

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

Provisional Minutes –29th April 2013

For Approval

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1. Attendance

Community Councillors

Ian Goudie, Ken Fraser, Henry Paul, Marysia Denyer, Kyffin Roberts, Izzy Corbin, Carol Ashworth, Ronnie Murphy, Judith Harding, Ken Crichton, Howard Greenwell, Alice Alexander, Marysia Denyer, Penny Uprichard, Tom Waterton-Smith, Patrick Marks, Robert McLachlan.

Students' Association Representatives

Ali West

Sadie Hachfield

Co-Opted

Lindsey Adam

Fife Councillors

Brian Thomson, Keith McCartney, Dorothea Morrison

Apologies

Henry Cheape, Frances Melville, Callum Corbin, David Patterson, Catherine Rowe, Bernadette Cassidy, Freddie fforde, Niall Scott

2. Minutes of Meeting

Page One - Mr McLachlan noted that his apologies had not been recorded

Page 4 – Item 4.2.4 Cllr Thomson suggested a change in the sentence beginning, "Cllr Thomson acknowledged that it was an issue" to read, "Cllr Thomson commented that if the gas pipe was present it would have to be addressed".

3. Presentation

3.1. Links Trust Presentation

Mr Euan Loudon from the Links Trust introduced himself and the purpose of his talk. He was hoping to increase the number of people of influence in the community who would understand the narrative of the relationship of the modern day commerce of the Links Trust and the community. He reminded members of the recent events which the Links Trust has had to address on a specific issue and he'd been working to speak to as many local businesses and organisations as possible following the publicity on this matter.

Since his appointment a couple of years ago he said that he'd been keen to modernise so aspects of the governance of the Links Trust. He recognised that in the past the Links Trust could have been accused of a little "opaque" in terms of its communications. He hoped that since his appointment communication had improved. He talked about the need of the Links Trust to deliver and develop and that it needed the resources to do so. He recognised that while the Trust had to

comply with the principles of its founding document, in a modern world it had to move forward in an environmentally and economically sustainable way. He talked about the costs of running the Links Trust in terms of income and expenditure, with about £11 million coming in and £15 million going out.

He wanted to talk about a couple of specific areas of the Links operation. The core aspect of the operation was the golf courses, the management of which had been entrusted to the Links trust by Act of Parliament. He then talked about the customer journey, which he explained was the attempt to make the experience of golfers as memorable as possible. Brand and community he then said were the two inter-related areas, which had come particularly into the public domain. He demonstrated the breadth of the modern commercial scene for the Links Trust with another PowerPoint slide on which the current set up from the trustees at the top to the subsidiary companies set up over the years was illustrated. He explained the four main commercial operations from the Castle Course through St Andrews links Ltd to the shops including the more recently acquired Tom Morris shops.

He wanted to concentrate on four organisations, which had varying degrees of integration with the Links structure. These ranged from an international corporate organisation, Allianz interested in corporate social responsibility and promoting youth activities. Allianz as a global organisation he said that the company was able to commit to the Links Trust through their partnership a great deal of promotion and marketing activity, which he acknowledged was relevant to the Links but also as a by-product to St Andrews. A major advertising campaign featuring St Andrews will be seen in 20 major airports around the world in the near future as a result of this partnership.

Another partner was Brookes Bros, the oldest clothing manufacturer in America with some 300 stores in America and other countries worldwide. In their stores are sold products branded St Andrews Links. He added that this partnership also added to the promotion of the town as well as commercially benefiting the Links Trust and allowing the Links Trust to demonstrate the use of trademarks. Calloway a golfing company and Rolex, a watch manufacturer were the other two major commercial partners. These four partners were major contributors to the income of the Links Trust, instead of purely relying upon the paying golfer.

