

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

Provisional Minutes –9th June 2014

For Approval

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1. Attendance

Community Councillors

Ian Goudie, Ken Fraser, Henry Paul, Marysia Denyer, Kyffin Roberts, Izzy Corbin, Judith Harding, Ken Crichton, Harry Stewart, Bernadette Cassidy, Patrick Marks, Penny Uprichard, Wendy Donald, Howard Greenwell, Robert McLachlan

Students' Association Representatives

Zara Evans

Co-Opted

Lindsey Adam

Fife Councillors

Dorothea Morrison, Brian Thomson, Keith McCartney

Apologies

Callum Corbin, Tom Waterton-Smith, Frances Melville, Alice Alexander

2. Minutes of Meeting – 12th May

The minutes were accepted as a correct record

3. Presentations

3.1. Presentation by Lisa Leitch of Parent Voice

My name is Lisa Leitch and I am one of the many parents who have been campaigning for the new Madras at Pipeland as part of the Parent Voice group. This is an informal group with no fixed structure and I am here tonight merely to make a statement from Parent Voice.

Everyone here agrees on the need for a new Madras, but the issue of where to build it has been a deeply divisive one and a sad chapter in our towns recent history. The simple fact is there is no completely perfect site which is available or suitable and which everyone can agree upon.

Those opposed to Pipeland doubtless think they were acting in the best interests of the town and motivated by no more than a love of their St Andrews and a desire to protect its environment. Many have given much of their time and voluntary efforts to enriching our community. They may be surprised at the strength of feeling from other parts of the community. We have genuine sympathy for these people but also love St Andrews just as much. However parents feel injustice too. They have turned out in huge numbers to express a view and support a democratic process to decide upon a site only to find people seeking to overturn that decision through legal action rather than democracy.

We have invited groups such as the Preservation Trust and the Community Council to sit down and talk and even join us for a relaxed picnic to get to know each other better, but have not even received the courtesy of a reply and consequently feel utterly ignored. They have suddenly found themselves the threat of legal action to silence their debate and even

suggestions that objectors might take libel action against light-hearted jokes. Why, for nothing more than standing up to their children's rights and expressing a clear strong view in a democratic process. We have also heard comments picking out isolated quotes from social media and presenting them as a campaign of hate. This is unfair and unrepresentative. Thousands of comments are made on the Facebook pages every month with around 900 supporters discussing and debating the need for a new school. Individuals not Parent Voice make the majority of these comments. They are the genuine voices of our community it is not hate. Having said this anyone feeling offended by specific comments should let us know which specific comments you find to be factually inaccurate verging on abusive and we will review it and if we find it to be questionable we will remove it. However we will not accept attempts to silence debate just because someone doesn't agree with what has been said. I hope that you will be more willing to engage with the passionate views expressed in an entirely acceptable manner. The threat of judicial review hangs heavy over our children's education. It is unlikely to succeed but could cause years of delay and levels of anger and frustration in parents far beyond anything seen so far.

Therefore we would like to ask this Community Council to support a motion that states, "Now that the democratic process has run its course the community should come together, reject judicial review and begin talks and collaboration on how to make the new school the best it can possibly be for all parties". It is time to put division behind us. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak.

Mr Greenwell suggested that the motion be considered later in the meeting when the letters from Cllr Poole and Mr Rendell would be discussed.

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville

Apologies

4.2. Brian Thomson

4.2.1. Memorial Paving Slab for VC Holder Sgt Ripley

Cllr Thomson gave an update on this query about the possible paving slab to commemorate Sgt Ripley VC. He had found out the relevant officer, David Brown who had some responsibility to organise the slab. He had also checked on the guidance in relation to the paving slabs and had discovered that they were to be laid 100 years after receipt of the award and in Sgt Ripley's case this was 1915 so any slab would not need to be laid until 2015. He would discuss a possible suitable location with Mr Brown.

