

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

Agenda March 1999

There will be a meeting at 7pm Monday 1st March 1999 in the Burgh Chambers, Queens Gardens.

1. Apologies for Absence

Received: Lindsay Murray

2. Contributions from Members of the Public

(For anyone wishing to address the meeting on a matter relevant to St Andrews. Please contact the Secretary or Chair at or before the start of the meeting)

2.1. Geology Heritage Project

Richard Batchelor on the centenary of the Geology Dept. See Appendix A.

2.2. Police Report

2.3. Nursery behind East Sands Leisure Centre

Mrs Wilson on the case for.

2.4. Mr Christie

On aspects of St Andrews history

2.5. Light Up St Andrews

Phil Bently/Mark Fellows on a student-led project to improve street lighting in St Andrews.

3. Minutes of 1st February

(read for corrections of substance - harangue the Secretary for minor (spelling etc) mistakes outside the meeting.)

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

4.1. Castle Furniture

(February 2.2.) We are invited to provide a representative to sit on the management committee.

4.2. New Noticeboard

(February: Publicity 6.7.3.) Helen Lawrie now has information on cost of a noticeboard for the front of the St Mary's Place Local Office car park, and may have costs for erection by the meeting. The board does not require planning permission, but erection does require consent by Fife Council Estates Dept as it will be on their ground.

Silvercases quote for noticeboard (see pictures at meeting) sign and legs: £1369.59

Proposal: Community Council authorise the purchase of such a board, providing necessary permissions to erect it are obtained from Fife Council, and funds are available to cover cost of board and erection etc. Proposed Helen Lawrie, 2nd Pete Lindsay.

5. Reports

5.1. Chair

5.2. Treasurer

5.3. Secretary

5.3.1. Next meeting date?

The April meeting date (5th) falls on Easter Monday. Various people have asked if the meeting could be rescheduled for the 12th?

5.3.2. Flag Dates

The saltire (St Andrew's Cross) is flown on the anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath (6th

April) then usually until United Nations day (24th October) when the UN flag is flown. Is this acceptable

5.3.3. Printer progress

Some quotes have been received, or will be placed this week (ending 5th Mar)

5.3.4. Constitution

I have had no response to my queries about the draft, sent for comment to Iain Grant of Law & Admin dept in Glenrothes last month.

5.3.5. Invitation to David Rae, Head of Planning

David Rae is very pleased to accept our invitation and discuss our concerns, but is not free before our May Meeting (and that falls on a public holiday). If we want to speak to him before then he's willing meet with our representatives outwith a full meeting.

5.3.6. Cycle routes

(February 8.2.) From Cycleclips, the newsletter of the Kingdom of Fife Millennium Cycleways Project.

East Neuk: Negotiations with landowners are currently well under way to create 3 circular routes in this area which will link to St Andrews and Peat Inn. However, these routes are not due on the ground until late 1999.

The newsletter also points out that cycles must have lights and shouldn't be ridden on footpaths...

6. Matters Raised by Committees

(for reports, and decisions by full community council)

6.1. General Purposes

A brief meeting was held 23/2/1999. Present: Donald Macgregor, Murdo Macdonald, Archie Strachan, Ken Crichton.

- 1) to help the Secretary fill out a questionnaire from the Association of Scottish Community Councils (Feb 5.3.4).
- 2) There was also discussion of the Bow Butts bandstand funding application.

6.1. Golf

6.2. Finance

6.3. Millennium

6.4. Planning

6.5. Publicity

Meeting 15/2/1999: Craig Barrett, Helen Lawrie, Pete Lindsay present. No formal business.

6.6. Recreation

See Appendix B

6.7. Youth

7. Matters raised by Fife Councillors

(and questions to Fife Councillors on matters of general interest - specific issues should be raised with Councillors directly, outside the meeting).

7.1. Cllr Frances Melville (West)

7.2. Cllr Sheila Hill (South)

7.3. Cllr Jane Ann Liston (South East)

8. Other Matters of Public Concern

(For community councillors to raise new business and points of information)

Appendix A - Geological Heritage Project, St Andrews and East Fife

Introduction

The year 2003 will be the Centenary of the formation of the Department of Geology at St Andrews University and the appointment of its first Lecturer, Thomas Jehu, who went on to become Regius Professor of Geology at Edinburgh University.