Mr Louden then moved on to some of the attempts by other persons to make financial gain from the use of the St Andrews connection by making often-unfounded claims to businesses about that product. He played a clip of one such event in which the speaker was claiming that a group of investors had right obtained from the burgh to use the St Andrews crest. The hope was that the audience would invest in an attempt to build an St Andrews Links course in Canada. Mr Louden then mentioned a couple of other commercial ventures, which had been led to believe that they had purchased licences to sell St Andrews branded products. The Links Trust has taken action to deal with these infringements of the use of the St Andrews Links brand. He emphasised that the Links Trust was constantly vigilant as the commercial potential of the St Andrews name was a huge temptation to less scrupulous businesses as had been witnessed by the events described. He concluded that the work of the Links Trust was primarily to benefit the long term running of the links courses and to benefit the town as well in what he described as an altruistic way.

Mr Louden then went on to discuss the St Andrews Community Trust. He felt that the knowledge of the good story that was the Community Trust was not as well known as it might be and he wondered about ways to get the Community Trust more widely known. He felt that the activity of the Links Trust in protecting the trademarks, had now even more value to Links staff when they knew the local causes benefiting from the grants being awarded over the initial two years of its existence.

He acknowledged that the recent press reports had led to anxiety amongst a number of people and he'd been working to explain the narrative in the hope that this would clear up any misunderstanding about the motives of the Links Trust's attempt to

protect the trademark. He then concluded by hoping that the benefits of the St Andrews Community Trust and the manner of its funding would come to be appreciated by the local community.

Dr Goudie asked Mr Loudon about the issue of the opposition by golfing interests of a possible site for a future Madras College at Station Park. Mr Loudon denied that there had been any formal opposition and the Links Trust would be willing to have a dialogue about the matter with the Community Council.

Mrs Adam wondered why the St Andrews Links Ltd had felt it necessary to apply for a European registration of the St Andrews name and not just St Andrews Links? Mr Loudon replied that from a commercial reason St Andrews Links Ltd had already made similar applications twelve times in other parts of the world and Europe was the last such application to complete the coverage. He reminded the meeting that previously the St Andrews a firm in Las Vegas had owned mark in the USA. This firm has now been stopped from continuing to misuse the St Andrews name. He added that the work to protect the St Andrews name would continue for as long as was considered necessary. He also said there was both a commercial and intellectual rationale in the process as most of the trademark authorities around the world agreed with the Links Trust. There was an acceptance that when it came to golf related products the name St Andrews and St Andrews Links were synonymous. Mrs Adam thought that by this registration it would cause difficulties for local businesses trying to use the St Andrews connection. Mr Loudon in reply quoted from the European application which talked about golf related products & services. He added that as a specific example watches were included because of the commercial relationship between the Links and Rolex. He viewed this action as protecting this commercial arrangement. Mrs Adam queried why Rolex should have exclusive rights to sell watches with the St Andrews name? Mr Loudon replied again that it was due to the commercial arrangement between Rolex and the St Andrews Links Trust.

Mr Roberts brought the discussion to a close and thanked Mr Loudon of the Links Trust for his presentation.

3.2. Miss Uprichard – Fife Structure Plan – Supreme Court Decision

Miss Uprichard reported on the Supreme Court decision to refuse her appeal. On the question of costs – the Supreme Court gave her a Protective Costs Order, which limits those payable to Scottish Ministers and Fife Council to £6000. The balance of the £173,000 awarded against her in the Inner Court of Session in Edinburgh is still outstanding, and she is awaiting details of this.

In her opinion the winners in this case are the University, Fife Council and Scottish Ministers. The losers are St Andrews, which will now be open to huge development, herself, and those who supported her; these include the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland and Friends of the Earth.

The judgement does not appear to reflect the statements and comments by the Judges in court during the two-day hearing, and is also unusual in that there is no summary of the cases put forward by the Counsel for Scottish Ministers and Fife Council.

Counsel for the Ministers referred to the statement in the Structure Plan that it is necessary to balance the need for housing against the need to protect the landscape setting of St Andrews. Lord Reed, who wrote the judgement, queried this, asking whether it was not true to say that these two requirements are at the opposite ends of the spectrum, and cannot both be met. This question does not appear in the judgement.

