

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

Minutes – January 2011

For Approval

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0. Preliminary Remarks by Chair

Dr Goudie welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2011. Dr Goudie started by putting on record his appreciation for various activities, such as the Senior Citizens Party, which he thought, had been a great success. He also thanked the student representatives who had organised a social get together with members of the SRC. He felt that the event had been enjoyable and constructive.

1. Attendance

Community Councillors

Patrick Marks, Ian Goudie, Ken Fraser, Ken Crichton, Henry Paul, Marysia Denyer, Audrey McAnaw, Penny Uprichard, Kyffin Roberts, Carol Ashworth, Judith Harding, Derek Skelhon, Ronnie Murphy, Izzy Corbin,

Students' Association Representatives

Holly West, Rebecca Ladley

Nominated

Jude Innes

Co-Opted

Niall Scott

Fife Councillors

Bill Sangster, Robin Waterston, Dorothea Morrison, Frances Melville

Apologies

Ken Crichton, Owen Wilton, Dave Finlay, Andy Primmer, Catherine Rowe, Meg Platt

2. Minutes of November 2010 Meeting

6.2. Correct spelling of "Loughlin" to "Laughlin"

3. Presentations

3.1. Update on STANDEN Project.

Jane Kell presented an update on the Standen Project and the future for it. The project had been operating since September. She acknowledged that there had been a few hitches, which had interfered with the progress of the Project, but she remained confident that very good inroads would be made in St Andrews by the 31st March when Project funding would cease. She reminded the meeting of staff changes, with Iris the previous co-ordinator having left at the end of last year to take up a new post. Jane had been appointed in her place. In November and December the bad weather had significantly slowed progress with the work in the community and with delays in deliveries of items required for the project.

On a more positive vein, Jane reported that the Project workers had knocked on 2500 doors and had completed 300 full audits. 600 households had been given advice but not undergone a full audit. Eleven referrals had been made for loft insulation and eight for cavity wall insulation, a low number because the Project had followed on after the HIS project. However the Project had also helped 18 HIS clients who were supposed to have had insulation installed but had heard nothing about it. Standen contacted HIS and have managed to get the jobs done for these clients. Another part of the work is installing radiator panels, now that they have arrived. To date some 48 radiator panels, 22 TV power downs and 9 computer power downs have been installed. Other work has included helping some households to use their heating more efficiently.

Standen has also attended a number of public events, including the Community Council Coffee morning, Freshers Week the Art exhibition and the Senior Citizens Party. Jane reported that at all these events worthwhile leads to help local people were generated.

A poster competition in the local Primary schools was a great success with the entries being displayed at the Art Exhibition at Madras College in South Street. The three winning posters having been turned into pop-up banners to be used by the project at future events. Despite weather problems the winners received their prizes, though publicity for the prize winning came through material submitted by the schools to the local press and not from material submitted by Standen.

On 18th and 19th February there will be an Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fair in St Andrews Town Hall with lots of commercial representation and even Fife Council planners to answer questions on the planning issues around installing renewable energy. Talks to local groups are also taking place, with a talk to the local Arthritis Group being mentioned.

Two more Energy Champions are being employed, one to replace Jane in her previous role and another because the funding was available in the Project budget to try and make up for lost time due to recent bad weather. Some of the staff will also be working extended hours with the approval of the Climate Challenge Fund to make up for lost time. Staff are also being given a two-day course at the end of January on renewable energy as this area is felt to be the way forward.

Jane then addressed the issue of how to progress the project beyond the 31st March. She was hopeful that there could be a follow on project, given that there has been an announcement of new funding. Papers are out for applicants to complete and bids for funding have to be in by 14th February. Jane went on to say that Standen staff have come up with some ideas for a follow on project, though she emphasised the Community Council ownership of the project. The emphasis of a new project would be on renewable energy and non-standard insulation needs, i.e. houses without cavity walls. Properties not falling within the standard solution for insulation would have to be assessed for individual tailored solutions. An additional element in a new project might be to take in the villages coming within the KY16 postcode and these extend both north, south and west of the town. She felt that this might increase the chances of funding. She also thought that there might be other advantages of going outwith St Andrews, such as a Community scheme that might benefit St Andrews. By extending the remit of the Project she thought that it might be possible to also come up with an innovative scheme that might also benefit St Andrews, which might not be possible within its physical boundaries. Dr Goudie sought clarification on the idea of a community scheme. Jane explained that it could be something like a wind turbine or other renewable energy scheme. Jane also emphasised that apart from a community-heating scheme she didn't see any other large-scale renewable energy project being possible within St Andrews. Jane emphasised that work on renewables might involve a feasibility scheme in the first year of funding as it would be impossible to get a large scale renewables scheme up and running within one financial year. A more feasible short-term scheme might be organising a bulk purchase scheme for renewable solar, which would benefit local households. Jane hoped that in a new project they would be able to have a target of helping a number of clients to install renewable energy systems. Jane thought that renewable energy in St Andrews would centre upon solar systems.

