

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

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0. St Andrews Pilgrim Badge Presentation to Lori Grimshaw

1. Attendance

Community Councillors

Shaun Atkinson, Ken Crichton, Ken Fraser, Zoe Smith, Laurence Reed, Patrick Marks, Henry Paul, Judith Harding, Ian Goudie, Carol Ashworth, Marysia Denyer, Dave Finlay

Students' Association Representatives

Matthew Guest

Nominated

Fife Councillors

Frances Melville, Bill Sangster, Robin Waterston

Apologies

Fiona Harden, Matthew Verrell, Rob Fett, Jude Innes, Alex Bain, Dorothea Morrison

2. Minutes of June 2008 Meeting

Mrs Denyer asked that her presence at the last meeting be noted, having been omitted.

3. Presentations

3.1. P.C. Brian Robinson

3.1.1. Buggies on West Sands

Mr Finlay asked about the legal position with the use of these motorised vehicles on the West Sands. He commented on the amount of noise and nuisance to members of the public walking on the beach. In reply P.C. Robinson said that he thought they could be used below the High Water mark, but would check with the relevant authority to get a clear picture. In relation to the noise pollution, P.C. Robinson said that on the road they could be dealt with, but on the beach it was a grey area. Cllr Melville commented on a similar experience she'd had near her home. She complained to the police and the problem had stopped. P.C. Robinson acknowledged the need to deal with such problems and emphasised the safety aspect both on and off –road. Cllr Sangster commented that there was CCTV coverage at the beginning of the West Sands, but facing away from the beach direction. P.C. Robinson replied that the CCTV was on an automatic cycle, but operators could be contacted to request that the cameras be turned to focus the other direction.

3.2. Madras Archive Project 2008 – update

Matthew Wright gave an update on this project and handed out a printed report with details. He reported that he and his colleague had catalogued all of the items in the archive, some 1600 items and had been given an additional 150 or so from members of the public. They'd been given the PTA Archive, which dates back to the 1950s recently. He acknowledged the contribution of £50 from the 200 Club. They've been

recataloging the material into a new internet table. They hope to be able to make it simpler for anyone researching online to find out relevant information, such as past pupil records for specific years. They have also been meeting a range of interested parties including the University, which may take material into its archival section. Publicising the archive is another important area, with meetings with local press to give them information for articles. Involvement of other pupils currently at school is also being developed. It was hoped to have the archive online by the end of September or earlier. Contact has also been made with Kinburn Museum and the Preservation Trust. Responses are being awaited from both organisations. So far just under a third of what will be required to fund the project has been raised.

Future goals include growing the archive in conjunction with the community and the school. Despite having catalogued over 1600 items, Mr Wright pointed out that for a school of Madras College's age this did not constitute a large number, so he hoped that more would come forward to fill in gaps. They hoped as well to promote the archives as a resource for both the school and the community.

Ms Smith praised Mr Wright for the quality and comprehensiveness of the presentation. Mr Wright added that while the £50 contribution was welcomed, further donations would be welcomed from either the Community Council or its affiliated organisations or from other trusts of which anyone might be a member. Cllr Sangster informed Mr Wright that their application to the Pilgrim Foundation is to be looked at soon. Mr Finlay asked about the URL of the archive website. Mr Wright in reply acknowledged that it could either be a part of the current Madras College website or a new website. He would be happy to return to inform the Community Council on this matter.

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville

4.1.1. Departure Hearing Date Correction

Cllr Melville pointed out an error in the July Agenda correspondence about the date of the Departure Hearing re the Hotel proposal at Kinkell Braes – this is to be the 27th August, not 26th July as listed.