She felt that it was a sad day for the town, as the western development originally proposed by the University in 2002 (a minimum of 1,000 houses, and a 10 ha. Science Park, to which Fife Council has added a 10 ha. Business Park and a 'distributor road') can now go ahead – if economic circumstances permit.

Dr Goudie suggested that the thanks of the Community Council to Penny for her fight to protect the town should be recorded. He hoped that the publicity generated by Penny in her fight had sown some seeds and that in future years we could get back to planning on a decent basis. He felt that the last 20 years had seen planning progressively dismantled, being seen as a nuisance that was standing in the way of development.

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville - apologies

4.2. Brian Thomson

4.2.1. Cemetery – shortage of lairs

Cllr Thomson commented on the shortage of lairs for future burials with only about 30 available. He added that under the strategic plans for the future of St Andrews there were various sites proposed for the extension of the cemetery, but any development could still be a number of years away. A recent meeting of senior Council officers had led to a possibility of extending the cemetery to the south, though this would require planning permission given that the land in question came within the strategic development zone and could also be used for other uses such as housing. The extension would give another few years of lairs until the Council can identify a site for a new cemetery. For the remainder of the site there was still talk about looking at whether housing would be appropriate as well as some form of allotment development. There was also an indication that the Council might have to look to see if there might be other potential allotment sites if the currently identified site didn't get a go ahead. Mr Paul reminded the meeting that Fife Council officials had gone to full consultation on the allotments. He was concerned that now there might have to be a considerable wait due to the fact that the land was in the SLA and work on that might not take place for a few years. He thought that it would be nice to get a clear picture of how the land was going to be used. Cllr Thomson in reply didn't think that much would happen until a new distributor road was built as part of the western development. He added, as that would have to be paid by developer contributions and given the state of the economy he couldn't say when that would happen.

Mr Paul commented that he'd recently received from the Scottish Government a consultation paper on the Allotment Bill going through the Scottish Parliament. Mr Paul pointed out that one of the identified issues was under used council land. He thought that such land whilst nothing was happening to it should be released for allotments for a set period. Mr Paul reflected on the fact that Cllr Thomson had mentioned that nothing would be happening for five years until the Council had developed its plans for the SLA and offered to use the land below the Western Cemetery as an allotment. He added that he could see no reason for the land to sit derelict as it was at the moment.

Cllr Thomson in his reply indicated that he had some involvement in the past in cases where some underused allotments were proposed for alternative uses. He added that it was in such cases very difficult to get people out of allotments even if underused.

4.2.2. The Pends - Traffic Management New System

This issue arose due to congestion in the Pends and potential pedestrian safety issues associated with St Leonards School during pick up and drop off times. Council officials had suggested possibly splitting the use of the Pends with two ways as far as the school and one way the rest of the route towards the harbour. Cllr Thomson acknowledged that there had been objections from residents but had been happy to support the proposals by council officers, mainly on pedestrian safety grounds.

4.2.3. Athletics Track

Following concerns raised about the University's management of the athletics track and associated facilities, which were meant to be for community use, Cllr Thomson and representatives from Fife AC are to meet with University representatives to discuss the issues of concern. He will report back next month on the outcome of the meeting.

4.2.4. Madras College Educational Consultation

Cllr Thomson commented upon the result of the recent consultation on this controversial matter. He said that 78% of respondents, a total of 2726 had supported the idea of a new school build at Pipeland. Fife Council's Executive Committee, following the completion of pre-application consultation meetings, will consider a full report.

Mrs Corbin queried the figures quoted as being in support of the Pipeland site as she didn't think that that could be St Andrews? Cllr Thomson acknowledged that the results hadn't been broken down by postcode area. He then quoted percentages of specific user groups in favour of the Pipeland site – 80% of Madras parents, 87% parents with children in primary schools, 83% current Madras pupils, 95% future Madras pupils, 73% Madras staff in favour and 48% of non-statutory respondents were in favour. Mr Roberts clarified with Cllr Thomson that the statistics related to those 2700 plus who had responded and that the percentages didn't reflect the views of the majority of the population who had not given their views or been canvassed.

