

Monthly Agenda – June 2008

There will be a meeting of the community council at 7pm Monday 7th April 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.

(Copies of Agendas and Minutes of the Community Council are held at Fife Council's Local Office, St Mary's Place and the Town Library, Church Square. Those from late 1997 on are on line at <http://www.standrewscc.net/>)

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of May 2008

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

2.1 Mr Atkinson's reappointment as a Vice Chair was accidentally omitted from the May minutes

3. Presentations

3.1. Presentation by University of St Andrews Representatives

3.2. Presentation by Ironside Farrar Environmental Consultants

St Andrews Market Street Improvements Briefing

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

5.1.1. Planning Notes for 14th April 2008 – see Appendix C

5.1.2. Planning Notes for 12th May 2008 – see Appendix E

5.1.3. Planning Notes for 28th April 2008 – see Appendix D

5.2. Report on Seminar for Community Councillors – Planning – see Appendix H

6. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

6.1. Beach Clean - update

6.2. Fife Council Review of Byelaws Prohibiting Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Designated Public Places – see Appendix B

For information

6.3. CLAN Offer – update

This group which organises a Christian gathering at the outskirts of St Andrews in July, is still keen to get it's young people involved in an activity which would benefit St Andrews.

6.4. Consultation on the Future of Community Councils

6.5. Data Protection Act Compliance – update

6.6. Seminar – Instilling Civic Pride in your Community through Environmental Improvements – 16/05/08

6.7. Any Other Matters Arising.

7. From Committees

7.1. Recreation

7.2. General Purposes

7.3. 200 Club – see Report – Appendix

7.4. Health, Education & Welfare Committee

8. New Business

8.1. Problem Neighbours Website Query - www.problemneighbours.co.uk

8.2. Declaration of Interests

8.3. MUSA – see Appendix G

8.4. War Memorial Trust – New Grant Scheme – see Appendix F

8.5. Army in Scotland Community Service Offer – see Appendix I

8.6. Recommended Local Holiday Dates 2009

List received from Fife Council of suggested dates to be put to June cycle of Area Committees for all NE Fife Towns/ villages. St Andrews dates are: - 02/02/09, 30/03/09, 27/04/09, 05/10/09, 02/11/09, all Mondays. The dates are not obligatory for local businesses.

8.7. Water Mains Improvement Notification

Notification from Scottish Water of improvement programme in which new plastic water mains are replacing old water mains – to be carried out from 23/06/08 lasting for approximately 22 weeks. There may be some disruption to water supply, but 48 hours notice to be given to householders/businesses. There will also be some traffic disruption. Customer helpline – 08456018855.

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.

Appendix A Correspondence

No date	Miles Briggs – Prospective Westminster Parliamentary Candidate for NE Fife for NEFCA	Letter requesting copies of Community Council minutes to be sent to him, and indication that he plans to attend CC meetings at some stage. Also comments
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		on prospective Post Office Closures and Phone Box closures.
20/05/08	Scottish Water	Carnbee, Crail and St Andrews Water Mains Improvement letter starting 23 rd June for 22 weeks
13/05/08	Fife Council – Performance and Organisational Support	Recommended Local Holiday Dates 2009
16/05/08	Fife Council Community Services	Best Kept Town & Village Campaign 2008 – Judging dates – preliminary judging weeks commencing 23 rd June, area judging 7 th July and Fife Wide Judging 4 th August
21/05/08	Fife Council Performance and Organisational Support	Fife Council Review of Byelaws Prohibiting Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Designated Public Places
19/05/08	Fife Council – Development Services	Supplementary Panning Guidance – Wind Energy – Strategic Environmental Assessment – Post Adoption Statement – Publicity and Consultation Statement – booklet sent with letter detailing the issues relating to wind power.
05/08	The Scottish Government	Consultation on the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 – Amendment Bill 2008
22/05/08	Fife Council – Performance and Organisational Support	Licence Application by Byre Theatre to hold Street Theatre 31 st July 2008
22/05/08	Fife Council	Planning Committee Agenda 27 th May – Fife House
22/05/08	Fife Council	North East Fife Area Committee – 28 th May - Cupar
07/05/08	Robert Beard	Email re linking with website www.problemneighbours.co.uk
27/05/08	Patrick Laughlin, St Andrews World Class	Email asking whether the CC have ever discussed the “cages” outside Tesco in Market Street
23/05/08	Fife Council- Performance & Organisational Support	Letter about request for Common Good Grant for St Andrews Festival
23/05/08	Ironside Farrar	Letter about further workshops on Market Street improvements -9/10 June in Local Office, St Mary’s Place – 3-5 pm
May 08	Army in Scotland	Email requesting thoughts on possible ways the army can assist in Community Projects in St Andrews