4.1.2. Blue Flag Awards

Cllr Melville reported that the East Sands had lost its blue flag, but Fife as a whole had done well with the West Sands, Leven Beach, Elie Harbour, Burntisland and Aberdour. It was hoped to get East Sands back next year. Mr Paul asked the reason for the loss of the blue flag at East Sands. Cllr Melville acknowledged that she'd not really heard, but it was probably water quality. Ms Smith explained the probably reason which was to do with information on water quality, which could be historical by the time a decision was made. Mr Finlay commented that he couldn't understand why water quality didn't affect West Sands as well. Cllr Sangster explained that it just required a slight change in water flow in a localised area to change readings, while leaving other local beaches untouched. Mr Finlay concluded after Cllr Sangster's remark - was it not the case that the water quality was being degraded due to the sewage out falls from the Kinkell Braes and this should be investigated.

4.1.3. West Sands Project

Cllr Melville reported that this major project, involving Fife Council, Scottish Enterprise the Links Trust and the R & A has been seriously affected by changes in the way Scottish Enterprise can allocate funding. This has been a decision at Scottish Government level, with Scottish Enterprise being told to use their funds for "inward investment." Fife Council's Chief Executive is writing to Scottish Enterprise and Cllr Melville is writing a letter expressing concern to Stewart Maxwell the Scottish Minister for Communities etc. Scottish Enterprise had talked about £600000 as their contribution, though it hadn't actually been formally approved, with Fife Council and the Links Trust contributing £450000 each and the R&A, £150000. She still hoped that quite a lot could be done with the £1 million still committed. Ms Smith wondered if there was any scope for any of the other contributors upping their contribution, given the benefit, which would accrue to at least one of them? Cllr Melville acknowledged that that would be up to the partners to discuss. Mr Atkinson asked what the money was for? Cllr Melville gave a short historical summary of previous work at the beginning of the West Sands by the Bruce Embankment, and how successful it had been. This next phase would tackle areas further along including the road, which is in a poor state. Cllr Waterston also commented on the problem raised by this decision, and has written to John Swinney on the matter. Cllr Melville added that in a letter to the Links Trust from Scottish Enterprise was that local councils should fund this type of project. Ms Smith asked of the Community Council could write to express its concern about this decision? Cllr Melville thought that it would be useful to write to John Swinney.

Letter to be written to John Swinney

4.2. Bill Sangster

4.2.1. Castle Course Opening

Cllr Sangster reported that he'd attended the official opening of the new Castle Course

4.2.2. St Andrews in Bloom

Cllr Sangster congratulated St Andrews in Bloom for what he considered their fantastic displays. Mr Finlay asked about the cost of the St Andrews in Bloom exercise. Cllr Sangster replied that the treasurer of St Andrews in Bloom could give a figure, but the funding did come from a variety of sources. Ms Smith added that in her understanding watering costs alone is about £3000 for the year.

4.2.3. Bandstand Concerts Problem

Cllr Sangster felt that it would be a pity if the concerts didn't take place this year. He added that he'd be prepared to help out if the Community Council decided to go ahead with the concerts.

4.2.4. Hamilton Hall

Cllr Sangster commented that there had been a lot of concern at the lack of progress. He explained that there was a timescale for starting developments, but not one for finishing them. He'd be trying to find out what exactly was happening

4.2.5. Muttoes Lane

Cllr Sangster reported that the Pilgrim Foundation is trying to get this lane repainted.

4.2.6. Market Street Closures

Market Street will close on the 13th and 20th July to allow a crane to install a new air conditioning unit for the Tesco store. This will be from 6.00 am to about midday. Ms Smith asked that Transportation be asked to provide sufficient notices warning of closure and alternative routes for pedestrians/ vehicles. Mr Finlay mentioned about concerns raised by an elderly couple who live in Bell Street about the noise from air conditioning at Tesco. Cllr Sangster said he'd check out the matter.

4.2.7. University Parking Plan Forum

Cllr Sangster has volunteered to attend this forum, looking at any parking issues related to the university.

4.2.8. Sea Cadets

Cllr Sangster appealed for volunteers to help out with this budding organisation. Ms Smith supported his appeal, emphasising that they were looking for anyone with an interest in youth work. A new commanding officer has been appointed, but a second officer and volunteers are still required. Mr Crichton asked if there was any minimum age for volunteers. Ms Smith thought 18 years. Mrs Harding asked for the phone number for the Sea Cadets. Cllr Sangster suggested that she contact him and he'd pass on details to the Sea Cadets.

