

# **Monthly Agenda – July 2009**

There will be a meeting of the community council at 7pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 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 June 2009**

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

## **3. Presentations**

### **3.1. Taxi Problem Learmonth Place -Kit Streatfield-James**

## **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 – see Appendix B & C**

## **6. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

### **6.1. Climate Challenge Group**

### **6.2. St Andrews Partnership**

### **6.3. New Community Councillors**

There are 2 potential new CCs who will attend the meeting – Mr Ronnie Murphy and Izzy Cordin. Appendix E for statements.

### **6.4. Local Plan**

### **6.4. Reports from Representatives**

#### **6.4.1. St Andrews World Class – see Appendix D report from Ken Fraser**

### **6.5. 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. Membership of ASCC

## 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.*

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### Appendix A Correspondence

13/06/09	Association of Scottish Community Councils	PDF Copy of latest newsletter
12/06/09	Mary Mathewson	Email about Feddinch Development
25/06/09	Patrick Loughlin	Email about St Andrews Partnership update
23/06/09	Linda Purdie – Fife Council	Email with PDF copy of ASCC Newsletter
23/06/09	Beth Flynn – Fife Council	Email about Local Holiday Dates
18/06/09	Tom Verlinden	Email about setting up a Belgian Chocolate Shop – seeking premises in St Andrews
19/06/09	Kit James	Email re taxi problem Learmonth Place
19/06/09	Aileen Lamb Scottish Enterprise	St Andrews Partnership Project Manager

### Appendix B: Planning Applications – Date of Meeting: Monday June 8th 2009

#### Applications Week Ending 22nd May 2009 (1)

Ref No.	Address	Plans	Action
09/ 01078/EFULL	West Sands West Sands Road St Andrews	Erection of viewing platform with ramp	Request plans Community interest
Applications Week Ending 29thMay 2009 (8)			
09/00757/EFULL	City Park 18 City Road St Andrews	Alterations to convert areas of sheltered housing complex into flats	Request plans Conservation area
09/00884/ECLE	11 Crail's Lane St Andrews	Certificate of lawfulness (existing) for restaurant (class3)	No Comment
09/01081/EFULL	130 Market Street St Andrews	Change of use to form fish & chip takeaway / restaurant including wet fish counter	Request plans Conservation area
09/00936/EFULL	13 Andrew Lang Crescent St Andrews	Extension to dwelling house	No Comment
09/01077/EFULL	Craigmore Guest House 3 Murray Park St Andrews	Rear extension and external alterations	Request plans Conservation area
09/01080/EARM	4 Maynard Road St Andrews	Reserved matters for single dwelling with integral garage	No comment
09/01095/EFULL	5 Greyfriars Gardens St Andrews	Installation of replacement	Request plans Conservation area

		windows & roof light	
09/01098/ELBC	5 Greyfriars Gardens St Andrews	Listed building consent for above installations	As above

### Appendix C:

Planning Applications – Date of Meeting: Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> 2009

Applications Week  
Ending June 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 (2)

Ref No.	Address	Plans	Action
09/01156/EFULL	8 Windsor Gardens St Andrews	Dormer extension to dwelling house	No Comment
09/00989/EFULL	Cairnsmill Caravan Park St Andrews	Alterations and change of use of existing steadings/stores/stables to form 5 holiday accommodation flats	Request Plans
Applications Week Ending June 12 <sup>th</sup> 2009 (11)			
09/00855/EFULL	5 Kilrymont Road St Andrews	Extension to dwelling house	No Comment
09/01163/EFULL	Little Row Kincaple W of St Andrews	Alterations and extension to dwelling house including change of use and conversion of vacant former bothies	No Comment
09/01216/EFULL	31 Kilrymont Road St Andrews	Alterations and extension to dwelling house	No Comment
09/01247/EADV	9 Bell Street St Andrews	Display of fascia/projecting sign	No Comment
09/01248/ELBC	9 Bell Street St Andrews	Listed building consent for display of the above sign	No Comment
09/01013/ECLE	Top flat 4 Church Street St Andrews	Certificate of lawfulness (existing)	No Comment
09/01058/EFULL	6A Greyfriars Gardens St Andrews	Formation of roof enclosure to rear courtyard	Request Plans
09/01125/EFULL	Ashlead 89 Hepburn Gardens St Andrews	Alterations and extension to dwelling house including attic conversion and dormers	No Comment
09/01218/EFULL	0 The Scores St Andrews	Erection of 2 street lighting columns	Request Plans
09/01285/EFULL	125 North Street St Andrews	Installation of replacement windows	Request Plans
09/01287/EOPP	11 Wallace Street St Andrews	Outline planning permission to erect a dwelling house and form access at the above address	Plans Received No Comment
Applications Week Ending June 19 <sup>th</sup> 2009 (4)			
09/00902/EADV	125 Market Street St Andrews	Display of non-illuminated projecting & fascia signs	Request Plans
09/00903/EFULL	125 Market Street St Andrews	Change of use from shop (Class 1) to office (Class2)	Request Plans
09/00976/EFULL	1 Priestden Place	Extension to form porch	No Comment

	St Andrews	to dwelling house	
09/01310/EFULL	16 Grange Road St Andrews	Erection of conservatory extension & removal of existing porch	No Comment
Planning Committee Action on the following requested & received plans			
09/01081/EFULL	130 Market Street St Andrews	Change of use to form fish & chip takeaway / restaurant including wet fish counter	Plans Received No Comment *However we express a wish to see external restoration of the premises
09/01095/EFULL	5 Greyfriars Gardens St Andrews	Installation of replacement windows & roof light	No Comment
09/01078/EFULL	West Sands West Sands Road St Andrews	Erection of viewing platform with ramp	Objection pending
09/00757/EFULL	City Park 18 City Road St Andrews	Alterations to convert areas of sheltered housing complex into flats	No Comment
09/01077/EFULL	Craigmore Guest House 3 Murray Park St Andrews	Rear extension and external alterations	No Comment * However this application should be in accordance with garden policy - re not more than 25% to be built on

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## Appendix D:

### St Andrews World Class

The Community Council has been represented at two meetings in the last month.