4.2.2. Bogward Road Resurfacing

Cllr Thomson had been pursuing the need to resurface the Bogward and Canongate roads, which he acknowledged, were in a poor state in a number of places. However he reported that Council officers did not feel that the road met the intervention criteria applied to get approval for resurfacing. He added that he would continue to pursue the matter and if unsuccessful would see if he could get it put in the following years budget. The cost of resurfacing the whole length would cost around £195000.

4.2.3. 1 Greyfriars Garden

Cllr Thomson reported that this garden is in a bit of a mess with a wheelie bin lying in it with rubbish strewn around. He said that the Council didn't have the power to go in and clear up the garden. Fife Council is still pursuing the possibility of a compulsory purchase order.

4.2.4. Fencing behind Police Station

A Council officer is still checking out the ownership of the fence and responsibility for its maintenance.

4.2.5. Saltire over Town Hall

The saltire has been replaced with a new, hopefully sturdier flag

4.2.6. Judicial Review re Madras Pipeland

Cllr Thomson expressed his disappointment that three local people had formed a limited company to progress a judicial review, which will delay the whole process. He commented that Council officers were confident that due process had been followed and would be advising the QCs etc employed to put the Council case in the Court of Session. The Council will otherwise be proceeding with the detailed planning application with a date for submission hopefully by the end of June. He acknowledged that the timescale was quite ambitious.

Miss Uprichard reminded Cllr Thomson that the letter sent out to objectors to this application gave advice about the right to apply for a judicial review. Miss Uprichard questioned Cllr Thomson about his comments in an article in a recent edition of the Courier in which he described the decision to ask for a judicial review as “outrageous”. She asked him for clarification on why he felt the decision was “outrageous”. Cllr Thomson in reply said that all that the judicial review would do would be to examine the procedure the Council went through which was in his view a fully democratic and open process. He added that in his view the condition of the school was appalling and the children were desperate for a new school. The judicial review he thought could delay the process for a considerable period of time. In his personal opinion it was an outrageous decision for the individuals involved to seek a judicial review.

Miss Uprichard asked whose responsibility it was to ensure that the current premises were fit for the pupils and staff? Cllr Thomson acknowledged that the responsibility was with Fife Council, but he added that because the Council was about to spend circa £40 million on a new school it wasn't in a position to spend millions upgrading the existing buildings.

Miss Uprichard replied that the Council should have maintained it properly over the years and asked Cllr Thomson if he agreed with her comment. Cllr Thomson said that he couldn't speak for previous administrations but acknowledged that money should have been spent and added that perhaps there had been an expectation over the past ten years about the new school leading to lack of expenditure on maintenance on existing buildings.

Mrs Corbin commented that when Kilrymont had been built it had been supposed to last at least 50 years but in less than 40 years it was now claimed not to be fit for purpose. She wondered where the money had gone to maintain the school?

4.3. Keith McCartney

4.3.1. Potholes

Cllr McCartney informed the meeting that potholes have been reported and repairs actioned at Carron Place, Hepburn Gardens, Radernie Place and Winram Place.

4.3.2. Muttoes Lane – loose slabs

Cllr McCartney reported that Muttoes Lane was inspected on 13th May and he understood the loose slabs were repaired the next day.

4.3.3. Queens Gardens – Gully problems

Cllr McCartney reported that the gullies have been jetted and one is working and one not. The Council will need to dig a trial hole and this will be performed in the coming weeks.

4.3.4. Dog mess bins

Cllr McCartney reported that bins located at the junction of Windsor Gardens/Bogward Road and Reid Gardens/Bogward Road were reported as overflowing on 23rd May and were emptied the same day.

4.3.5. Kennedy Gardens/Kinburn park- derelict rose bed

Cllr McCartney reported that – the derelict rose bed at the entrance to Kinburn Park on Kennedy Gardens has been cleaned out, new soil added and a mixture of shrubs and heathers planted.