Following a query from Miss Uprichard relating to contact details, Jane gave email contacts for the Energy Champions. Jane reiterated that they hope to have a leaflet through every door in town by the end of March and to visit as many as possible that respond to the offer of an assessment. Staff will visit in evenings and at weekends.

If the Community Council wished to see the Project continue, Jane emphasised the need to explain in a bid that the plan would be to take St Andrews to the next level beyond basic insulation and cavity wall work. This type of work could still continue if a new Project was extended to cover the bulk of the KY16 postal area, as villages would require a lot of input to help them achieve energy savings.

Dr Goudie asked if Jane could quantify how far towards the 3% target the Project had reached? Jane acknowledged that the HIS input had made this target more difficult, with the bulk of the 3% going to the HIS scheme as the easiest savings were in the cavity wall and loft insulation which HIS had been

promoting. Jane said that HIS had created two major problems for Standen. HIS could claim savings for the work they'd organised and Jane also thought that HIS had created a problem for Standen by making many of their clients believe that once they'd got their loft and walls insulated that was all that they needed to do. Standen therefore found it difficult to sell their message of a broader energy savings philosophy to many householders.

Dr Goudie asked Mr Murphy about the plans for Standen to apply to extend the Project. Mr Murphy confirmed that with Community Council support the Standen committee would meet to try to progress plans for a possible new Project. Dr Goudie commented that the Project had been one of the major successes of the Community Council in the past year. The Community Council gave its unanimous support to the proposal. Jane thanked the Community Council for its support.

4. Fife Councillors

4.1. Frances Melville

4.1.1. Cambo Snowdrop Festival

Cllr Melville mentioned this annual event at Cambo and a recent appeal for funding support issued by the organisers, the Erskine family. The reason for the financial appeal was due to a shortfall in funding as a previous major funding body, Create Scotland had turned down support for this year's event. Funding was required for various aspects of the event because of this shortfall. The Community Council had also received a letter asking if it would be able to assist with some sponsorship. Dr Goudie in reply acknowledged the problem but added that the Community Council was not in a position to assist and even the new Community Trust didn't cover the Kingsbarns area.

4.1.2. Garden Damage

There had been some damage to gardens in a local street in the town when JCBs hired to clear snow had misjudged the garden boundaries resulting in damage. Fife Council has acknowledged its responsibility and will be working to sort out the damage in due course.

4.1.3. Grit Bins

The Cupar depot is still awaiting a supply of grit bins. There is not definite date when these will arrive and be distributed to localities.

4.1.4. Lawhead TRO

At the last East Area Committee it was decided not to proceed with the TRO by Lawhead School, but to have a wider consultation in the streets likely to be affected by such an order to get a wider feel of the possible effectiveness of any order.

4.1.5. Water Leaks on High Road

Cllr Melville reported on the gradual progress of Scottish Water in dealing with a couple of leaks on the High Road. Work has been delayed because of the severe weather.

4.1.6. CLAN Gathering

Cllr Melville reported that this wouldn't take place in the centre of a residential area but on the outskirts, this reducing the potential nuisance felt by local residents in past years.

4.1.7. Market Street Environmental Work

There have been some problems with the Contractors and parking arrangements for local residents. Kate Hughes has been contacted to work on this matter.

Miss Uprichard asked about bollards, which had been erected in Market Street at part of the ongoing work. She hoped that these would be temporary and that suitable kerbs would be going in at some stage in the work. Cllr Melville thought that one possibility might be that the bollards would reduce the tendency for some cars to be parked with wheels close to the pavement edge thus edging the front of the car over the pavement, reducing pavement width for pedestrians. There was also a thought that the bollards would be temporary as they weren't in the original plans for the environmental work as part of the final finish of the work. The Councillors agreed to check on the plans for the bollards and what other measures are being

implemented in relation to the layout of the kerbs etc. It was agreed that further discussion wouldn't be productive without the full facts being available.