Mr McLachlan commented "that quoting percentages without any supporting figures to go with it was pretty meaningless in his view, and including the school pupils current and future was doubtful, as school children he knew had little real interest in the actual location of the new school, they just wanted a new school." Cllr Thomson replied that Fife Council had been legally obliged to do the consultation and he'd quoted the results issued by Fife Council. Mr Crichton queried the age range of future pupils consulted and Cllr Thomson replied that officials he believed had consulted pupils from P56 upwards. Mr Waterton-Smith questioned the limited nature of the question asked, which excluded any other options. Cllr Thomson explained that the Council didn't have any flexibility in the type of consultation it could hold and could only put forward one proposal, not a range of options.

Dr Goudie commented that presumably because of what happened a year ago the Council is not bound to follow a rather phoney education consultation ahead of a planning application? He wondered why they couldn't be held simultaneously? From a statistical point of view he thought that the education consultation was a very biased sample, not necessarily representative of the community, as parents were a minority in the town. He thought that it would only be at the planning stage that the views of the town as a whole would emerge.

Cllr Thomson reminded the meeting that the Community Council was supposed to represent the views of the community. He quoted the CC Good Practice guide which stated that "community councils should consult the views of the community by whatever means possible e.g. ballot etc. He asked whether that consultation had happened? Dr Goudie replied that there was every likelihood that the Community Council would consult with the community, but he felt that it was well known that the public got fed up with the same question being asked repeatedly. He commented on the fact that Fife Council had set up the present consultation process in two stages. He felt that the more pertinent point at which the views of the community should be asked would be when both the educational aspect and planning aspects would be on the table, not as at present in a fragmented manner. He would be in favour of the CC then asking the views of the community at that later stage.

Mr Roberts brought the discussion to a close.

4.2.5. Gas Main Pipeland

Miss Uprichard asked Cllr Thomson whether councillors were not informed or consulted about the high-pressure gas main running across the Pipeland site? Cllr Thomson replied that councillors had not been informed about it. He presumed that it wouldn't be a high pressure main but an intermediate pressure one following a look at the hospital site investigation. He added that councillors had been informed that it wasn't part of the standard site investigation procedures. Miss Uprichard wondered why this hadn't been considered before the site was chosen? Cllr Thomson replied it wasn't common procedure to find out where all the utility services were before starting the site investigation. He acknowledged as well that the council wouldn't have been prepared to pay a large sum for a site investigation at an early stage in proceedings.

Mr Roberts commented about the issue of the gas pipe, saying that he'd had previous experience in his area near John Knox Road. He and neighbours had also thought that there was a high pressure gas main going through close to their properties, but in fact it was apparently an intermediate pressure gas pipe line so he thought that the Pipelands one would probably be the same. He added that Fife Council hadn't been aware of its existence.

4.3. Keith McCartney

4.3.1. Potholes

Potholes at the Hepburn Gardens/Buchanan Gardens junction had been fixed, and potholes in Lawmill Gardens, John Knox Road, Canongate, and Wardlaw Gardens etc had also been reported.

4.3.2. Street Lights – Union Street

Cllr McCartney had been chasing up on this matter since late in 2012, as 2 of the 3 lights haven't been working. He had received news that the replacement decorative columns will be installed soon.

4.3.3. Canongate - Street Light

The street light damaged last year in a collision has been replaced with a bus stop sign put up as well.

4.3.4. Lumbo Den – Path Subsidence

The damage caused by the bad weather over the winter is due to be fixed in the coming month, weather permitting.

4.3.5. Station Park Wall

This wall, which has partly collapsed, will hopefully be repaired in the foreseeable future. He reported that the business manager was optimistic that it should be possible to get it repaired soon as there was a shortage of planned work for stonemasons.

4.3.6. Road Sign Cleaned

The road sign on the B9139 from Anstruther going towards the Boarhills junction from Anstruther has been cleaned.

4.3.7. Kennedy Gardens – Road Damage

Cllr McCartney had reported new damage to this road, which he felt was leaving loose stones, which could damage parked vehicles if thrown up by passing cars.

