

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

Inaugural Meeting - 1st June, 1998 - Minutes

Chair Fife Councillor Sheila Hill

Present

Community Councillors: Mr Barrett, Mrs Cassells, Mr Crichton, Mr Dobson, Mr Fraser, Dr. Goudie, Mr Gray, Mr Kinnen, Mrs Lawrie, Ms Lesurf, Mr Lindsay, Mr D Macdonald, Mr M Macdonald, Mr Macgregor, Mrs Murray, Mr Peterson, Mrs Tero, Mr Young.

Merchants' Association representative Mr Sangster.

Students' representative Mr Corrigan.

Fife Councillors Mr Cassells, Ms Liston, Mrs Hill.

Cllr Hill declared the meeting open and congratulated everyone who had been elected to the Community Council.

1. Election of Chair

	Proposer	Secunder
Mr Macgregor	Mrs Murray	Mrs Tero

Mr Macgregor was duly elected.

2. Vice-Chairs

	Proposer	Secunder
Dr Goudie	Mr Macgregor	Mr Fraser
Mr M Macdonald	Mrs Cassells	Mr Gray
Dr Riddell	Mrs Murray	Dr Goudie

Mrs Tero proposed that all three gentlemen be elected to the position and this was agreed.

3. Secretary

	Proposer	Secunder
Mr Fraser	Mr Crichton	Mr Gray
Mr Lindsay	Mrs Cassells	Mr Kinnen

A paper vote was taken and Mr Lindsay was elected by 11 votes to 8.

4. Treasurer

	Proposer	Secunder
Mr Kinnen	Mr Macgregor	Mr Barrett

Mr Kinnen was duly elected.

Mr Macgregor took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr M Macdonald produced a paper proposing the restructuring of the various sub-committees. It was agreed that members study Mr Macdonald's proposals and this item would come up for full discussion at next month's meeting in July.

It was agreed to co-opt Mr Sangster as the Merchants' Association representative.

Monthly meeting - 1st June, 1998 - Minutes

1. Apologies:

- 1.1. Cllr Melville, Mr Strachan and Dr. Riddell.
- 1.2. Mrs Stewart-Meiklejohn for not attending this meeting.

2. Submissions from members of the public

2.1. Mr Gordon Christie

Addressed the Council on his proposed displays for the St. Andrews Day exhibition.

3. Minutes of the Council Meeting of 4th May, 1998

3.1.

In item 6, It was noted that the site visit to the Lawhead North site was by the Reporter for the Public Enquiry.

With this amendment the Minutes of the Meeting of 4th May were accepted.

4. Matters arising:

4.1. Golf Report

It was pointed out that the Golf representative for the Community Council (Mr M Macdonald) was a member of the Recreation & Leisure Committee.

4.2. King Street

Cllr Liston gave details of the up-to-date position regarding vandalism in the King Street area of town.

4.3. Councillors surgeries

Cllr Cassells reported on the drastic reduction of constituents seeking consultation with local Councillors due to the cancellation of advertising of surgeries in the local press. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to Fife Council informing them of our concern.

4.4. Hogweed

Cllr Liston reported that Fife Council were dealing with the Hogweed situation and would probably be billing the private landowners for their share of the expense.

4.5. Commission on Local Government and the Scottish Parliament

It was agreed that Mr Macgregor would attend this meeting.

4.6. Beautiful Scotland in Bloom

It was agreed that Mr Crichton, Mrs Tero and Mr D Macdonald would assist with this.

4.7. Bandstand concerts

Mr D Macdonald advised that the concert due to take place yesterday (3/5/98) was cancelled due to the terrible weather. He requested assistance for the next three weeks (in Mr Strachan's absence) in putting out the chairs at the bandstand. Mr Lindsay and Mr Young agreed to help.

5. Correspondence

5.1. Community Council Elections

It was agreed that the AGM would take place at the next (July) meeting of the council.

5.2. Beautiful Scotland in Bloom

Already discussed.