4.3.6. Bruce Embankment – summer bedding

Cllr McCartney reported that the area of soil at the base of the CCTV camera is to be planted up with summer bedding w.b. 9th June.

4.3.7. Kinnesburn Road Fence

Cllr McCartney reported that - the work to replace the broken and missing sections of fence has been completed. It is intended to repaint the fence and anticipated that the contractor appointed will get on to this in the coming weeks.

4.3.8. Bike Tagging

Cllr McCartney reported that the bike tagging scheme continues throughout the year when required. Two officers, PC Metcalfe (University Liaison Officer) and PC Johnstone (Town Centre Officer), are carrying out patrols in the town and outlying streets over the next few

4.3.9. Ladebraes Work

Cllr McCartney reported that work on restoring the metalwork continues. The bridge at Hallowhill has now been sanded down, as has one of the ‘gates’ leading to Lawmill Gardens. The other two ‘gates’ leading to Lawmill Gardens have been sanded down and undercoated

4.3.10. Kinburn Park Road Flooding

Cllr McCartney reported that he’d had a site visit on Friday 6th June to clarify the location of the main area affected by ponding and remedial action is to be progressed.

4.3.11. Lumbo Den Path

Dr Goudie asked if there were arrangements in place for maintenance of the new path? He noted the difference between the newer bit in the lower part of the Den to the older bit on the north side of the road which he felt had begun to go downhill in a relatively short time. Cllr Morrison in reply acknowledged that there hadn’t been any discussion at the time of the work as to who would do the maintenance. She hoped that it would be maintained in a useable state and added that she’d pursue matters to ensure that it was maintained in a useable way.

4.3.12. Waiting Restrictions in Hepburn Gardens area

Miss Uprichard asked about the waiting restrictions, which she acknowledged were probably a good idea overall but she wondered if the need for parking close to St Leonards Church for weddings/funerals etc had been taken into account? Cllr McCartney in reply started by commenting that the needs of the disabled and others who needed to be close to the church had been discussed with transportation officials and taken on board. He reminded the meeting that the restrictions had started when local residents had approached the Council concerned about parking matters in the area, such as at Wardlaw Gardens where parking on either side made access down the middle difficult so parking had been stopped on the west side of that road to allow easier access. The double yellow line on Hepburn Gardens between Wardlaw Gardens and Donaldson Gardens was a road safety measure. Miss Uprichard asked why St Leonards Road had been omitted from the plans? Cllr McCartney in reply commented that it might have been excluded as no one in that street had asked for it to be included and the fact that it was a dead end road might also be relevant. Miss Uprichard in reply acknowledged that while there were only four houses in the street a lot of University traffic did go down the road to the Sports Centre. Cllr Thomson wasn’t certain that the consultation had started on the

planned changes. Miss Uprichard was concerned about the prospect of elderly churchgoers being given tickets. Cllr Thomson said he'd look into the matter and would get back to Miss Uprichard.

4.4. Dorothea Morrison

4.4.1. Referendum – Use of Town Hall as Polling Station

Cllr Morrison advised the meeting that the Town Hall might be used as the polling station for the Referendum because of the expectation of high voter turn out.

4.4.2. Waste Management Issues in St Andrews

Following the discussion last month about the problems with collection of black bags before they were attacked by seagulls creating an unsightly mess, Cllr Morrison reported that the locality meeting had been attended by the officer from Waste Management who looks after this area. He had reported that the Council was doing everything it possibly could and has introduced communal bins hoping that that should assist and it did seem to be working for a while but the situation has deteriorated again. A particularly problematic time was at the end of the University term, which might not be a rubbish collection date. Cllr Morrison that what needed to be done was to get the agents for properties involved. Mrs Harding commented that while the University had tried to arrange for an additional rubbish collection the timing had been a bit out with students leaving the day before the collection and owners of properties unaware of the plan. She felt that better communication might allow this to work better.