4.1.8. Pilmour Links Flooding Problem

Scottish Water is still working on the flooding issue at Pilmour Links. There was an indication that some work would start in January, which would be dependent upon rainfall. There has been an indication that Scottish Water were not happy with a previous solution they'd considered, so it could still be several months before the problem is resolved. Cllr Melville had tried to set up a meeting between the residents and Scottish Water without success to date.

4.1.9. Community Council Funding

Cllr Melville gave some of the background to this issue. Some smaller Community Councils had been concerned that a disproportionate amount of their grant was taken up with the cost of hall hire etc. Apparently some Community Councils had come up with the idea to rethink the ways to fund Community Councils. Cllr Melville reminded St Andrews Community Council to have its thoughts on the matter put forward to Fife Council.

4.2. Bill Sangster

4.2.1. Standard of Work in north Street

Mr Finlay had mentioned at the last meeting his concerns about the standard of work in north Street. Cllr Sangster said that Mr Finlay's concerns had been reported and would be investigated by Fife Council.

4.2.2. Vandalism at St Andrews Castle

Graffiti had been sprayed on the castle wall and Historic Scotland was having to assess how best to remove it while causing minimal damage to the stonework.

4.2.3. Kinnesburn Flooding

Cllr Sangster expressed his disappointment at the lack of progress in tackling the Kinnesburn flooding issues. He had hopes that the Council would be able to carry out its plans eventually.

4.2.4. Street Lighting Problems

Cllr Sangster informed the meeting that streetlights in Bridge Street and North Street had been reported when they'd failed in recent weeks. He added that the responsibility lay with Scottish Power who had been struggling to keep up to date. Jude Innes mentioned that Queens Gardens has had major lighting problems as well as other areas in town, including the Xmas lights in Bell Street. Cllr Sangster has reported the issues to Kate Hughes to follow up.

4.3. Robin Waterston

4.3.1. Kinnesburn

Cllr Waterston reported that Councillors would be having a meeting with transportation officers later in the week to discuss the consultancy report on the problems. This report would then go to the East area Committee later in the month. Cllr Waterston suggested inviting transportation officials to the February meeting. Dr Goudie hoped that there would be steps taken to broadcast possible action to those residents affected by the problem.

4.3.2. Crails Lane

Crails Lane is to be upgraded with some financial assistance from the Pilgrim Foundation. This will start in February. Mrs Ashworth asked about the problem of a bin storage area in Crails Lane. Cllr Waterston replied that officials were aware of the issues and were working with the firm whose bins were involved, but would speak again to officials to speak to those responsible for keeping the area tidier and cleaner.

4.3.3. Fife Council Budget

Cllr Waterston reminded the meeting that February 10th would be the date for the Council budget to be set. He acknowledged that this would have a significant impact upon Fife and services being provided.

4.4. Dorothea Morrison

4.4.1. Possible Land for Community Use

Recently Cllr Morrison had had a walk around some parts of St Andrews with a Housing official, with a view to looking at what might be done to upgrade the areas. The use of neglected garden areas for community gardens was one idea. She acknowledged that in such areas some of the residents might need support to try and improve their gardens etc. She thought that local residents on lower incomes might see value in some form of community gardens to grow vegetables and fruit. Mrs Ashworth commented upon this type of idea, which would be allotments, which she'd been trying to promote with Fife Council a while back, but had met with a less than enthusiastic response from Fife Council. The land in question had been private land and this might have affected the Fife Council attitude towards any involvement. Cllr Morrison clarified that she'd been talking about Fife Council owned land about which something could be done.

4.4.2. Planning Committee Letter to Fife Council Planning Officials

Miss Uprichard asked for comments about a letter which the Planning Committee had sent to the Planning Department asking for a meeting to discuss the problems in getting paper plans and in relation to the inadequacy of what was available online. Miss Uprichard asked the Councillors for their support in helping the Planning Committee to arrange such a meeting. Cllr Waterston thought that the timing of Miss Uprichard's request was fortuitous, as the Planning Dept had recently had a major internal move round of officials. A new Planning Officer, Mary Stewart would now be covering the area and working with the Councillors. He thought that it could well be appropriate to arrange a meeting. Miss Uprichard replied that she'd already spoken to Mary Stewart and had been informed that Mr Hamilton and Mr Smith would continue to cover St Andrews applications and would be handling Knightsbridge because of its complexity.