4.2.9. Police Firearms Capability Firing Range

Cllr Sangster had visited this and found it very interesting. He reported that there are 75 firearms officers in Fife.

4.2.10. Lawhead School Play Area

The play area has been resurfaced, having been in a poor state.

4.2.11. St Andrews/Loches Alliance

6 young French visitors from Loches are to be visiting and will be getting training in golf etc.

4.2.12. South Street Seating

He has asked that the street seating be put in place. One problem has been planning permission for seating around the trees.

4.2.13. Licensing Board

Cllr Sangster is a member of the Licensing Board, which is now meeting on a weekly basis, every Monday. He listed the objectives of the Licensing Board – 1. Preventing crime and disorder. 2. Securing Public Safety. 3. Preventing Public Nuisance. 4. Protecting and Improving Public Health. 5. Protecting Children from Harm. He commented how the Board had been coming down hard on any Licensees caught selling drink to under 18 yr olds. Ms Smith asked about the Spar appeal. Cllr Sangster confirmed that it had not yet been heard.

4.2.14. Harbour Planning Dilemma

Mr Crichton asked about the recent issue where none of the Fife Councillors could vote on a planning application related to the harbour area, because they were or had been recently members of the Barbour Trust who had objected to the plans. Cllr Sangster in reply expressed the view that councillors should be on all such committees, as it gave an insight as to how they are run, but when it came to planning there was a problem. Mr Crichton still thought that councillors should be able to be on both council and non-council committees. Cllr Sangster replied that this was not just a Fife Councillors problem, but Scottish wide. Cllr Waterston added that there was a real dilemma, but he felt that some councillors should be on committees such as the Harbour Trust. Rightly or wrongly he added all local councillors had gone on to the board of the Harbour Trust. As Councillors however they had different roles, going on to such committees/boards representing the local community, but this conflicted with their ability to make decisions on planning matters about which the organisation in question had an interest. Cllr Melville concurred about the difficulties in their position. If the Harbour Trust hadn't objected there wouldn't have been a problem for them as councillors. Mr Reed said that the planning committee had put in an objection following contact from Cllr Waterston and they'd sent an objection to the Scottish Government. Cllr Waterston confirmed that because SEPA had objected the application on the grounds of flood risk, hadn't been approved and had to go to the Scottish Government.

Dr Goudie commented that he supported Mr Crichton's view, as from experience over the years he'd found it frustrating that there hadn't been more councillors on committees/boards of influential local organisations, to add weight to the local views on matters.

Ms Smith asked if there was a way in which things could be done better now that there was a multi member ward. Cllr Waterston acknowledged that it was easier now for some councillors to be on local committees/boards and some not. He also understood Dr Goudie's views that councillors should be able to put the local communities' views on local planning decisions. The only way around the problem he felt was for organisations on which local councillors were members not to put in objections to matters, which could disbar local councillors from contributing to a decision such as a planning application. Cllr Sangster acknowledged the difficulties, adding that councillors could be seen to be representing a small interest group rather than the whole community.

4.2.15. Dempster Terrace/Queens

Mr Finlay asked about problems with wheelchairs/buggies getting access to the path down to Dempster Terrace from Queen's Gardens. Cllr Sangster explained about the difficulty in getting double yellow lines painted.

4.2.16. Kinness Burn Clearance

Mr Finlay asked for a progress report on the clearing of the Kinness Burn. Cllr Sangster commented that Cllr Waterston would deal with the query.

4.3. Robin Waterston

4.3.1. Bandstand

Cllr Waterston reported that the bandstand had been repaired and repainted and is useable.

4.3.2. Lamberton Place Flooding

A contract had been agreed to replace the drainpipes and rebuilding the ditch between September and October.

4.3.3. Hidden Gardens – St Andrews Preservation Trust

Cllr Waterston congratulated the St Andrews Preservation Trust on its work in relation to the hidden gardens.

4.3.4. East Market Street

The work in this area is now complete apart from double yellow lines to be painted and parking signs to be put up.