4.4.3. Seating in Market Street

Mrs Corbin mentioned that there were problems with people sitting on the edge of planters in Market Street, which was leading to these being damaged. She wondered if might be possible to have more seating in Market Street as a way to hopefully divert people from sitting on the planters? Cllr Morrison replied that this was an issued which had been discussed by Councillors a couple of years ago using money from the local budget to pay for them if money wasn't available from other parts of the Council budget. She still thought it might be possible with the main issue being location. She agreed to take up the issue and pursue it with the Council. Mrs Adam commented that there used to be benches by the library in Church Square and around the corner in Logies lane, which had disappeared. She wondered what had happened to them? Cllr Morrison in reply said she wasn't certain but speculated that they might have been moved in anticipation of the need of space for market stances in the area when the stalls in Market Square had to move due to health and safety reasons from that area.

Mr Greenwell asked who was taking the responsibility of finding the benches? Cllr Morrison agreed to try and locate the benches.

4.4.4. Query about Feddinch Planning Decision

Miss Uprichard queried how the service yard at Feddinch could be approved as even the planning official involved had acknowledged that it didn't meet the criteria required for a development in the Greenbelt, but in her view would have a neutral effect upon the landscape. Cllr Morrison agreed that the council planning official had acknowledged that the service yard didn't meet Greenbelt development criteria, but added that she felt that it would be very difficult to defend refusal just on those grounds. Cllr Morrison added that the location and landscaping would also possibly mean that the building would not really make much visual impact on the landscape. She acknowledged that on this occasion she was happy to go with approval despite the Greenbelt concerns. Miss Uprichard went on to express her concern about Fife Council's failure to defend the Greenbelt policy and that Fife Council appeared to her to be unable to make decisions in such cases without going to determination and wondered why that might be? Were Council officials overloaded? Cllr Morrison in reply said that in other applications the applicant has gone to the Reporter for non-determination. In this particular application the council planning official had picked up another planning application due to a colleague leaving Fife Council and whilst she'd produced a report to Committee on time she acknowledged being overloaded with work.

4.4.5. Whyte Melville Fountain

Mrs Adam asked about the Fountain and when it might be working. Cllr Morrison replied that workers had found a problem when putting the water in but hoped that that would soon be resolved.

5. Planning Committee

5.1. Planning Committee Report

Mrs Harding reported that the Planning Committee was going through changes since Mr Greenwell had been elected as Chair of the Community Council and had resigned as Chair of the Planning Committee. At the current time there were a good number of members attending the meetings but a new Chair had not been elected to date.

Miss Uprichard gave an update on Planning Committee discussions, starting with an application received in relation to the Fairmont Hotel complex. She reminded the meeting that six years ago there had been an application for developments of a number of properties on the hotel grounds, which was eventually approved the Reporter but didn't take place. The developers she said were attempting to set aside the five-year limit on the previous planning application so they could continue with planning permission. She claimed that because the Reporter had made a decision in January 2009 and the current application had only come in March 2014 that it was outside the time limit for the original application. She had written to Fife Council to ask about the limit and if it might be applied.

Other items considered by the Planning Committee included an application from the Bowling Club on the Kinnesburn Road to build 15 flats in part of its grounds and also an application to convert a flat in John Coupar Court into an HMO.

Dr Goudie reported that the archiving of planning letters and submissions has begun on the CC website. He also reminded members that Planning Committee minutes were on the website sometimes as separate items and sometimes as part of the CC minutes. He reminded the meeting that it had been the intention to restart the inclusion of the Planning Minutes as part of the CC minutes following discussion within the Planning Committee. This has not yet started but is the intention of the committee if minutes can be produced in time for inclusion with the main CC minutes. Mr Greenwell agreed with Dr Goudie on the need to incorporate the planning minutes with the main minutes on the website.

