

Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council

September Monthly Meeting

Will be at 7pm Monday 7th September 1998 at the Burgh Chambers.

We hope to have the restored Town Bell rung beforehand (as it used to be for Town Council meetings).

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

Received: Dr Riddell, Mr Peterson

2. Contributions from Members of the Public

(Anyone who would like to address or question the meeting on a relevant subject please contact the Secretary or Chair beforehand if at all possible)

2.1. Mr Christie

on History

2.2. Community Policing

report

3. Minutes of the July '98 Meeting

(Read for any corrections of substance - harangue the Secretary for minor (spelling etc) mistakes before or after the meeting).

4. Matters Arising

(Action taken or other news relating to last month's meeting)

4.1 Golf Shuttle using footpaths on the links

(July 2.2)

4.2. Hogweed

(July 4.2)

Fife council have acted on the more obvious plants along the Kinnessburn, though there are still signs (23/08/98) of secondary growth/young plants. Secretary wrote to John Stark, East Area Environmental Health Manager, and received a very complete reply which:

- disputes that the council has been slow to act - 1st spraying instruction issued 28th April, survey of the Kinnessburn was 1st May and all plants initially sprayed by the end of May
- comments that giant hogweed has been present for the last 10 years.
- until about 5 years ago the bankings along the Kinnessburn were cut annually so giant hogweed was not so visible. Now this isn't done the plant is more visible and easier to treat.
- points out that spraying does not immediately destroy plants, "...control should be viewed over a treatment programme of at least 5 years." and that spraying requires a period of dry weather to be effective and safe on a watercourse.
- the Kinnessburn has been surveyed from Carron Place, through the Lade Braes to the harbour and East Sands "...provided access could be obtained."
- Next year action will commence in April, depending on weather, staff resources and agreement by private landowners.

4.3. Empty Shops

(July 4.5.) Outcome of Fife Councillors meeting with Assessor in Fife, Duncan Chisholm.

4.4. Material Rec'd from Mr Muir

(July 4.1.1.) For information: Town Council headed paper passed to the Preservation Trust Museum. Other material being filed (slowly) in the Community Council Cupboard in the Local Office. Keys to the cupboard with Secretary Pete Lindsay and Vice-Chair Murdo Macdonald.

4.5. Shell Select Shop catering licence

(March '98) Secretary spoke at Fife Council Regulation Committee in Cupar (27/8/98). Shell to have 6 months trial on the promise of better behaviour. It is possible to appeal within 28 days of this decision. Otherwise anyone affected adversely by the behaviour of the shop's customers during the trial period should contact Mr Jensen, Area Law & Administration Dept, County Buildings, Cupar, KY15 4AT.

5. Correspondence

(see attached sheet for full list)

5.1. King Street

Letter received from Deputy Chief Constable Bennett reporting a reduction in incidents (as reported by PC Cumming (July 2.4)).

Copy of report from Brian Wilson, Housing Investigation Officer, regarding King Street forwarded by Veronica Henderson, Locality Manager at the Local Office. She says he's willing to attend Community Council to discuss the situation. Do we wish to take up this offer?

5.2. Twinning Approach - Hazard, Kentucky

Fife Council have been approached by Mrs Nan Hagen Gorman of the Hazard Sister City Committee proposing a formal twinning with St Andrews. Hazard (pop 5,500 approx) is an industrial city in SE Kentucky, itself a tourist area popular for boating, fishing and hunting. <http://virtweb3.mis.net/east/hazard/>

5.3. Town Library - sponsorship request

"European Netd@ys runs from 17th to 24th October 1998 and is designed to expose children to the pedagogical value of the internet." St Andrews has been chosen for the launch lunch on Monday 19th Oct.

Will we sponsor this for £50?

5.4. War Memorials Survey

The Scottish War Memorials Group would like to know where *all* the memorials are in Scotland. They want to cover everything from memorial halls through formal monuments to individual plaques.

Do we have anyone knowledgeable/willing enough to research this and fill out the questionnaire?

5.5. Bus Service Changes 24th Aug

Those affecting St Andrews: 58 St Andrews-Dunfermline, 61/61A Leven-St Andrews. Leaflet outlining other changes available or contact Fife Council Transport info tel 01592-416060.

5.6. Fife Health Council Healthwatch newsletter

Some copies to be circulated.

5.7. Fife Youth Heritage Strathspey & Reel Orchestra

Mr Douglas Keir hopes to establish this and has written to all community councillors in Fife asking for their support. In the first instance he would like posters distributed. Does anyone have further information and do we wish to support this?

5.8. Association of Scottish Community Councils Newsletter

Two copies received, plus a copy of *Computers Don't Bite* magazine, and an advert from a clockmaker asking if we'd like a clock for our town, village, church or clubhouse (should I forward the latter to the University for the chapel perhaps?). The ASCC is on the internet at <http://www.mbn.co.uk/ascc/>

6. Matters Raised by Committees

(Reports etc).

6.1. Leisure & Recreation

Including 200 Club draw for August and September

6.2. Planning

6.3. Publicity

report attached

6.4. General Purposes

6.5. Others

Millennium Committee

The formation of this committee was held over in July pending further details from Mr Salter. Is such a committee to form?

Welfare Committee:

Again this was held over from last meeting. Is there enough interest to form such a committee?

7. Matters Raised by Fife Councillors

7.1. Cllr Melville (West)

7.2. Cllr Cassells (Central)

7.3. Cllr Hill (South)

7.4. Cllr Liston (South East)

8. Other Matters of Public Concern

8.1. Flag at the Town Hall.

Mr Jim Gray of Queens Gardens urges that the Saltire flag at the Town Hall be replaced as it is tattered and doesn't make a good impression for visitors.

8.2. Minutes & Agenda

(for information): are on the internet at <http://www.louisxiv.demon.co.uk/standrews/cc/>

8.3. Alcohol Free Zone:

It is now time for the promised review of the AFZ's effectiveness and submissions are to be made by 20th September asking for any changes. We have received no formal approach on this as yet (surely Fife Council are not trying to slip this one by?) but presumably our position from last year should be reiterated to them.