4.3.5. West Sands Green Exercise Programme

Cllr Waterston described this initiative which he felt should be publicised. Mr Marks commented that he'd received information and it was mentioned in the agenda. Mrs Denyer asked where information on these events would be advertised / available. Cllr Waterston thought that it would be in the local office, library and Tourist Information Office etc.

4.3.6. South Street Pavement Work

BT are going to have to dig up the pavement between the old Post Office and Argos due to malfunctioning cables, blamed on tree roots.

4.3.7. Kinnessburn Flood Prevention Plan Funding

This plan has missed the capital funding programme with Fife Council. Cllr Waterston is to ask for a meeting with Derek Crowe to look at short-term measures, separate from long-term issues, which he also touched upon. Mr Finlay then raised the query from the Army in Scotland about tasks we could ask them to do in St Andrews, and how we'd replied as Community Council, with one suggestion being the cleaning out of the Kinnessburn. Mr Marks acknowledged that he'd emailed the Army in Scotland with this mentioned as a tentative suggestion. Mr Marks however cautioned that the probability of this being viewed as suitable would be subject to a range of external factors. Mr Paul added that he'd heard from the Commanding Officer for the Territorial Army in Scotland that they weren't keen to do any tasks, which Fife Council could or should be doing as part of its remit. Cllr Sangster added that he'd had a previous problem when he'd organised for a group of men to do a clear out, but had been stopped by Fife Council and SEPA.

Cllr Waterston said that there was an issue about SEPA, but that there was also an issue in relation to Fife Council officials who weren't convinced that the silting up of the burn was the main issue, rather the high tides coinciding with heavy rainfall. He felt that there needed to be clarity on this matter and added that SEPA had very stringent restrictions on dredging. SEPA would have expected an environmental impact assessment to be done before allowing any dredging. This would cost £30000, using consultants. The finances had been approved, but Cllr Waterston questioned the worth of this expenditure, and felt that it might be necessary to go back to the drawing board on this matter.

4.3.8. Bicycle Racks – South Street

Mr Fraser asked about the bicycle racks promised for South Street, but which haven't so far appeared. Cllr Waterston acknowledged the non-appearance and blamed it on the need for a planning application, which they've not yet received. Cllr Sangster added that the delay centred on the planning application containing the plans for the seats around the trees. He hoped that the delay could be resolved by removing the complicating part of the planning application, as mentioned earlier.

4.3.9. New Hospital Name

Cllr Waterston hoped that the Community Council might be able to come up with a name for the new hospital. Mrs Denyer thought that the new hospital name needed to contain the "Memorial" part in its name, given the local history of the original hospital.

5. Planning Committee

5.1 Planning Committee Minutes

No comment

5.2. Statement from Dr Goudie

Dr Goudie had attended the departure hearing in the past week about the Newpark site. He said that the most surprising comment had been from the developer, who had suggested that Fife Council were prepared to take payment instead of insisting on affordable housing development at the earmarked site. However he'd been passed information by Ms Uprichard to suggest that that statement by the developers was incorrect. He had been surprised that Fife Council would be taking about a mix of mainstream and affordable housing at John Knox Road, and simultaneously agree to only mainstream at Newpark. Cllr Waterston agreed that there had been a mix up in communications on the matter, which had been sorted out. Dr Goudie went on to query which of the goals was the primary goal? The lack of affordable housing was the primary goal to resolve, but he felt that there was a secondary goal, which the Community Council had supported, which was the need for mixed developments, which would prevent ghettoisation according to income.

Dr Goudie also asked about the curious response from Fife Council when the John Knox Road developer had offered to build 78 affordable houses, but Fife Council had insisted that 26 of the properties be mainstream houses for sale. Dr Goudie wondered what the Council's procedure in this instance was as he didn't see it as part of Fife Council Development Plan. He wondered whether when an official was approached by developers and made such a response, was he acting on his own initiative or on instructions from the governing coalition in the Council? Would this mean that any future offers of large scale affordable housing development would be turned down, unless they contained a proportion of mainstream housing of the usual size favoured by private developers?