6. Matters Arising

6.1. Councillor Poole's Letter & Mr Rendell's letter – Response

Mr Greenwell read out the concluding remarks from Cllr Poole inviting the Community Council to join with Fife Council to work on the design of the new school. He acknowledged that he wasn't certain how a partnership would work and was trying to design a framework that would work. Mr Greenwell reminded the members that two meetings ago the CC had decided to defer responding until the Scottish Ministers decision on the school. Mr Greenwell sought comments from the meeting.

Miss Uprichard reminded the meeting that there were two major errors in Cllr Poole's letter, one saying that the plan was up for determination, which she said it, was not and secondly he'd claimed that planning permission in principle had been granted which it had not. She didn't feel it was possible to have a valid discussion on the basis of the letter. She acknowledged that since then ministers had given Fife Council the green light to proceed with the plans and Fife Council she was aware were planning to have the full application out in the foreseeable future.

Mr Paul asked the meeting if anyone was supporting the judicial review as he felt that it should be clearly minuted whether anyone might have a conflict of interest to avoid further criticism of CC conduct. Mr Greenwell acknowledged that he was conscious of the need as pointed out by Mr Paul to be clear about this matter.

Miss Uprichard asked how participating in the judicial review was defined and reminded the meeting that the judicial review was an examination of Fife Council's actions not directly about the actual application. Mr Greenwell replied that he couldn't answer her question, as he didn't know.

Mr McLachlan suggested inviting Cllr Poole along to the next CC meeting to clarify the points he'd made in the letter about working with the CC in partnership.

Mr Greenwell said that he also found it difficult to participate in something which (a) he didn't know what the commitment was and what the authority of the group would be, the timescale or how many times it might meet or where. He echoed Miss Uprichard's question about the purpose of the group. As the full planning application might be out later in the month he questioned again the purpose at this time. He asked the meeting for guidance. Members generally felt that there was no value in taking up the offer at this stage as it was not clear what could be achieved, especially when the full planning application is still to be published. Mr Greenwell in conclusion said that he believed that the role of the Community Council would be to make a full analysis of the planning application when it comes out to ensure that it provides the best possible school. He would have concern about compromising the position of the Planning Committee of the Community Council in its ability to comment upon the planning application when it is published.

Mr Greenwell sought the meetings authority to respond to both Cllr Poole's and Mr Rendell's letters to inform them about the CC position at this time. Mr Crichton suggested that a note be made in the minutes of those not in agreement with this decision. Mr Paul, Mr McLachlan, Mr Fraser, Mrs Donald and Ms Evans indicated a preference to speak with Cllr Poole about his proposal.

Mr Roberts thought it was a very different situation to talk with Fife Council and with parent Voice. He reminded the meeting that Parent Voice was just a group of like-minded people with no organisational structure to their "organisation" so he wondered whom the CC would speak to, which he added was part of the problem with that type of organisation. He added that as he'd said last month the role of the CC was to try and represent the views of the citizens of St Andrews and as far as he was aware from reports the majority of members of Parent Voice were not from St Andrews.

Mr Greenwell suggested that he should still write to Cllr Poole to invite him along to the meeting to say why he thought the CC should engage with Fife Council and how he wishes the CC to engage. He sought CC feeling about his suggestion. Miss Uprichard thought that it didn't make sense to engage before the CC knew the extent to which that input would extend. Mr Fraser felt that it would make sense to consider talking to Cllr Poole, as he didn't want matters to become even more divisive than it had become. He acknowledged that Cllr Poole might not like what the CC might have to say to him but that was part of the process that the Councillor would have to accept.