Geology had been taught at St Andrews for many years prior to this under the umbrella of Natural History, and the excellent natural rock formations found in the vicinity augmented its study. St Andrews has played host to many illustrious men who, in one way or another, contributed to the science of Geology.

- Dr George Martine Local physician and surgeon (1700-1741)
- Sir David Brewster Principal of the University (1838-1859)
- Robert Chambers Partner in the famous Edinburgh publishing house
- James David Forbes Principal of the University (1859-1868)
- Matthew F. Heddle Professor of Chemistry
- Charles Lapworth School teacher of English at Madras College
- Henry Nicholson Professor of Natural History (1875-1882)

The formal adoption of Geology in 1903 as a distinct discipline by the University came shortly after Sir Archibald Geikie, working in Fife for the Geological Survey, made his famous comment that

"if I were to choose an area of Scotland where geology could best be taught with reference to evidence in the field, I would, without hesitation, choose East Fife".

Objective

It is my desire to see the Centenary marked in some tangible way which may remain as a testimony to the scholarship and endeavours of these men.

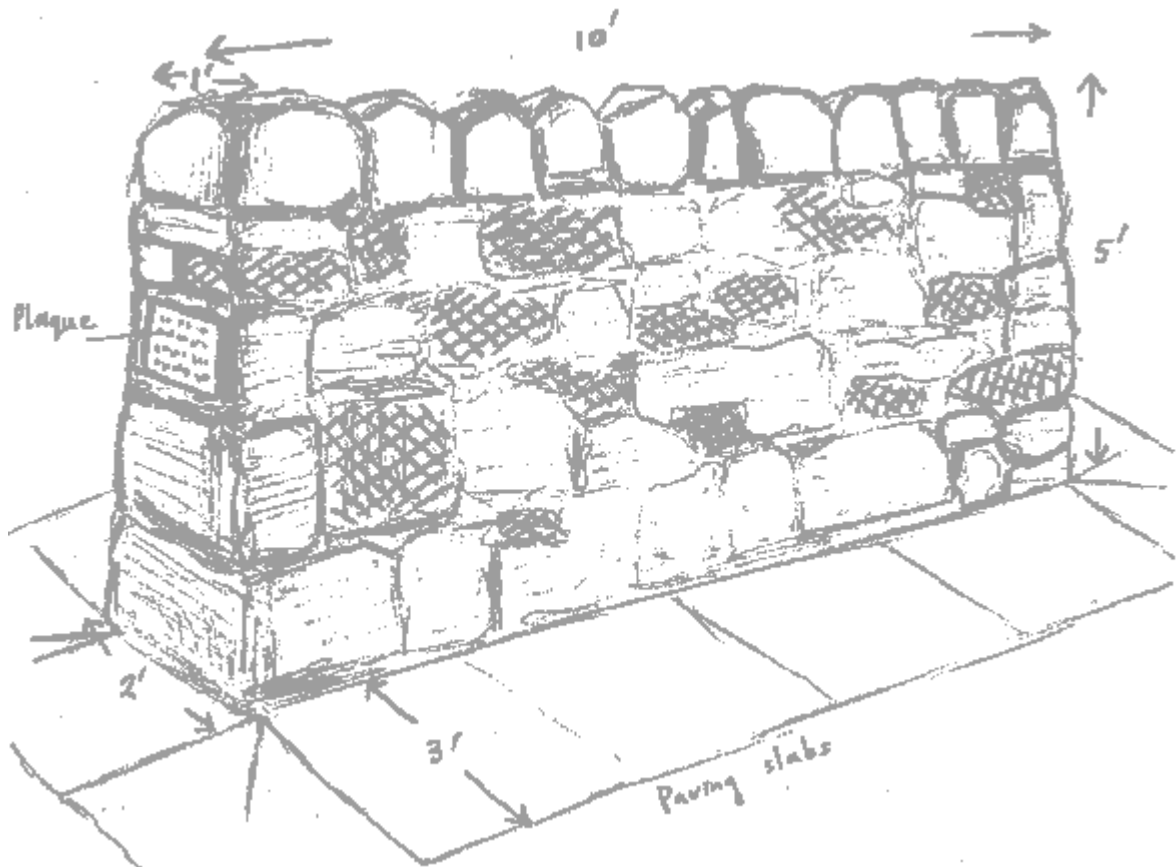
The projects which I propose would help to increase the public's awareness of the importance of geology in everyday life and encourage schoolchildren to appreciate their local geological heritage.