#### *Consultative meeting, 9/6/09*

This meeting was attended largely by representatives of community groups, e.g. the Preservation Trust, Green Belt Forum, and residents' associations.

Patrick Laughlin declared that it was now 99% certain that the proposed successor body (the S1. Andrews Partnership) would be set up. When he was asked what difference St. Andrews World Class had made to the town, he would say that over the years it had brought in £6m in public funds that otherwise would not have come to St Andrews. Scottish Enterprise and Fife Council had promised to support a successor body for 2 years.

Several members expressed misgivings about particular aspects of the proposal. Had not S1. Andrews World Class been unduly dominated by the tourist industry? Was the University not likely to continue as a law unto itself in terms of development? Was the same not true of the links Trust? So what notice would they take of a co-operative body?

Representatives of the Anstruther Town Centre Working Group had been invited to attend to describe its workings. It is not a formally constituted body, but it includes representatives of several prominent local organisations (including the Community Council and the local Fife Councillors) with the East Neuk Local Manager in the chair. It has successfully carried out several infrastructure improvements in the town.

There was a lively discussion on the method of setting up the St Andrews Partnership. Zoe Smith, with support from several others, declared that she was worried by the proposal (to be discussed at the meeting of the St A. W.C. Executive Group next week) to put the contract for the administrator out to tender rather than have it publicly advertised, as a normal job would be. Patrick Laughlin conceded that there was a case for a delay in the process to allow for greater transparency. However, nobody objected to the basic idea of setting up a St Andrews Partnership of some kind.

#### *Executive Group Meeting 18/06/09*

The main topic was the setting up of the St Andrews Partnership. This came up at several points on the agenda and I have brought these together for convenience.

The St Andrews World Class Board had already approved starting the recruitment process for a Project Manager for the new body, so as not to leave a gap between the two. Scottish Enterprise had sent out an Invitation to tender to several people but (in the light of comments made at the previous meeting) were willing to widen the advertising process. The tender document would shortly be circulated to members. Zoe Smith pressed strongly for wider advertising of the post, and it appears this will now be done.

The draft proposals do not specify what the constitution of the Partnership should be, whether it should be a Limited Company, a Trust or something else. Expert advice is available on this question. Scottish Enterprise has agreed to continue financial support for some of the work: of the Partnership (especially business development) but it was emphasised that this would be for 2 years only and would require substantial funds from other sources.

The series of Consultation Meetings had produced a response of "cautious welcome" to the idea of a Partnership. A draft Strategy and Action Plan for it have already been circulated. Patrick Laughlin proposed that a (temporary) Steering Group be set up to establish final versions of these. It might consist of 6-8 people representing various interests and should finish its work: in September. Nobody objected to this proposal. Suggestions would be sent out shortly (but have not reached me at the date of writing) about who these should be. It is probable that in the light of these proposals the St. Andrews World Class Executive Group will not meet again.

Several other items were also discussed:

*Floodlights at the Castle and Cathedral.* The trust set up some years ago to look after this has expired. Scottish Enterprise is discussing, with Historic Scotland what can now replace it" but they will *not* pay the running costs (probably between £1000 and £2000 a year).

*Town Centre Regeneration Fund bid.* The bid previously discussed has now been submitted (it would be requesting about £500.000 for the proposals mentioned last month). But we now know that as expected, the total of bids from throughout Scotland (over 100 of them) far exceed the funds available (by a factor of at least two, according to a later press report).

*Interpretative Signs.* A paper was circulated giving the estimated costs in detail. It was agreed that the proposed St. Andrews Partnership should place this on its agenda, along with an earlier consultants' report on traffic signs in the town.

*Scottish Seniors' Open Golf Championship.* This is to take place at the Fairmont Hotel on 21st-23<sup>rd</sup> August and St. Andrews World has been offered free display space there. Given the short timescale and the end of St. A. W.C. it would have to depend on existing display boards. Patrick Laughlin appealed for member organisations to supply these (offers to go to him a.s.a.p.). Can anyone remind me whether the Community Council has any such displays? I think it did have some in the past but I do not remember if they still exist.

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## Appendix E

Brief Statement from **Izzy Cordin** in support of her application to become a Community Councillor:

I originally trained in legal work in English and Welsh law, and then went on to start my own companies, which were very successful. I now work more in voluntary work, I am secretary on a housing committee, am vice-chairman for a visiting committee, and also work with the Patients Forum amongst other small commitments. I get on well with people from all walks of life, enjoy new challenges, and have had the opportunity of learning at the University of Life.

Brief statement from **Ronnie Murphy** in support of his application to become a Community Councillor  
I have been a solicitor in town for over 30 years and have lived here for a similar time

I take a keen interest in issues affecting the town. I have commented on the local and structure plans and was 1 of a group of residents who held an open meeting in Lawhead primary school around 2 years ago to provide information to residents in the west end of town. I am secretary of the St Andrews business club a member of the new golf club and moderator of the freecycle website for east fife.