6.2. Reports from Representatives

None

6.3. Community Council Response to complaint by Mr Wallard

Mr Greenwell felt he'd managed to get a steer on the ongoing correspondence in this matter and in his understanding a response was to be made to Mrs Linda Bissett of Fife Council as part of the process. He acknowledged the need to draft a response soon to send to Mrs Bissett. He suggested the possibility of forming a small group consisting of himself and the two vice-Chairs, Dr Goudie and Mr Roberts to compose the reply. He asked if that was acceptable to members of the Community Council. Mr Paul suggested the possibility of the GP Committee instead of the group suggested being more representative. Miss Uprichard commented that a letter composed by a larger group would be a real struggle. In response to a query from Mr

Murphy Mr Greenwell confirmed that there were three specific points to which the CC had to respond to Mrs Bissett in relation to the complaint. Mr Greenwell asked the meeting which way should the letter be written, either by the small group as mentioned or by the GP Committee? Mr Murphy thought that the letter if written by a small group could then be emailed around members for comment and possible amendment. Mr Crichton asked if the alternatives could be voted upon. Mr Greenwell proposed the small group as detailed earlier to handle the matter and this was seconded by Mr Crichton. The motion was carried by 14 votes to 2.

6.4. Bandstand Concerts

Mr Roberts reminded the meeting that there were seven concerts booked through July and August. He asked for volunteers to assist in setting up the bandstand and serving tea and coffee to the bands.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Recreation Committee

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

With summer now upon us, our first outdoor activity takes place this week. Ronnie Murphy has kindly organised his “Grand Putting Challenge” which takes place on the evenings of the 10th & 11th June. Posters advertising the event have been placed in key public areas of the town. As a result we hope that he has had a good response and a healthy number of entries. As an annual event for councillors and local citizens alike, let's see it growing from strength to strength over the coming years.

Our annual, local garden competition is also drawing near. The judging will take place at the end of July/first week in August weather permitting. A press release has been sent to the St Andrews Citizen for publication this coming Friday. I decided to return to the format of an open letter rather than an insert in the Town News. I feel that this approach will draw more attention to the event, since this column is more widely read by subscribers. Posters are ready to be placed as usual in key areas of town. The Awards Reception for the successful winners will take place on **Tuesday September 16th** in the Town Hall supper room. The change of venue from the Burgh Chambers last year gave us the opportunity to accommodate more guests and allow us to use the kitchen facilities. As St Andrews is Scotland's representative for “Britain In Bloom” 2014, I will be extending an invitation once again to the hard working and enthusiastic team of “St Andrews In Bloom”. Who knows what success holds for this St Andrews gardening group? They will certainly be able to display their judges' presentation boards once again at our Awards Reception but fingers crossed, also the top award. They are certainly pulling out **ALL** the stops this year, with new planters at the corner of Union Street, additional hanging baskets in North Street and hopefully one in front of Blackfriars Chapel. This was kindly donated through the generosity of Madras FP Girls' Club.

Summer also highlights our Bandstand Concerts, ably organised by our Vice Chair, Kyffin Roberts. These will run from the last Sunday in July through to the end of August at the Bow Butts. The concerts are extremely entertaining and prove to be popular with visitors and townsfolk alike. I would invite Kyffin to give us an update on the dates and bookings. Please support us with your attendance if you can and remind all your friends and neighbours about these musical Sunday afternoons. As Henry mentioned at last month's meeting, we should be encouraging more “locals” to come along and support the concerts.

Mrs Denyer also commented that she hoped to hold a committee meeting in July with new members welcome. She also appealed to members to consider if they would be willing to take on the post of Chair of the Recreation Committee as she felt she'd done her stint and more for six years.

7.2. GP Meeting

There has been no recent meeting.

7.3. 200 Club

1st Mrs Wood 2nd Sir Michael Bonallack 3rd Mrs Corbin

7.4. Health, Education and Welfare Committee

No report from Mrs Corbin but she asked members to note dates in their diary for two events

1. Botanic Gardens Open Day – 22nd June
2. St Andrews Gardeners Annual Show - 26/7th September

7.5. Rail Sub Committee

No report but Dr Goudie asked for a correction in last meetings minutes to read “Network Rail” not “Scotrail”.