Cllr Waterston in reply said that the Council was in a very difficult position, being in a state of interregnum between plans. This meant that developers could apply for what they liked and planners had to respond in relation to whatever policy they had to hand. He reminded the meeting of the discrepancy between the 1996 Local Plan which had been approved, and the 2006 Plan which has not been approved, though it is a lot more up to date. He said that there was the policy of 30% of affordable housing in developments over a certain size to which planning officials would be working at the present time. Hopefully he added that very soon the local plan or a version of it arising out of the previous consultation and therefore modified a bit in certain respects, would be consulted upon again. At that stage the local community could express its wishes about the percentage of affordable housing, which should be built in various development areas.

Cllr Waterston acknowledged that developers will rarely be prepared to built more than the minimum percentage of affordable housing required by development policy. Cllr Waterston said the role of the local community will come again soon in relation to the planning process consultation. He admitted that it was very difficult for officers, local members and organisations to put in objections when there wasn't a recognised and consulted upon up to date plan. Ms Smith wondered why Fife Council were talking to the developers about John Knox Road, when their site was the New Park School site. She thought the basis of the problem was that the developer didn't want to build affordable housing beside the expensive 5 bed roomed apartments planned.

Cllr Waterston reminded the meeting that if planners turned down developer's proposals without good reason, the developer could appeal against the decision. This could lead to a public enquiry with a Reporter in charge making the decision.

Cllr Sangster commented that there were ways to restrict problems with affordable housing. If a Housing Trust owned the land, it would not be possible to sell the properties.

Dr Goudie commented on how Community Council members had fought to protect the community from inappropriate development when the last Local Plan was being finalised in the mid 1990s. He expressed concern about the emphasis, which officials were placing on the more recent draft local plan, which was based on a Structure Plan, which had not been approved. There hadn't been the opportunity yet to discuss the detailed proposals within the draft local plan. He reminded the meeting that the point he'd been trying to highlight originally, was the one about what guidance was given to officials, when developers approached them in an attempt to reduce the percentage of affordable housing they might have to include. He was therefore keen to ensure that officials were also given guidance to make appropriate decisions when, as in the recent offer by the developer of John Knox Road to build 100% affordable housing, they'd tried to reduce the percentage as detailed earlier in the minutes.

In reply Cllr Waterston said that in the yet as unapproved structure plan, and in guidance from the Scottish Government there was talk about mixed communities in relation to planning housing developments, and that was the basis on which officials were making decisions. He suggested that if the Planning Committee, or the Community Council wanted to put forward what they wanted to see in relationship to higher degrees of affordability that would be helpful for the local councillors.

Ms Smith commented that as Dr Goudie had pointed out a lot of the argument at the recent departure hearing was based on the proposed structure plan. She felt that the Community Council needed something

to base decisions upon and that was the local plan. Cllr Waterston commented that in the 1996 local plan and in the housing market assessment there was apparently no housing need. Ms Smith agreed, but said that the lack of demand for affordable housing was because of a lack of affordable housing. Cllr Sangster added that he asked the planners for their definition of affordable housing and they'd talked about a mix of housing types, which could include new council housing, and affordable to buy. Cllr Waterston said that it was difficult for them as local members reminding the meeting that they couldn't make any comment on live planning applications, but in terms of general principle he wasn't certain if there was a clear view within the Community Council or local community on some of these questions.

Dr Goudie hoped that in relation to the type of housing needed locally that officials were being given guidance on local views. He reminded the meeting that the Community Council had favoured more social rented housing, rather than housing, which might be, low cost for sale given that this could quickly become unaffordable. He cited the sale of houses in Younger Gardens as a recent example of affordable housing becoming less affordable.

