one had not been processed yet and one rejected. He encouraged applications for grants for anything relevant to St Andrews within the remit of the 200 Club.

Mr Lindsay then made the monthly draw:

| Prize No. | Name |
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| £30 | 54 | P Keracher |
| £15 | 114 | Prof C Blake |

7.3. General Purposes Committee

No report as secretary had not had time to minute the 28 Sep meeting as well as prepare the papers for this 2 Oct meeting.

8. New Business

8.1. Our Planet, Our Fife, Our Future – You Decide

Mr Macgregor asked that if anyone wanted to attend they should ask Mr Marks for the application form.

8.2. Association of Scottish Community Councils

Mr Macgregor asked that if anyone wanted to go to this organisation's AGM on 14th October to get the application form from Mr Marks. It was otherwise agreed to renew the subscription.

8.3. Sustainable Scotland Network Annual Conference – 26/27th October

A conference for professionals and organisations with an interest in sustainable development. The cost is quite expensive about £80 for two days.

8.4. Fife Volunteer of the Year Awards

The details of this award were circulated for information.

8.5. St Andrews Transport Forum

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

8.6. National Planning Framework Monitoring Report

For circulation. Dr Goudie thought that this was an important report as it was quoted by the Structure Plan. He thought that the National Planning Framework had a focus on exploiting St Andrews as a resource. He added that the Scottish Executive had admitted that the public had not been consulted on this framework, so for it to be used as the basis for another document was most unsatisfactory.

8.7. Planning Advice Note 79: Water and Drainage

For circulation.

8.8. Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society

A leaflet and membership form. Mr Lindsay thought that we once had an associate membership and should renew it as a worthy body. It was agreed to subscribe to this Society.

£16 subscription agreed

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

9.1.1. Presentation on Affordable Housing

Mr Macgregor mentioned that David Robertson from Fife Council will come to speak on affordable housing at the November meeting.

9.1.2. St Andrews World Class

Mr Macgregor mentioned that he'd been speaking to a Mr Colin Smith from Dewar Consultants who had been commissioned by World Class to find out what local people thought about World Class. Mr Macgregor had conveyed the views of Community Councillors, effectively he hoped. He will invite Mr Smith to speak to the Community Council.

9.2. Treasurer

Mrs Tricker reported on recent financial matters including:

1. The Community Council has spent £365 in the past month.
2. Present financial balance is £28,835.95.

9.3. Secretary

See Correspondence list.

10. Any Other Competent Business

10.1. St Andrew's Day Holiday and Mr Dennis Canavan

Mr Fraser mentioned that Mr Dennis Canavan was successfully steering the bill for this holiday through the Scottish Parliament. He thought that the Community Council should write him a letter congratulating him on his bill albeit rather diluted from the original plans. Mr Lindsay suggested that Mr McCartney should write a letter as he has been the St Andrew's Day representative for the Community Council. Mr Marks to ask Mr McCartney if he'll write a letter.

Mr McCartney to write to Mr Canavan to congratulate him on his bill's progress.

10.2. Certificate to Mrs Macey-Cunningham

Mr Sangster asked if we could award a certificate to Mrs Macey-Cunningham who has recently retired recently from doing the accounts and admin for St Andrews in Bloom for the past several years.

Mr Lindsay to print a certificate

10.3. Unveiling of 51st Highland Division Monument and Dedication Ceremony

Mr Marks read out details of this event to take place at the end of the week at the House of Bruar in case anyone might be interested in attending.