Five projects are proposed

- Building Stones of St Andrews - book and trail
- Historical Geology * - plaques for Heddle, Lapworth and Nicholson
- Geological Wall * - stone wall built of Fife's rocks
- Geological Heritage Trail - St. Andrews to Rock & Spindle walk
- Virtual geology of Fife - computer-based tour of Fife's geological features

* These projects have planning implications.

Descriptive leaflet:



Sketch of Geological Wall R. A. Batchelor 1999

A photograph of the wall with the special rocks identified in a key. Each rock incorporated into the wall will have its own description, thus:

Rock1

1. Sketch of the actual specimen highlighting important features
2. Description of the rock
3. Explanation of its mode and environment of formation
4. Source locality of rock and extent of the outcrop in Fife
5. Industrial uses for the rock

A quiz will invite the observer to think about why certain rocks are good for certain uses, eg. building; road stone; cement. Also why some rocks contain fossils and others don't.

Appendix B - Recreation Committee Report

Report for 1st March 1999

1. The regular meeting was held on Tuesday 2nd February 1999 at 19.00 hrs. preceded at 18.30 hrs. by the 200 Club meeting chaired by the Administrator Mr Archie Strachan.
2. Representatives from the Art Club and the Photographic Club attended together with the St. Andrews Week Sub-Committee.
3. Our view was explained to the representatives; in short, our total concept was co-operation and openness with all.
4. After full discussion it was decided that
 - We would apply for the Victory Memorial Hall as it was central and not take up the Art Clubs very generous offer of their Club Rooms. This may have to be kept in mind however for future years.
 - This year's Arts title will be St. Andrews - Fresh Impressions
 - The Photographic Competition would have the same title as the Arts and be held at the same time and at the same venue.

Other aspects such as picture rails were discussed.

5. Date of next meeting for the Art and Photography Sub-Committee is to be Monday 22nd February.

The A and P Sub-Committee

Met on Monday 22nd February at 19.00 hrs.

The Exhibition Preview will be held on the evening of Friday 26th November.

Menzies Campbell MP would be asked again to open it and present the Art Prizes. The Manager of Boots would be asked to present the Boots Trophy and present the Boots Vouchers for the Photography Section.

Exhibition will be held in the Victory Memorial Hall from Saturday 27th November to Tuesday 30th November opening times will be from 10am to 4pm with the exception of Sunday 28th November when times will be 2pm to 5pm.

The Convenor to investigate the possibility of hiring at no cost (scrounging) various pieces of equipment.

Notification of Meetings

- Recreation Committee 2nd March
- 200 Club 18.30 hrs.
- Ordinary 19.00 hrs.
- Street Fair 9th March, 10.00 hrs.
- St. Andrews in Bloom 16th March, 18.00 hrs.
- St. Andrews Week 30th March, 15.00 hrs.
- Art Sub-Committee 19th April, 19.30 hrs.

Appendix C - Correspondence File

In

Date	Who	What	Where
4/2/99	Home Safety Working Party	Agenda 22 Feb	F
3/2/99	Charlie Milne Labour PSpC	Extract of McIntosh docs on Scot Parl & local gov	F
1/2/99	Voluntary Sector Training Consortium	Spring programme	F
1/2/99	VONEF	Newsletter	F
5/2/99	Michelle Vemecdua	Sponsorship req	F
11/2/99	Mr Christie	historical papers	F
11/2/99	Scottish National Heritage	National Scenic Areas Review	Planning IG
11/2/99	Planning Service	David Rae to attend?	F
11/2/99	Scottish Water & Sewerage Customers Council	Cascade Newsletter	F
15/2/99	Fife: Corporate Policy	[keeping...] Warm & Well in Winter - booklet	F
19/2/99	Betty Sullivan	Golf buggies on f'path	Golf MM
22/2/99	Millennium Cycle ways project	Cycleclips	Cycle IG
22/2/99	Fife Planning Service	Town Centres perceptions monitoring report	Planning IG
26/2/99	Fife E Area Local Svcs	Agenda 3rd March	F
26/2/99	Fife Community Svcs	Trinity Pl: felling of trees	Planning IG
26/2/99	MVA ltd	Planning Survey	Planning IG

Out

Date	To	Subject:	
1/2/99	CARF	Membership application (repeat)	Fax
1/2/99	Law & Admin - Iain Grant	Constitution	Fax
24/2/99	P&K Health	Cathy Adamson reschedule	fax