4.3.8. Scooniehill Road steps

Cllr McCartney had been trying to establish who was responsible for the maintenance of the damaged steps reported by Mrs Denyer. He'd received news that the steps were the responsibility of neighbouring householders, not the Council.

4.3.9. Missing Street Sign - Wardlaw Gardens

Cllr McCartney had reported a missing street sign in this street

4.3.10. Possible Cycle Route

Cllr McCartney reported that at a recent ward meeting there had been a visit by the cycling development officer. He'd agreed to do a feasibility study of getting the path from Guardbridge to Cupar considered as a possible cycling route.

4.3.11. Damaged Street Light by Castle Sands

Mr Crichton as Cllr McCartney if he'd noticed the damaged street lamp in this area. Mr Greenwell added that the top had rusted and fallen off and is by St Mary's in the rocks.

4.3.12. Queens Gardens Street Lights

Mrs Denyer voiced her view that the streetlights on this street needed a fresh coat of paint.

4.3.13. Park Maintenance Issues

Mrs Harding reported that she'd noticed that the local parks were not being well maintained and becoming quite shabby. She had also ascertained from her bin collection man that his dept didn't deal with the rubbish in Kinburn Park. She wondered whether it would be a good idea to have a couple of council employees given the responsibility of keeping the parks in good order on a regular basis? She thought that this might be more sensible than the present system of a clean up every few weeks by a larger group of employees bussed in for the job. She didn't feel that the current system was working. Cllr McCartney thought that Parks Dept staffs were meant to be clearing away litter. Cllr Morrison added that the matter could be brought up at a meeting with waste management staff later in the week.

4.3.14. Bridge at junction below New Park

Miss Uprichard reported that the bridge across the stream appeared to be in a dreadful state. She felt that it could soon reach a state when it would be impossible just to repair it.

4.4. Dorothea Morrison.

4.4.1. Public Convenience Review

Cllr Morrison made the meeting aware that there was due to be a review of the toilet coverage in the whole of Fife. She acknowledged Mr Crichton's concerns about the toilets by the harbour, saying that they were under threat. She also acknowledged the unsatisfactory nature of toilet facilities in Fife especially where tourism is a major part of a local economy. Mr Crichton continued to express his concern about the problems with the opening hours of the harbour toilets with users being sent up town to find an alternative facility. Cllr Morrison advised that the Council couldn't let people undertake the job of opening and closing toilets unless they had been vetted. She added that it was a legal requirement of the Council to establish the suitability of anyone given the task of opening public facilities. Mrs Corbin felt that the situation was unacceptable, especially for someone with a disability to be denied access to a public toilet. Cllr Morrison agreed with Mrs Corbin's feelings on the matter. She felt that the matter would continue to be a topic of debate with the council.

4.4.2. The Pends Parking/Road Management

Cllr Morrison commented on the Pends traffic management plans. She said that the Pends didn't come up to modern road safety standards because of its narrowness and with the pupils attending St Leonards School being dropped off daily during term time. She added that the exit on to South Street was a dangerous junction and for cars going into the Pends there was a difficult bend, which could lead to an accident due to the narrowness.

4.4.3. Decriminalised Parking Management

Cllr Morrison made the meeting aware that the new decriminalised parking system had started today. She was hoping that the new system would have a positive effect and quoted problems in areas such as the narrow end of Market Street.

4.4.4. Botanic Gardens Visit

Last week some of the members of the North East Fife Area Committee had a guided tour and were made aware of the value of the plants and trees in the garden.

Members recognised the need to be able to protect the Botanic Gardens more clearly following this visit.

4.4.5. Commercial Rubbish Collection

Cllr Morrison informed members that Councillors would be meeting with officers of Fife Council dealing with collection of commercial waste to discuss the issue of collecting this on a Sunday.

