

Monday, 3rd February 2025 at 7.00 p.m.
Ordinary Meeting held in the Supper Room, St Andrews Town Hall

0 CONDUCT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

Chair Penelope asked for comments regarding positive solutions for meetings in order to make meetings more comfortable and user-friendly.
Comments from Councillors included that all should read the Code of Conduct recently sent round by the Chair and adhere to its procedures.
Avoid making long, repetitive speeches to make a point.
Use a collaborative and supportive tone of voice and retain an open mind to others' views.
It might be helpful if discussions took place in executive/committee and the Chair/Convenor put forward a consensus on a subject.
Chair has power to suspend discussion or call timeout.
It was noted that in extremis, according to Fife Council's Scheme 2021, a member can be voted off the Community Council.

1 SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

- 1.1 **The following Community Councillors attended:** Neil Cunningham Dobson, Mike Reid, Marion Mason, Carol Scambler, Judith Harding, Penelope Fraser, Martin Passmore, David Murray, David Strachan, Gordon Shepherd, Greg Newman, Michael Veitch, Izzy Corbin.
- 1.2 **The following Fife Councillors attended:** Al Clark, Jane Ann Liston, Robin Lawson
- 1.3 **The following Nominated Members attended:** Lily Shipman (student rep), Christine Randall-Klee, SALT (Report received from Lawrie Watson, SALT, after meeting. In summary: - Links Trust in discussions with Kohler organisation re l/t lease of Dukes Course; R&A announced 155th Open Championship on 11-18 July 2027; FC has granted full planning permission for extensions to Links Clubhouse.)
- 1.4 **Apologies were received from:** Lesley Caldwell, Chris Hilton, Gina Wilson, Patrick Marks, Callum Macleod, Eva Groeneveld, Kenny MacDonald.

2 POLICE SCOTLAND

- 2.1 Report from Police Scotland - circulated previously

3 FIFE COUNCILLORS' BUSINESS

- 3.1 Councillor Ann Verner – not present, report circulated.
- 3.2 Councillor Robin Lawson – in addition to his report Cllr Lawson said that FC has funding left for community planning thought to be in the region of £5,000. It was suggested that this could be used for the fountain or CCTV for the Old Tom Morris statue which has been vandalised again. Graves at the cathedral should be made safe. The 20 mph signs are going up slowly round the town. Road signs that are broken and lying on the ground were mentioned and Cllr Lawson will look into this and pass it on to officers.
- 3.3 Councillor Al Clark – in addition to his report; BID have had a good response from well qualified candidates for manager's post. Craigtoun Park – FC staff are looking at a 10 year plan to fund the repair and upkeep of the Dutch Village. The saga of the sauna proposal for the East Bents continues but objections on behalf of the Common Good have been made and acknowledged by Fife Council.
- 3.4 Cllr Jane Ann Liston – is hopeful that FC will take on the cost of the cathedral and castle lights. There is talk about a cycle path round the coast from Kirkcaldy to Dundee (50 kilometres). Will get FC officers to look at the loose Caithness flagstones in town. Will make sure that local councillors are involved early in the discussions about the Open Championship 2027 and involved in the planning of the annual Lammas Fair. Is looking into having flowers planted on the carpet bed at Petheram Bridge. Was pleased to see a recent report by a

railways expert that recommended increasing the rail network in Scotland that included St Andrews.

There was a discussion regarding the organising of the Open and it was felt that Fife Voluntary Action's involvement of recruiting volunteers to work in the Open was inappropriate. The Open organisers should be employing staff to run the golf competition to increase the employment in NE Fife and beyond. Also that the Bruce Embankment car park was used the last time with no recompense to the St Andrews Common Good Fund which owns it. Also, it was thought unacceptable that at previous golf events the West Sands was closed to traffic and promised buses did not materialise.

4 DRAFT MINUTES

- 4.1 Draft minutes of the ordinary Monthly Meeting held on Monday 6 January 2025 approved, proposed by Martin Passmore, seconded by Izzy Corbin.

5 Treasurer's Report 01/04/2023-21/03/2024

- 5.1 David Murray explained in great detail that our finances are in good order and comply with FC's rules and regulations. Printed accounts were previously circulated. Our admin grant is the largest in Fife, based as it is on per capita residents.
- 5.2 STARGA and SALT – although the c.900 active resident golfers are a small percentage of the local population, it was pointed out that the links are available to local residents by law and supporting STARGA will not affect the grant from the Community Trust. However, it was also opined that St Andrews Community Council should remain neutral. Penelope will write to both parties.

6 LOCAL PLACE PLAN - Actions

- 6.1 Neil Cunningham Dobson has undertaken a great deal of work on preparations for the website and was thanked by Marion but for various reasons a Business Proposal was not presented at this meeting and has been deferred until the March meeting. He mentioned a Community Action Plan (CAP) and it was proposed that we should undertake a CAP and recruit Community Enterprise as consultants to help us carry out the LPP projects.

7 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- 7.1 Student Representative Councillors – none present
- 7.2 University Representative – Lesley Caldwell – report circulated

8 BUSINESS PROPOSALS (circulated 29 01 2025)

8.1 Funding approval for 8 Sunday Summer Band Stand Concerts –Gina Wilson/David Strachan (£3,400)

8.2 Funding approval for Beating the Retreat and Civic Reception 28th November 2025. This would cover the Garden, Photographic, Putting and Art competitions. As well as the possibility of resurrecting prizes for School Art competitions. – Gina Wilson/David Strachan (£1,100)

8.3 Funding approval for Small Society Lottery Licence. – Marion Mason (£40)

8.4 Funding approval for printing of Raffle Tickets – Marion Mason (£60)

8.5 Funding for approval to purchase a supply of Scottish tablet and assorted sweets. – Marion Mason (£60)

8.6 Funding for approval of catering supplies, hall rental and printing for Coffee and cakes afternoon – Marion Mason (£185)

8.7 Funding approval for An Evening of Scottish Entertainment – Marion Mason (£295)

All business proposals 8.1 to 8.7 were approved even though some events will not happen until later in the year.

9 COMMITTEE BUSINESS

9.1 Planning and Licensing Committee

9.1.1 Convenor's Report (Judith Harding) – made a request for members to join this committee. Mentioned the huts built by Kinettles Hotel in Greyfriars Gardens without planning permission. David Strachan thanked Judith and Penelope for all the hard work that they had put in on the short-term lets issue.

9.2 Community Engagement Committee and Wellbeing Committee

9.2.1 Convenor's Report (Gina Wilson) – meeting on Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 7.00 p.m. remotely

9.3 Transport Committee

9.3.1 Convenor's report (Michael Veitch) –
9.3.2 Next meeting 10 February 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in the BID room

9.4 Common Good Committee

9.4.1 Convenor's Report (Martin Passmore) – meeting 25/02/ 2025 - remotely

10 OFFICE BEARERS' BUSINESS

10.1 **Community Council Chair** (Penelope Fraser) - report circulated 29 01 2025

10.2 **Secretary** (Gina Wilson) – various emails

10.3 **Treasurer** (David Murray) – see above section 5

11 Any Other Business

12 Next meeting on Monday, 3 March 2025

All meetings will be held at 7.00 p.m. until c.9.30 pm in the Supper Room at the St Andrews Town Hall until the Council Chamber is renovated.

2025

3 March
7 April – AGM & Ordinary meeting
12 May
2 June
7 July
11 August
1 September
6 October
3 November
8 December

In January, May, August, and December public holidays have meant a push back on our meeting dates. This will particularly impact on the Planning & Licensing committee meetings dates.