8. New Business

8.1. Future of the Byre Theatre

Mr Roberts reported that a meeting had taken place on the 21st May. The Byre had emailed Mr Roberts inviting representatives from the Community Council to attend a meeting along with Fife Council and the University. Mr Roberts accepted the invite but admitted to the meeting that he forgot to attend. He apologised and said he’d put the issue on the agenda for the main CC meeting. He suggested that the Community Council should have a representative to attend Byre meetings. Mrs Harding offered to be the CC representative and was appointed without any dissent. Mr Paul asked if the decision to withdraw Common Good Fund money from the Byre following its collapse would remain in place. Cllr Morrison confirmed that the Byre would not be dependent upon Common Good Funds again although the University might occasionally apply for funds to support a production.

8.2. Common Good Fund – R&A

Mr Greenwell raised the issue of the extension of the Golf Museum and its need to use 66 square metres of Common Good land to build a staircase for customers. Mr Roberts thought that an increase of the current rental pro rata which would only give Fife Council £26 pa was outrageous and shouldn’t be accepted. Mr Greenwell commented that that was something in which all CC members were in agreement. Mr Greenwell thought that the Golf Museum was gaining commercial premises at very non commercial rent and rates and he felt that there should be a level playing field over the whole area of the café in terms of the lease as other commercial premises in town had to pay. Mr Crichton wondered about disabled access? Mr Greenwell thought there would be a lift. Mr McLachlan wasn’t certain whether the stairs were for health and safety reasons or as part of the way to attract customers of the Bruce Embankment. He added that the lease terms should be much more in line with proper commercial rates than the current suggestion of a pro rata increase. Mr Greenwell suggested that the lease paid by the pet shop downstairs would give some sort of guidance about a possible rate for the Council to calculate lease terms for the café. Mr Paul reminded the meeting that the R&A has a long lease of 100 years from Fife Council so the lease terms for the main area couldn’t be raised by more than RPI but he suggested that the extra strip of land could be negotiated separately. He added that the Sea Life Centre paid an annual £1500 for two car parking spaces while the R&A had a bargain at £590 pa for the Golf Museum land. Mr McLachlan suggested that the R&A should also pay something for land being used to store equipment etc for the building work. Mrs Adam suggested that the terms of the ground lease should be checked as the museum was changing aspects of its business and this could affect the terms of the lease. Mr Greenwell agreed to check the matter with the council officer responsible. Mr Greenwell acknowledged that the R&A did provide other income for the

Council through the major tournaments such as the Open etc but still felt that Fife Council at least should examine a more commercial arrangement for the extra land.

8.3. Community Trust

Mr Paul reminded the meeting that the CC has to nominate two members to be representatives on the St Andrews Community Trust. At the present time he and Mrs Harding were the representatives. He said that under charity rules in order to have either the current representatives renew their positions or to have new representatives there had to be a formal notification of the need to nominate the representatives. Mr Paul said that he was willing to stay on the Community Trust and Mrs Harding also indicated that she was willing to stay on. Mr Crichton asked what would happen when the CC elections take place later in the year. Mr Paul acknowledged that there would have to be a renewal of nomination for current representatives if they were still Community Councillors. If they were not re-elected they could not be on the Trust board and new representatives would have to be elected.

Mr Greenwell sought the meeting's approval of the nomination of Mr Paul and Mrs Harding. This was agreed unanimously.