5.3. Listing of Local Holidays

Noted.

5.4. Rural Forum/Social Strategy Information

Noted.

5.5. Crawford Arts Centre

Advertising literature.

5.6. Environmental Trust

Advising that requests for assistance towards projects can be applied for.

5.7. Sealife Centre

Advertising literature.

5.8. Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers' Council

Noted

5.9. Dial a Law

Information.

5.10. Association for Protection of Rural Scotland

Advising of plans for a Planning Workshop on 23rd June.

5.11. Citizenship Commission

Meeting on 2nd June in Dunfermline.

5.12. Elections

It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the local office of Fife Council thanking them for their assistance with the Community Council election.

6. Matters raised by Committees

6.1. Planning

6.1.1. Strategic Study.

An acknowledgement has been received from Fife Council re the Community Council's response to the Strategic Study which Dr. Goudie forwarded to them.

6.1.2. Strategic Study Workshop.

The Council regretted the bad timing of the Fife Council Strategic Study Workshop which was planned for Saturday 11th July and which was during the school holidays. It was hoped that this workshop could be re-scheduled.

6.1.3. Lawhead North

Refusal of planning permission. It was noted that a new application for 18 units has been submitted.

6.1.4. Structure Plan 2006

Amendment now being submitted to Secretary of State for approval.

6.1.5. 52 Argyle Street

Revised plans passed subject to conditions.

6.1.6. Craigtoun House

Seasonal resort development - falls outwith St Andrews area.

6.1.7. Old Course Hotel.

Informal meeting with Mr Thornton re Old Course Hotel did take place and it had been a useful meeting.

6.1.8. Tourism Management

Sought our views and this would be dealt with.

6.1.9. The Mercat Centre

Ms Lesurf mentioned that this area was to be closed, and it was noted that the closing date was October. Mr Sangster queried the 'right of way' position through the site.

6.2. Recreation & Leisure

6.2.1.

There will be a meeting of this committee tomorrow.

6.2.2.

There will not be a meeting of the 200 club.

6.2.3.

Plans are geared for the summer programme and will be notified in due course.

6.2.4.

St Andrews Day Exhibition plans are on-going.

7. Matters raised by Fife Councillors

7.1. Cllr Cassells

7.1.1. Residents Parking questionnaire.

Students are away on vacation and this will take place on their return.

7.1.2. Victory Memorial Hall.

Meetings have continued but agreement has now been made on all points to the satisfaction of all members, bar one, of the Royal Naval Association.

7.1.3. Castle Furniture Project.

This project has now moved to Cupar and wished to renew the representation of a member of the Community Council. Ms Lesurf agreed to become the representative.

7.1.4. Strategic Development Committee - Historic Core of St. Andrews.

It is hoped that a Lottery application can be made towards this. Cllr Cassells is looking for community participation and Mr Macgregor agreed to discuss with Cllr Cassells how best this can be done. Dr. Goudie said consultation should take place before applications. The harbour area is the project furthest forward and there would be a series of applications for Lottery funding over the next six years or so.

7.2. Cllr Liston

7.2.1. Shell Garage

Hot Food Licence - to be heard at Regulation Cttee 4th June. Mr Lindsay to attend having written objection on behalf of the Community Council.

8. Other matters of Public concern

8.1. Rubbish

Mr M Macdonald raised the question of salvage collection in the town centre and Mrs Tero queried the non-collection of black bags, especially during the time of students *etc.* leaving the town on vacation.

8.2. Empty Shops

Mr M Macdonald also urged the Merchants' Association in association with the Community Council to investigate, in depth, the situation regarding empty shop premises in St Andrews. It was agreed that the Secretary write to the Merchants' Association advising them of our concern.

8.3. Year 2000

Mr M Macdonald asked if this council has decided how this is to be celebrated. Mr Peterson suggested a new Petheram Bridge with a competition for designs for the bridge.

8.4. Millenium Celebration

It was noted that there is a small grants scheme for celebrating the Millennium.