Appendix B: Fife Council Review of Byelaws Prohibiting Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Designated Public Places

The Council has decided that all existing byelaws are to be amended to strengthen the effect of the byelaws by making it an offence in a designated public place “to be found in possession of an open container containing alcoholic liquor” with the result that it is no longer a requirement for enforcement purposes that “consumption” is witnessed by the Police.

Scottish Ministers are generally content with the Council’s proposals and accordingly I have now arranged for the byelaws to be signed on behalf of the Council. From May 26th to 27th June the proposed byelaws will be available for public inspection at County Buildings, Cupar. The press will be informed of the Council’s intention on 23rd May. Members of the public can make objections during this period. If there are no objections, the byelaws will be submitted to the Scottish ministers for confirmation. The Scottish ministers will appoint a commencement date, which will be at least one month after the date the byelaws are confirmed by them.

Helen MacKenzie
Team Leader

Appendix C Notes from Planning 14 April 2008

[08/00957/EFULL](#) Miss J Rodger
Erection of balcony at 11 Shorehead, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9RG
31/03/2008

Although the Shorehead is a controversial modern building in the centre of a truly treasured medieval architectural conservation area, the St Andrews Community Council OBJECT to the addition of a balcony onto Flat 11 Shorehead. The building is central to the views in, around and beyond the harbour and the addition of balconies would only add to the poor design and symmetry of the building with the proposed colour drawing the eye towards the building’s inadequacies. The balconies also extend beyond the line of the building

[08/00959/EFULL](#) Mr T Carlisle
Erection of balcony at 12 Shorehead, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9RG

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[08/00964/EOPP](#) Elizabeth Farley
Outline planning permission for erection of dwellinghouse at 3 Strathkiness High Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9UA

No plans available

[08/00932/EFULL](#) Mrs Audrey Gray
Replacement windows and doors at 2 Pipeland Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 8AH
No comment

[08/00557/EFULL](#) Mr And Mrs Graham Young
Erection of dwellinghouse at 3 Warrack Street, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 8DR
No Comment

Appendix D: Planning Notes 28 April 2008

[08/00965/EFULL](#) St Andrews Sailing Club
Installation of replacement windows and doors at St Andrews Sailing Club Woodburn Place St Andrews Fife KY16 8LA
No Comment

[08/00641/ELBC](#) O2 (UK) Ltd
Listed building consent for installation of 4 no. telecom antennas and replacement louvers at Holy Trinity Church
South Street St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9UH
No Comment

[08/00642/EFULL](#) O2 (UK) Ltd
Installation of 4 no. telecom antenna and replacement louvers at Holy Trinity Church South Street St Andrews Fife KY16 9UH
No Comment

[08/00906/EFULL](#) Auchterlonies, 2-6 Golf Place, St Andrews, Fife
Erection of single storey extension to shop at 6 Golf Place, St Andrews Fife KY16 9JA
No Comment

08/0965/EFULL – No Plans provided by Fife Council

[08/01056/EFULL](#) Mr And Mrs G Wicklow
Erection of rear dormers and installation of new roof lights to front of house (revised application for: [07/01465/EFULL](#)) at
14 Abbey Street, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9LA
No Comment

Appendix E: Planning Notes from Meeting 12th May 2008

08/01277/EFULL - No Plans received

08/00584/EFULL – No Plans received

08/00584/EFULL – No Plans received

[08/01208/ELBC](#) Mr And Mrs G Wynd
Listed building consent for installation of replacement roof light at 5 Greyfriars Garden, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9HG

No Comment

[08/01205/EFULL](#) Mr Andrew Yule

Replacement windows at Greenside Cottage, Abbey Close, Queens Terrace, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9TW

No Comment

[08/00989/EFULL](#) Mr And Mrs A Wright

Formation of French doors and alterations to window at Afton House, Kennedy Gardens, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DJ

No Comment

[08/01115/EFULL](#) I Black

Erection of conservatory at 13 Muir Gardens, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9NH

No Comment

Appendix F: War Memorials Trust (WMT) – New Grant Scheme

WMT has recently launched a new grant scheme, in collaboration with Historic Scotland, to support conservation projects to freestanding war memorials in Scotland. This, together with the Trust's existing Small Grants Scheme, which can support non-freestanding war memorials, will enable our charity to provide significant assistance to those communities wishing to preserve war memorials within their area.