4.4.6. Knightsbridge Masterplan Situation

Cllr Morrison reported that there would be a meeting of councillors with officials to discuss the issues about what was happening in this major development area. Miss Uprichard requested an update on the situation regarding construction and proposed development on the site. She had understood that Knightsbridge were planning 260 units of which Miss Uprichard calculated that around 30% should be affordable housing. She wondered what was actually happening with respect to construction and proposed units? Cllr Morrison thought that about 27 Council houses as part of the St Nicholas development had been approved. She acknowledged that part of the site had been developed by a different firm, Carthy Stone who are developing so-called special needs housing, though it is essentially retirement housing and therefore isn't classed as part of the affordable housing. Cllr Morrison acknowledged a degree of frustration about being kept up to date by officials in this complex and changing development area.

4.4.7. Street Naming

Mr Fraser queried the situation with regard to street naming. He'd been aware of a recent street naming where the officials had ignored the suggestion from the Community Council and had gone with the developer's proposal. Mr Fraser wondered if the officials had actually asked Fife Councillors for their opinion on that street name or had the officials changed the system and how could it be changed back again? The street name in question had been around the St Leonards area of town.

Cllr Morrison in her reply acknowledged that if officials were making decisions on street names this was breaking away from the usual protocol. Mr Greenwell recollected that the situation being discussed occurred around March 2012 and had been approached by a Fife Council official. He had raised the issue with the CC and the possibility of a name of a well-known 19th century photographer had been chosen as the name of the street. He added that nothing more had been heard about that suggestion since around April 2012. He did understand however that the Council appeared to be accepting the developer suggested names in the Knightsbridge development area. Cllr Morrison in reply said that she found that quite surprising and would pursue the matter with Mr Birrell of Fife Council, as she didn't think that developers had ever had the final say on street names.

Cllr McCartney confirmed that all the local councillors supported Cllr Morrison's views and hoped to get this matter resolved satisfactorily.

Mr Crichton quoted the attempt by a developer to have a street named after Prince William and how that had been overridden and the suggestion from the Community Council accepted. Mr Crichton felt that street names should not be left in the hands of developers.

5. Planning Committee

5.1. Planning Report

5.1.1. Madras College

Mr Greenwell reported that Fife Council officials have now called for an environmental impact assessment of the Pipeland site. This could be believed delay the process of moving forward on the planning application for the proposed new school for up to a year. The Planning Committee had indeed been planning to write and make such a request and is pleased that this is to be undertaken.

5.1.2. 157 South Street Planning Application

The committee have been dealing with the application at this location, which consists of Argos and the next-door shop. The plans are to convert the premises to two two hundred-seat restaurants and seven flats, a slight reduction from the original proposals for 11 flats.

5.1.3. 20 Mph Zones

The Planning Committee has written to Fife Council to suggest that the whole of the conservation area should be a 20 mph zone, as the Council proposals it was felt were piecemeal and would result in many more street signs. They have had a response from the official involved in the proposals and in this response he agreed to extra arts of the area being 20 mph zones, but was still trying to keep areas such as North Street 30 mph. The Planning Committee responded by pointing out the residential nature of most of the streets to which the official was reluctant to reduce the speed, as well as the use by university students and school children. In conclusion Mr Greenwell summarised the views from the Planning Committee that the proposals needed to be revised.

5.1.4. Green Belt

Mr Greenwell commented on how the Community Council is being denied statutory consultee status in major developments just outside the town boundary but in the Green Belt because they are technically outside the area of the CC remit. The Planning Committee is hoping to work out an agreement with other relevant Community Councils whereby there is co-operation on issues relating to the Green Belt and get statutory consultee status on relevant issues. The committee are also in discussion with the Green Belt Forum on issues of mutual concern.

Miss Uprichard raised an issue based on a report in a past Channel Four Dispatches programme about the past financial connection between the Muir Group who is selling the Pipeland site land to Fife Council. She reminded the meeting that the land for the proposed school was being offered at £60000 per acre in what is now Green Belt and prime agricultural land. She also reminded the meeting about a proposal at St Nicholas Farm, which was also on Muir Group land. She wondered what the longstanding relationship quoted in the TV program was between Fife Council and the Muir Group? Cllr Thomson acknowledged that he wasn't aware of this connection. Cllr Thomson added that any discussions in recent times with the Muir group have been done by officials not by the Councillors.