4.4.3. Letter in Relation to Local Plan Public Inquiry

Miss Uprichard sought Councillors' opinions/ advice on sending in a letter requesting that a full Public Inquiry on the Local Plan should take place. She sought advice on the best way to approach this request, whether it should come from the whole CC or from individuals and other local interest groups such as the Preservation Trust. Cllr Morrison made some suggestions about possible ways to frame a letter to request a Public Inquiry and the importance of such an Inquiry getting the right solution for the future of St Andrews. Miss Uprichard asked that if such a letter were agreed would Councillors be able to write in support of it? Cllr Melville voiced her support for a full scale Public Inquiry. Dr Goudie thought that individual letters were the best way of getting the argument across and welcomed Cllr Melville's comments. He wondered if the other members would consider putting in individual letters. Cllr Waterston agreed that this would be more effective and urged the Community Council to put in its position. The Councillors he thought could support the Community Council call for a Public Inquiry in their own letters on the issue.

5. Planning Committee

5.1. See Appendix D for report.

Dr Goudie asked the Planning Committee if in future the Community Council was going to get the detailed lists. He explained that the rationale of printing the lists was to show the public that the Community Council could view planning applications in both positive and negative ways. There had been past criticism about a perceived negative attitude to all planning matters. Mr Roberts explained that the lists should have been attached and would be in future.

Dr Goudie mentioned that he'd been sent Knightsbridge's Strategic Development Framework before xmas along with a request to attend Community Council to discuss their plans. Dr Goudie thought that it would be appropriate for the Planning Committee to discuss the document first and then take a decision on whether or not the full Council or just the Planning Committee should meet with Knightsbridge.

Dr Goudie also commented upon the item relating to the Education consultation on the planned Madras School site that this had been extended to 14th January. He reiterated the Community Council position in a

response he'd made in which the Community Council supported in principle a single site school, but as per a letter of January 2010 would not comment on the site until Fife Council had made a specific planning application.

6. Matters Arising

6.1. Climate Challenge Fund Update

No additional comments following presentation by Jane Kell earlier in the meeting

6.2. Martyrs Monument Update

No update

6.3. St Andrews Community Trust Update

Mr Paul reported that there had been 3 or 4 applicants for the positions of Trustees. He appealed for further names to add to the applicant list, to ensure that there was a good cross section of the local community represented on the Board of Trustees, with some names in a reserve pool. The nominating committee would be non-trustees. Dr Goudie asked for clarification about the mechanism for the nomination of the committee appointing the Trustees. Mr Paul explained that the Directors would give the nominating committee the names of the applicants to select the three most suitable candidates.

6.4. Craigtoun Update

Mr Roberts reported back on this matter. Mr Roberts explained that there was now a Craigtoun Working Group, which consisted of Cameron and St Andrews Community Council representatives. Fife Council still convened the Craigtoun Park Advisory Group, which had met on the 17th December, the report of which had been circulated. There would be a meeting of the Craigtoun Working Group on the 11th January at which there would be some Fife Council representation. The meeting would be looking at the possible establishment of a Trust. Cllr Waterston commented that he wouldn't be expecting the decision about a trust to be made at the planned meeting, but that the meeting would be the first exploratory step with information being exchanged. Mr Roberts acknowledged that the formation of a Trust would be a long and involved process. He recognised some of the current issues such as the discrepancy between running costs and income. Mr Roberts added that Cameron was quite keen to form a Trust but he was a bit concerned about their full understanding of the logistics of such an undertaking. A Trust if formed could have access to Capital funding not available to Fife Council. Cllr Morrison commented on the need to build up a business case to get outside funding and reminded the meeting that Fife Council had no money to put into capital investment.

Mr Roberts was concerned about the commitment of Fife Council to continue to maintain the park while its future was being planned. Cllr Morrison agreed that this was important and reminded the meeting about the case for Craigtoun to be considered as a vital greenspace for St Andrews in the debate about the Council's commitment to ensuring that communities had adequate greenspace for their inhabitants. She that this added weight to the case for the park continuing to be maintained by Fife Council. Mrs Corbin who is also on the working group added that other issues needing to be considered included the future of the present cafeteria as it wasn't certain if the present licensee wanted to continue to run it.

Dr Goudie mentioned that there had been an indication in an email on Craigtoun there had been a possible interest expressed by Cordonas in relation to Craigtoun Park. Dr Goudie wondered how soon a decision might be need to be made on that expression of interest? Cllr Waterston acknowledged that this expression of interest was being investigated.