Attached is a brief document outlining the Trust's schemes available in Scotland. I would appreciate it if you could forward this to your contacts in the Community Councils within your area. If you are unable to pass this information on I would appreciate it if you could let me know the soonest and if possible provide contact details so that we can get in touch with Councils directly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Many thanks in advance for your collaboration.

Ms Eleni Loizides

Conservation Officer

Appendix G: MUSA

The University are looking for donations for the new University of St Andrews Museum. A donation at the Advocate or Patron level see the Community Council's name inscribed. I think it would be a great way of publicising the Council to locals and visitors, and it would remain there for decades if not centuries. It would also be a good way to engage with the University.

Appendix H: Brief Report on Seminar for Community Councillors 10th. May 2008 Planning.

With restricted time (approx 65 minutes the workshop consisted mainly of running through the handouts given namely;

A brief Guide to the Scottish Planning Act

Timetable for implementation of the Planning Etc (Scotland) Act 2006.

I have several copies of each available and can obtain more but these basically give a very brief idea of timescales etc. but do have website and telephone numbers regarding Planning Help lines.

There then followed a very vocal debate/ question session and it was obvious that all communities suffer the same problems as we do re planning.

One of the major faults was in retrospective planning and the actions of the enforcement officers, which leave much to be desired. E.g. in one small area planning permission was sought for three houses and ten were built with a negative interest from enforcement. Allegedly.

Planning Aid was mentioned by one of the councillors and in great depth and Robin Presswood agreed to put out details to all CCs and I believe you should all have contact details by now from Patrick.

Under new guidance Larger Applications are being referred directly to the CC concerned and developers are being encouraged to contact and meet with CCs prior to submitting planning applications to Fife Planning

It was also brought up by various CCs to remember when faced with a larger developer to think “outside the box” when faced with a seemingly impossible situation. E.g. historical rights of way, endangered species, use outside organisations to assist etc.

One final point after discussion on the siting of our CC notice boards it was felt that we should be like most of the applications that are put in. Just put them up and if anyone says anything just put in for retrospective planning permission. That should give us a year or two.

Larry Reed
Planning Convener
Royal Burgh of St.Andrews Community Council.

Appendix I: Army in Scotland Community Service Offer

Further to your conversation with my colleague Alison I am writing on behalf of the Army in Scotland who are keen to get involved with community projects in the St Andrews.

As you may be aware there are many occupations in the Army other than traditional 'soldiering'. There are plumbers, mechanics, engineers, computer technicians and a whole host of other trades/professions.

With this in mind we are writing to see if there are any community projects or initiatives with which the army could be of assistance in your area. Please note that we are just at the initial research stage and at present we are simply gathering information of potential projects. From this we will then evaluate how the army can be of assistance and we will then offer the appropriate level of support.

We would appreciate any ideas or suggestions you may have and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

Sarah-Jane Milne

Account Executive

Appendix J: 200 Club Committee Report – 01/05/08

1. Grant Applications.

The committee agreed that the reintroduced system of application forms was working well, saving time at full CC Meetings and eliminating placing applicants and members in sometimes difficult situations. The application forms are under the sole control of the Administrator who is responsible for monitoring them in all stages.

2. Monthly Prizes

As the membership has reached the 100 mark, prize amounts have been raised as follows: - 1st £50
2nd £30 3rd £20

3. Membership Drive

It was agreed that despite press coverage and application forms being placed in prominent places within several commercial and local government premises, a poor response was achieved. As the monies raised are for the benefit of the townspeople it was felt that local businesses and organisations be targetted as in one way or another they may be the ones to benefit either in elderly care or youth care groups etc.

4. Awards

Following the recent awards to reduce the balance of the club's funds it was decided that the £200 max. amount no longer be the norm and each application will be based on its merit and the amount decided by the committee.

Details of awards made since Jan 2008 available from Larry Reed, Administrator. £2175 has been awarded to 12 groups/organisations/individuals to date.