8.4. St Andrews Partnership

Following the resignation of Mrs Ashworth who was the CC representative on the St Andrews Partnership Mr Greenwell announced that a new representative would be required. He asked for volunteers. Mr McLachlan and Mr Murphy both indicated their interest. Mr Greenwell asked the candidates what they could offer as the representative from the CC. Mr Murphy said that he subscribed to the Partnership newsletter and took a general interest in what they were doing. Mr McLachlan felt that having read the minutes of the Partnership he could with his past experience make a contribution. The candidates then left the room as members debated their merits. Mrs Adam suggested that there was nothing to stop the CC having two members, with one attending when the other couldn't make the meeting. Mr Paul commented that the Partnership were going through a lot of issues at the present time so he felt that it would be good to have two strong representatives. He commented that there were a number of issues, which needed resolving such as the lights mentioned by Mr Murphy as something, which had disappointed his firm. Dr Goudie reminded the meeting about the importance of reporting back as there were issues important to the town and it would be useful to hear how CC representatives were contributing to discussions. Mr Crichton suggested that the CC write to the Partnership to say that there were two CC members keen to become involved and would that be acceptable? Cllr Morrison informed the meeting that both she and Cllr McCartney attended the Partnership meetings but said that there was only one who could be a director. Members voted with Mr Murphy winning the vote and therefore the primary representative as director from the CC with Mr McLachlan deputising when Mr Murphy is unavailable and attending meetings as well as a representative but not a director otherwise.

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

No further report at this time

9.2. Treasurer

Mr Paul reported that £500 had come in towards the Bandstand concerts, which gives the CC enough to put on the concerts. No questions.

9.3 Secretary

Mr Marks commented upon the correspondence received and informed the meeting that there had been a request from the Fife Coastal and Countryside Trust to come and speak about a proposed visitor centre on the West Sands. However this had been cancelled, as the Trust will

only be able to go ahead and plan if they can secure funding. Amanda McFarlane the new Chief Executive will contact the CC if funding is secured to arrange her presentation.

Mr Marks also commented on the need for a new Community Councillor following the resignation of Mr Cheape for personal reasons. Mr Marks had sent a press release to the Citizen but although this had appeared in the paper there had been no response to date.

Miss Uprichard asked about the Wellsprings Hope of Trust Parade details of which were sent out to the CC to ask for comments. Miss Uprichard was unhappy about a parade potentially causing traffic delays in the town and sought further thoughts on the matter to clarify her understanding of the nature of the parade. Mr Greenwell commented that he didn't know if the parade would be blocking all the traffic or that it would last for very long. Miss Uprichard viewed the parade as an additional complication for local traffic in the town and said she'd make enquires about the event. Mr Greenwell didn't see any reason to object.

9.3.1. Correspondence

Further details of correspondence available from the secretary as requested. No other comments.

10. Any Other Competent Business

10.1. Ceilidh – St Andrews Night

Henry reported that he'd had an email from the student from the St Andrews Fellowship, which had helped the CC, put on the Ceilidh in the Quad last year. The Fellowship was wondering whether there could be a similar arrangement this coming St Andrews Night for a Ceilidh, which would be outdoors and free. He asked the meeting if the CC would be willing to talk to and work with the Fellowship on this project? Mr Greenwell asked if there was a financial contribution? Mr Paul acknowledged that last year the CC had paid £500 towards the band but didn't at present have that level of funds to pay for a band and would require some fundraising. The venue would not be the Quad, which is being refurbished so the location is still unclear. Mr Paul was keen to start a dialogue with the Fellowship. The meeting agreed unanimously to let Mr Paul start that dialogue.

10.2. Parent Voice Motion

Mr Greenwell asked the meeting if they wished to consider the motion put forward by Mrs Leitch at the beginning of the meeting in her presentation? The general feeling of the meeting was not to consider the motion at this time.

10.3. Putting Competition

Mr Murphy reminded the meeting about the competition taking place tomorrow night at the Himalayas Putting Green. This year numbers were down to 22 competitors so Mr Murphy proposed to have the whole competition in one evening and not the two as previously.

10.4. Hidden Gardens open Day

Mrs Denyer reminded the meeting about the Hidden Gardens on the 29th June with new gardens to view this year.

10.5. Craigtoun Park Country Fair – 28/29th June

Mr Roberts announced that Craigtoun Park would be opening for the summer season with a Country Fair on the 28/29th June.