Monthly Agenda – October 2008

There will be a meeting of the community council at 7pm Monday 6th October 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.

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1. Apologies

2. Minutes of September 2008

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

3. Presentations

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville

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. Beautiful Scotland Result

Report

6.2. St. Andrews in Bloom

Report

6.3. Best Kept Town

Report

6.4. Election of New Community Councillors - update

6.5. Art and Photography Exhibition – update.

6.6. Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council Charitable Trust –update.

6.7. Update from Arms Convener

6.8. Reports from Representatives

6.9. Any Other Matters Arising

7. From Committees

7.1. Recreation

7.2. General Purposes

7.3. 200 Club

7.4. Health, Education & Welfare Committee

8. New Business

8.1. Community Council Networking Sessions

8.2. E-Planning Access for Customers – Removal of Plans from Local Offices

8.3. Proposed re-establishment of Community Council Support Working Group – see Appendix B.

8.4. Data Protection Training Sessions

See in correspondence from Linda Purdie

8.5. Citizen Advocacy Development Project

Notice of inaugural public meeting 30/10/08 at 19.00, Corn Exchange, Cupar of new citizen advocacy organisation **includeME**.

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

26/09/08	Fife Council Democratic Services	Email about Proposed Re-establishment of Community Council Support Working Group.
30/09/08	Fife Council Development Services	Email E-Planning Access For Customer – Removal Of Plans From Local Offices – letter from Jim Birrell
05/09/08	Fife Council Democratic Services	Email from Linda Purdie about training session on Data Protection at Fife House on 29th October – 2 sessions – one at 10 am-12 and second at 18.00 – still time to book.
05/09/08	DigitalUK	Invite to switchover event for community councils – Tuesday 7th October 10.30 – 11.30, Committee Room 1, 14 City Square, Dundee.
05/09/08	Fife Council Performance and Organisational Team	Letter re Sponsored Walk Licence application by Waid Academy – 28/11/08
29/09/08	Citizen Adocacy Deveopment Project	Letter inviting to inaugural public meeting – see agenda for details and ask secretary
10/09/08	Fife Council Development Services	Letter: Statement of Intent to Prepare Alteration to Fife Minerals Subject Local Plan –letter advising of alteration to 2004 version of this plan to be consulted upon in next 8 weeks.

Appendix B Proposed re-establishment of Community Council Support Working Group

As you may be aware, arising from the Community Council Seminar in May this year a report recommending that the above Working Group be re-established was submitted to the Policy Finance & Asset Management Committee in September. The Committee approved the recommendation in principle subject to a further

report being submitted on the proposed remit and membership of the Group, following consultation with Community Councils.

The previous Working Group comprised four elected members of Fife Council and fifteen Community Councillors, being five from each of three former areas. Although the Group worked well and was a useful forum for debate it was felt that had there been full attendance on a regular basis it might have proved more difficult to get through the business and accordingly that a smaller group might be more effective.

The Council's structure now comprises seven committee areas, namely Kirkcaldy, Cowdenbeath, Levenmouth, North East Fife, South West Fife, City of Dunfermline and Glenrothes. North East Fife Committee covers a much larger geographic area than the others and has a high percentage of active Community Councils resulting in a significantly higher number of Community Councils within the area. With this in mind it is proposed that nominations be sought for two representatives from Community Councils in the North East Fife Committee area and one representative from each of the other Committee areas. It is further proposed that the Council representation on the Working Group be four elected members with appropriate officer support. This would result in a group of around sixteen which would be sufficiently large to reflect varying experience and facilitate debate without becoming unwieldy. Your views on the proposed composition are invited.

The broad remit of the Group would be to consider matters of interest to Community Councils in Fife and make appropriate recommendations to the Council as required.

Specific matters which the Working Group would consider would include:

- The review of key documents such as the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Fife and the Good Practice Agreement;
- Responses to consultation documents;
- Development of training programmes including arrangements for the annual seminar; and
- Arrangements for funding.

Your views on the broad remit of the Group are also sought, particularly on any specific matters you think the Working Group should consider.

I would be grateful if you would let me have your views by 31st October, 2008, however should you require additional time to respond please let me know.