6.5. Community Council Election

Dr Goudie reminded the meeting that he'd circulated the timetable for the election before Xmas. The election is to be promoted at the Coffee morning this coming Saturday. Linda Purdie is to send application forms, which might arrive before the Coffee Morning.

Dr Goudie reminded the meeting that he'd written an article for St Andrews in Focus and encouraged members to promote the election with anyone they thought might be a potential candidate. He felt that there needed to be some effort to promote the election. Dr Goudie would also put a letter in the St

Andrews Citizen. The possibility of putting up posters was also discussed. Mr Scott offered assistance in relation to the posters to be produced for the Coffee Morning, which would mention the forthcoming election.

6.6. Community Council Boundary Consultation

Mr Roberts explained the background to the request by Cameron Community Council to alter the boundary. It was based on a map they'd received from Fife Council and appeared to be different from the general understanding of the Cameron boundary. Mr Roberts is to meet with Cameron members this week to discuss the issue. He has received a map from Miss Uprichard, which might help to clarify the matter. Another part of the matter may relate to the possibility that a member of Cameron Community Council might live just within the St Andrews boundary.

Dr Goudie asked about the deadline for the consultation, which is the 14th February. Mr Marks replied that this related to the deadline for material for the next North-East Fife Area Committee, which would discuss the issue.

Mr Crichton asked if the election would be decided upon a postal ballot. Dr Goudie confirmed that this would take place if there were enough candidates to trigger an election. Dr Goudie said that if there was a substantive difference along the bulk of the Southern hillside he felt that St Andrews Community Council had to be that St Andrews had the greater interest in looking after that area of land as it was a key part of the landscape setting of the town. He was however prepared to concede a small area on the fringes if a member of Cameron Community Council lived within it. He added that it was really Fife Council's problem as they'd supplied the map with the different boundary.

6.7. Reports from Representatives

6.7.1. Leuchars Community Forum

Mr Fraser reported that he'd been unable to attend, but a few had managed to attend. The main item of interest was the future of the base and there was an indication that by early February there might be an announcement about the future.

6.7.2. St Andrews Partnership

Mrs Ashworth reported on this meeting, which she attended. At the recent meeting Mr Yarr had talked about the possibility of tapping into the large offshore Wind Turbine Project. The Partnership is looking to make contact with the developers. There was a feeling that it might be in the developer's interest to pay for a community project or something along those lines.

Another idea discussed was a BID Scheme, or Business Improvement district Scheme. This involved businesses contributing an additional 1% on top of their rates to help in some way to improve the area and hopefully improve the income for their businesses.

She also mentioned the idea of a voluntary visitor donation scheme. There are schemes of a similar type in areas like Loch Lomond. A recent survey found that a large percentage of those surveyed thought it was a good idea and many would like to be involved in the trial. Mrs Ashworth explained the concept in more detail following questions from other Community Council members. She explained that a business might set up a system whereby a customer could add on a voluntary contribution when paying their bill.

Fife Council continues to support the St Andrews Partnership with core funding and will do so until 2013 and after that project by project. Scottish Enterprise will continue to support the Project until funds run out, probably later this year, after which funding will be awarded project by project. Visit Scotland has also indicated a willingness to consider funding from its core funds. The University will also consider financial support for projects of a wide community benefit.

The value of website based donations was mentioned while golf related funding activity is part of the Partnership's future vision.

Dr Goudie reminded Mrs Ashworth of the value of having written reports.

6.8. Any Other Matters Arising

6.8.1. Common Good Fund

Dr Goudie brought up the issue of Community Council representation in relation to CGF applications. Mr Crichton he said was agreeable to Mr Finlay and Mrs Ashworth being the representatives from the Community Council. Cllr Waterston said he'd communicate with the appropriate Fife Council officer, Beth Flynn to ensure she had the correct emails to send out information on applications. There could then be an email exchange between the Fife Councillors and Community Councillors on the application before it was brought up at the East Fife Area Committee who make the final decision. The Community Council reps will check with other Community Council members by email if they have any comments.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Recreation Committee

7.1.1. Civic Reception

The Civic reception didn't take place due to the weather. Fife Council had given funding towards the reception. Mr Roberts suggested that an alternative night could be considered, such as Burns Night, though he was also open to the possibility of not having a reception and working towards a reception in St Andrews night 2011 instead. After further discussion it was agreed that the Civic Reception would not take place and the Community council would plan for the 2011 date instead, though this would depend upon the will of the new Community Council after the February election.

