

Monthly Agenda – November 2008

There will be a meeting of the community council at 7pm Monday 3rd November in the Burgh Chambers of the Town Hall, Queen's Gardens. There will be a short break at about 8pm during which the 200 Club draw will be made. The meeting is audio-recorded to assist the secretary in producing the minutes.

(Copies of Agendas and Minutes of the Community Council are held at Fife Council's Local Office, St Mary's Place and the Town Library, Church Square. Those from late 1997 on are on line at <http://www.standrewscc.net/>)

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of October 2008

Read for accuracy in matters of substance – harangue the secretary for minor errors (spelling etc) outwith the meeting.

3. Presentations

3.1. St Andrews Charities Campaign - Mhairi McGaan

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville

4.2. Bill Sangster

4.3. Robin Waterston

4.4. Dorothea Morrison

5. Planning Committee

5.1. Planning Committee Reports

6. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

6.1. Election of New Councillors - update

6.2. Art and Photography Exhibition - update

6.3. Report from Arms Convenor

“Vote on the future of the Arms Agreement”

6.4. Climate Challenge Fund - update

6.5. Reports from Representatives

6.6. Any Other Matters Arising

7. From Committees

7.1. Recreation

7.2. General Purposes

7.3. 200 Club – see Agenda B for recent Draw winners

7.4. Health, Education & Welfare Committee

8. New Business

8.1. Friends of the Botanic Garden Subscription

8.2. Volunteer of the Year Awards 2008 – 27/11/08

A letter has been received from Volunteer Centre Fife asking for nominations for Volunteer of the Year in Fife. The categories include, Young volunteer, Student volunteer, volunteer team and Mature Volunteer of the Year. The secretary has details and an application form. If you have anybody you feel deserves nominating, the secretary can supply an application form. Forms have to be returned by Friday 7th November to the Volunteer Centre Fife in Kirkcaldy.

8.3. Core Paths and the Lade Braes

See Appendix C. For information.

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

9.2. Treasurer

9.3. Secretary

9.3.1. Correspondence – Appendix A.

10. Any Other Competent Business

Please notify Chair of AOCB items before the start of the meeting or at the break. Hint: Given that the end of the meeting is often taken in something of a rush, unless items are urgent it might be better to submit them for next meeting's New Business.

Appendix A Correspondence

Oct 2008	Volunteer Centre Fife	Volunteer of the Year Awards 2008 – 27 th November
06/10/08	Friends of the Botanic Garden	Letter to Mr Crichton clarifying subscription situation.
09/10/08	Cosmos Community Centre	Letter about arrival and photo session about new minibus.
20/10/08	The Crown Estate	Newsletter – Marine News – Autumn 2008
06/10/08	Donald Mackay	Letter about factual error in September minutes relating to Core Paths definition – see Appendix C.
07/10/08	Fife Council – Performance & Organisational Support Team	Letter re licence application for Charity Fun Run – 26/04/09 by University of St Andrews Charities Campaign
Oct 2008	Fife Council	Notice of Planning Committee Meeting 21/10/08
Oct 2008	Fife Council	Notice of Planning Committee Meeting 15/10/08
22/10/08	Claire Baker MSP	Letter about: Meet Young Gypsy Travellers Drop In Event – Monday 3 rd November 2 – 3.30 pm Rothes Halls
14/10/08	Fife Council – Local, Community and Housing Services	Letter about BT's proposals to re-align payphone provision to meet consumer demand. Only phone affected in St Andrews is at St. Mary Street.

Appendix B 200 Club Draw Winners

August Winners

1st. No.167 E Reed
2nd. 23 D. Sangster
3rd. 77 S. Donaldson

September Winners

1st. No.78 H. Croll
2nd. 27 K.Fewster
3rd. 119 P.Bairsto

October Winners

1st. No.11 B. McKenzie
2nd. 5 E.Kerracher
3rd. 36 F.Selwyn

Appendix C. The Land Reform Act, Core Paths and the Lade Braes Walk – letter received from Mr Mackay

I have just finished reading the minutes of the Community Council's September meeting. It seems to me that Community Council members are simply not aware of the purposes of this part of the Land Reform Act. There is nothing in it requiring that core paths must be multi-use. There is nothing in the Act that requires every designated core path "to be promoted" as a cycle path.

Section 17 "Core Paths Plan" 17(2)(a) in the Act states that a "right of way by foot, horseback, pedal cycle or any combination of these, being rights which are or may be established by or under any enactment or rule of law" may be included in a core paths plan. The Lade Braes walk, from Queen's Terrace to the Law Mill and onward to Hepburn Gardens at Little Carron, and the onward path from the Law Mill to Bogward Road at the Lumbo Burn, are all r o w's in the "Pedestrian " category. 17(2)(b) provides that other paths, not r o w 's may be included (also). I think the words "any combination of these" are quite clear in intention.

Personally, I had felt that the Ladebraes should not be "horseback"; the idea of horses meeting a young mother with a pram, two other youngsters and perhaps a dog seems unwise. Cycles may be less of a problem, at reasonable speeds. I would leave that consideration to the young mothers and perhaps the elderly such as myself.

I am certain that the Lade Bares Walk should be designated; it is an essential and delightful "green corridor" for those such as myself living (and those holidaying) in central St Andrews, and seeking the hinterland, and, of course, for the residents of the Bogward area seeking access to the town centre. I can think of no more appropriate candidate core path in Fife.

I am a member of the Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society: the above are my personal views: I have not consulted the Society on this matter.

Donald Mackay