6. Matters Arising

6.1. Hospital Travel Plan

Ms Smith reported on behalf of Ms Rowe who has been attending the meetings. She had expressed concern that there was no "hospital travel plan," with a lot of emphasis on car sharing, cycling, walking, without taking into consideration that sick people may not be able to use such transport. The outlook for the travel plan was not good at the present time. Ms Smith said that she hoped to get William Dove the NHS representative who was dealing with the travel plan to attend the Community Council and take questions. Ms Smith planned to attend one of these meetings later in the week, to get a feel for the situation. She further commented on the lack of parking, the lack of a taxi rank near the doors, no dedicated bus route and no shuttle bus, so felt that things were not looking good for a hospital due to open in about a year. Cllr Melville added that the issue of transport for sick people had been brought up at earlier meetings, and the likelihood that most would make use of bus transport. Ms Smith viewed the current situation as a bit of a shambles and going round in circles, despite having good representation from all interested organisations. Mr Finlay reported that Ms Rowe had told him that the Fife Council Transportation official present did not have any idea about local bus routes. Cllr Sangster replied that the bus companies set their own routes and it might be the case that the Transportation official might not be from this area and wouldn't know the local set up. The potential lack of car parking was further discussed. Ms Smith mentioned that there was an arrangement for Morrisons to act as an overspill car park, though she thought that this might be problematic given how busy it could be at times. Concern about overspill car parking in neighbouring streets was also mentioned.

Mr Crichton expressed the view that the shortage of parking would only benefit the developer if he was approached about buying more land, as he could dictate the price. In relation to the public transport Mr Crichton thought that the Park and Ride could be brought into the equation, with buses from the North Haugh, around town and up to the hospital on a frequent and regular basis. Cllr Sangster felt that the idea was a non-starter, partly because there isn't such a service this year and won't be considered in the near future. He'd favour a Park and Ride for which users paid a fare, as he felt it was the only way to make it viable.

6.2. Beach Clean Report

Mr Marks reported that the Beach Clean had been quite successful, with a couple of dozen or more helpers collecting over 70 sacks of rubbish. Rubbish included a lot of plastic rope and other plastic material, plus some bottles of alcohol and a message in a bottle, allegedly sent by a young boy from the Wick area a number of years previously! Cllrs Paul, Denyer and Marks had attended, as well as Cllr Waterston.

6.3. Involvement in Town Xmas Celebrations

No report

6.4. Data Protection Act – Compliance

Mr Marks has been speaking to various Fife Council officials to try and get clear advice on the completion of the online application form. There was no news as to whether Fife Council will pay the registration fee, but Fife Councillors are pressing for this to be paid. Mr Crichton queried the need for registration as he thought we'd have permission of anyone likely to be mentioned. Mr Marls agreed that that might be the

case, but given that he might also be dealing with information on other individuals, it was in that area where the DPA might come into play, which was why he was seeking legal advice. The Data Protection Commissioner clearly thought that Community Councils should register because of their role as public bodies. Mr Crichton thought that adding riders to letters regarding permission required could solve other data issues.

6.5. MUSA Funding

Mr Atkinson said that he'd not received any questions about the MUSA application prior to the meeting. He reminded the meeting that there were two levels of funding, £1430 to be a patron and £600 for lower level support, which would be acknowledged in a visible form. He thought that supporting MUSA would be a good thing for the Community Council. He recognised that Community Council funds were limited, but also thought that it would be a good use of funds, and one, which would last. He cited examples of ways in which the Community Council used some of its money on a regular basis and reminded the meeting that this would be a one off payment, not an ongoing one. He wanted to hear about any concerns, which the Community Council might have in spending money on this project. Ms Smith in reply said she didn't think that the Community Council had even the £600 to pay out. Mr Atkinson felt that it was a worthwhile amount, as the whole community would benefit, as it would be publically accessible. Mr Finlay asked what the money was required for? Mr Atkinson replied that it was a form of sponsorship. Ms Smith thought that the sponsorship might be for maintenance and acquisition of artefacts. Mr Finlay said that it was difficult to make a decision, when the accounts weren't available to help the Community Council know what the funding situation might be at the time of the meeting. He wanted the accounts to be available via email and proposed that this should be a requirement when the agenda/minutes were sent out. This was seconded by Mr Paul. Ms Smith felt that the request couldn't be considered at the meeting, because of the lack of available financial information. She also commented that she felt that £600 could be better spent by the Community Council. However she was prepared to have the item on the agenda at the next meeting when details of the Community Council financial position would be available. Mr Atkinson agreed to contact Mr Fett. Mr Guest suggested that sponsorship by the Community Council might give a positive message about town/gown relations, given the shared history of both groups. He felt that it would make the Community Council look good and would get the Community Council more positive publicity.