7.1.2. St Andrews Young Citizen of the Year Award

Mrs McAnaw had been working on this award on behalf of the Community Council. The number of applicants this year had been disappointing and of those who applied it had been decided to give each an award. One winner being, Lawrence Sandeman from St Leonards and the second was the Madras Eco Group. Mrs McAnaw added that there would be an attempt to encourage greater participation for the 2011 award and the Recreation Committee would look at ways to promote the award to this end through out the year. The 2010 award would be presented at the February Community Council meeting. Dr Goudie thanked Mrs McAnaw for her work in organising the award.

Young Citizen Award Ceremony to be organised by Rec Committee for February CC Meeting

7.1.3. Coffee Morning

The details of the Coffee morning were discussed by Ms West.

7.2. General Purposes

No report as there had been no meeting since the December Community Council

7.3. 200 Club

Winners in January draw – 1st Miss Lawrie, 2nd Mrs Kerracher 3rd W McSweeney

7.4. Health, Education and Welfare Committee

No report but it was hoped to have a meeting soon.

8. New Business

8.1. Leuchars Airbase Petition

For information only

8.2. New Financing of Community Councils

Dr Goudie recollected from past discussion that the arguments put by North Glenrothes CC against the changes weren't particularly strong. He asked the meeting if there was a desire to discuss the matter again.

Mr Marks mentioned the suggestion of a compromise proposal by North Glenrothes for a smaller cut in the block grant part of the funding. Mr Paul reminded the meeting that the proposals would reduce St Andrews grant from £3200 to £2400. He also reminded members that the proposals were a redistribution of the current overall grant funding allocated by Fife Council, with small councils benefiting to about £100 per annum. He also acknowledged that the reduced grant would cover certain basic costs but would not allow for larger occasional expenditures for which further fundraising would have to take place. Dr Goudie wondered about a longer phase in period for the changes as a compromise. Mr Marks felt he hadn't seen the detail of how the changes had been arrived at for the funding changes. Cllr Waterston commented that in his understanding the consultation had arisen when smaller CCs had approached Fife Council concerned about rising core costs. These costs weren't dependent upon population hence the proposal to increase the block grant to cover increasing core costs to £400. The per head grant would be reduced.

Dr Goudie asked the meeting if there was support for the North Glenrothes proposal. Dr Goudie wondered if the meeting favoured responding by proposing a smaller increase in block grant and changes phased in over a longer period? Mr Marks thought that this seemed to be a more appropriate measure, rather than the larger cut. Mr Marks agreed to word a response along these lines to Linda Purdie before the end of the consultation period. Mr Crichton suggested the possibility of finding out from some of the smaller Community Councils what they paid for hall rents etc. Mr Marks thought that more detail of costs etc for smaller Community Councils was required before he'd be convinced that there was a firm case to answer for major financial changes.

Mr Marks to reply to consultation on funding

9. Reports from Office Bearers

9.1. Chair

9.1.1. Rail Study

Dr Goudie had received an email from Jane Ann Liston with an update from the consultants employed to produce a feasibility study for a rail link to St Andrews. Some progress has been made in relation to the study, but the consultants hoped for more detail on the route to be available in the New Year.

9.2. Treasurer

9.2.1. Treasurers Report

Mr Paul estimated that the CC would finish the current financial year with about £3000 in the account. The new laptop had been purchased. There was a grant from Fife Council for £450 for the Civic Reception and Mr Paul had yet to hear whether this might have to be returned after that event's cancellation.

He also briefly commented on the Senior Citizens Party finances saying that after costs there would be about £150 to go towards the next such party. Donations from various sources had covered the bulk of the costs.

Mr Paul thanked the Fife Councillors for getting a refund of the cost of room hire for a recent meeting with Cameron Community Council in relation to Craigtoun Park.

Mr Paul finally reported that he'd enrolled in Treasurers training offered by Fife Council.

9.3 Secretary

9.3.1. Correspondence – see appendix A.

10. Any Other Competent Business

10.1. Support for the Byre Theatre

Mrs Corbin mentioned the need to give support to the Byre theatre in its time of difficulty due to funding cuts. The suggestion was to email support for the Byre as part of a campaign to try and get the lost funding reconsidered.