6. Matters Arising

6.1. Martyrs Monument Update

Mr Roberts reported that the plans for the re-dedication of the Martyrs Monument would still be taking place on the 22nd May.

6.2. Craigtoun Park

Mr Roberts reported on the successful Easter re-opening. The park will also be open at weekends until the end of June. He also mentioned the Friends of Craigtoun on the 29th May up at Craigtoun Park

6.3. Botanic Gardens Update

Mr Paul reported that there would be Friends of the botanic Gardens meeting in the Cosmos on the 14th May at 7.pm. The business plan is in the final stages of production and will be out soon.

6.4. StanDen

Mr Murphy reported that the group is now one year into the three year funding and are looking to obtain charitable status as a way to help raise further funds to use when current funding is finished.

6.5. Abattoir Future

In the absence of Mr Cheape, Cllr Thomson reported that there had been a hearing about the abattoir proposals last week at which Mr Cheape spoke. The application will be reported to a future planning committee. Mrs Denyer commented that Mr Cheape had made an offer in relation to the abattoir. Cllr Thomson confirmed that Mr Cheape had made such a comment at the meeting. Cllr Morrison added that the closure at present is due to take place in four months.

6.6. Reports from Reps

6.6.1. St Andrews in Bloom

Mrs Denyer reported that this group has its next meeting on the 2nd May.

6.7. Any Other Matters arising

6.7.1. Defibrillators

Mrs Corbin reported that she is to have a meeting with Dr Hamish Tait and Kirstie Hastie about the defibrillators. She reported that they are to be installed in 6 areas to start with and these included the West Sands, East Sands, Spar, the Library, Tesco and one other. She asked if anyone had any objections about the proposed sites. The next stage is to sort out planning permission with Fife Council

7. Committee Reports

7.2. Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee is now to meet in the North Hall of All Saints Church.

7.3. GP Meeting

Not discussed but minutes will be circulated and discussed as necessary at the next meeting.

7.4. 200 Club

1st Frances Humphries 2nd Keith McCartney 3rd Marysia Denyer

7.5. Health, Education & Welfare

No report and report on defibrillators is mentioned under 6.7.1.

8. New Business

8.1. Community Council Information Booklet

This item resulted from discussion at the last GP meeting. Mr Roberts acknowledged that it was raised because of an awareness that new members weren't receiving as

much information as they might need to familiarise themselves with the structure and working of the CC. He suggested that members could read the Fife Council Scheme for Community Councils. Dr Goudie reminded the meeting that the CC did have a constitution and that it might be worth updating now that Fife Council had updated the scheme for CCs. Mr Roberts suggested that it could be a topic at the next GP meeting.

8.2. Community Growing Solutions

For information.

8.3. Community Council Notice Board

Mr Lindsay had emailed the secretary concerned about the state of the notice board on the side of the Trespass Shop. Mr Roberts explained that the locks had seized and it was therefore inaccessible, so required new locks so it could be accessed and kept up to date. Mr McCartney reminded members about the other notice board on the wall beside the Pet Shop, originally funded by Gordon Christie. Cllr McCartney wondered if the CC would consider getting it refurbished given its poor condition at present. Mr Roberts acknowledged Cllr McCartney's concern but added that ironically since the door had come off that board it was being used more than it ever had been! He did however concede that it should be looked at and possibly repaired.

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

Nothing to report apart from items already discussed this evening.

9.2. Treasurer

9.2.1. Treasurers Report

Provisional accounts have been issued and emailed to members. Mr Paul queried why the Community Council had to pay for the renewal of the Town Hall flag especially after the reduction in the CC grant from Fife Council? Mr Roberts said that Fife Council had told him that it was a CC decision to fly the saltire and therefore should be paid for by the CC.

9.3 Secretary

9.3.1. Correspondence – see Appendix A.

10. Any Other Competent Business

10.1. Loches Alliance Quiz Night

Mrs Denyer reminded the meeting about this fundraiser at the Rugby Club on the 10th May and encouraged attendance.