Mr Atkinson expressed his concern that he'd not received any questions about the proposal in the past month since the item first appeared on the agenda. He recognised that there may not have been time at the last meeting to properly examine the item, but believed that the intervening weeks should have been enough time to allow questions to be considered by members. Ms Smith commented that the exhibits appeared to be primarily university linked, with virtually no material relating to the community, which made her question where the ownership was for the Community Council and local people.

Mr Atkinson to contact Mr Fett.

6.6. Reports from Representatives

6.6.1. St Andrews World Class Meeting

Mr Fraser had attended a recent meeting, which was quite significant. The meeting centred around a consultant's report on what might replace the organisation, but as the report was only a draft one, which might not be accepted by the directors, it was not discussed at that meeting in detail. Once the report was confirmed Mr Fraser then thought that it might be worth inviting Mr Loughlin to give a presentation and answer questions, and have a full discussion. Cllr Sangster pointed out that as funding was mostly from Scottish Enterprise, he wondered if the recent changes in that body's funding priorities might affect it. Mr Fraser acknowledged that this had not been discussed at the meeting.

6.6.2. Cosmos Management Committee

Ms Smith had attended a recent meeting but had nothing of substance to report.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Recreation Committee

No recent meeting

7.2. General Purposes Committee

No meeting but needs to meet soon.

7.3. 200 Club

7.3.1. 200 Club Draw

1st Mrs F Sanderson, 2nd Mr M Hnedry 3rd Mrs E Cormack

7.3.2. 200 Club Grants & Membership

Since February some £2900 has been given out. Mr Paul asked what remained in the account. Mr Reed said about £2500. He's not had time to do a membership drive, due to other Community Council business.

7.4. Health, Education and Welfare Committee

The Travel Plan had been discussed.

8. New Business

8.1. Review of Common Good Grant Procedures

As detailed in Appendix D – Mr Marks thought that Mr Crichton might like to study the detail and respond to Fife Council.

8.2. Fife Children's Panel Advisory Committee - Vacancies

Mr Marks explained that this was basically a letter advertising vacancies in this committee, which appoints Children's Panel Members and was writing out to all relevant organisations that might have suitable or interested members.

8.3. St Andrews West Sands - Green Exercise Programme

As mentioned earlier by Cllr Waterston and detailed in Appendix F

8.4. Request for Use of Coat of Arms

Mr Guest said that he was involved in producing a new Students Year Book, and as part of this wished to use the Community Council Coat of Arms, as part of a mention about student involvement.

8.5. Community Councillor Training

Mr Marks had received a letter on this subject, which related to training for Community Councillors. He agreed to email out the details, if he hadn't done so already. He thought that it would be useful as it might give members a better idea of how they could contribute in their roles.

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

9.1.1. Madras Action Day for the Environment

Ms Smith congratulated Mr Paul in relation to the Madras College day of activity in which he played a key role.

9.2. Treasurer

No report, but Mr Marks reported that he is acting as temporary treasurer. The details of the new High Interest Business Account with the Abbey had been received as well.

9.3 Secretary

9.3.1. Correspondence

See appendix A.

10. Any Other Competent Business

10.1. Bandstand Concerts

Mr Finlay explained that the costs of £2000 were requiring to be increased to attract the list of bands that have normally attended the bandstand in the past. However he also raised the question as to whether it was correct that the money should be drawn out of the Common Good Fund of St Andrews when he didn't see any local residents in attendance during last year's concerts, and the fact that Funds to clear the Kinness Burn, renew the notice board at Spar's etc etc from Fife Council are consistently not available.