



With Strategic Planning
DRAFT MINUTES
Of the Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council.

HELD IN THE REFURBISHED BURGH CHAMBERS ST.ANDREWS TOWN HALL.

Monday 1st September, 2025 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting may be recorded to help the Secretary to produce the Minutes.

Members are respectfully reminded of the requirement to declare an interest in accordance with section 9.8 of the Fife Council Community Council Scheme.

Members are also respectfully asked to raise outstanding matters with Fife Councillors in advance of the meeting where possible.

Martin Passmore (Chair) welcomed everyone.

Chair welcomed HARRY WATKINS of THE BOTANIC GARDENS and gave an interesting talk on the ongoing work.

Harry explained that over the last five years there have been many changes, and that it quite unusual to have a botanic garden right in the middle of a town, especially St.Andrews.

The programme started in 2020, which was challenging and required a total rethink of the Botanic Garden and its role.

Strategic Planning has helped to secure a long term Lease with the University, identify core partnerships opportunities, published a Biodiversity Plan and started a capital investment programme.

Harry went on to further explain the different phases of 1, 2 and 3, 2020 - 2031, and what they involved. This was followed by a question time.

Extremely helpful and informative talk.

0.1 Membership

1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES.

1.1 The following Community Councillors attended:-

Martin Passmore.

Isabel Corbin.

Greg Newman.

Neil Cunningham Dobson.

Penelope Fraser.

Judith Harding

Marion Mason.

Mike Reid.

David Strachan.

Gina Wilson.

Callum McLeod

1.2 The following Fife Councillors attended:-

CLlr Al Clark.

CLlr Robin Lawson.

CLlr Jane Ann Liston.

1.3 The following nominated Members attended:- NONE.

1.4 The following guests/temporary representatives attended:-

Sandy Mitchell.

Alison Stephenson.

1.5 Apologies were received from:-

CLlr Ann Verner.

Lesley Caldwell – University of St. Andrews Representative.

Kenny McDonald.

Carol Scambler.

Michael Veitch.

Christine Randall-Klee (SALT).

Georgina Heggie (BID).

2 Police Scotland

2.1 Report from Police Scotland – report circulated.

3. Fife Councillors Business.

3.1. Councillor Robin Lawson – Report circulated.

Fife Council held a workshop with regards to Pavement Parking.

NE Fife Planning Committee.

Ward Meeting with Kirkhill, lack of affordable housing in Kilrymont Development, FC have bought 3 properties to add to housing stock and the Castle Sands Pool upgrade.

A Petition by Strathkinnes CC with 680 signatures requesting speed limit at B939 crossroads be reduced.

Guardbridge Cycle Path - further investigation is taking place.

Escalated the need for urgent repairs to uneven pavement.

Devolved Parking Budget - £7,400 was used to recover losses in parking revenue, with regards to the Lammas Fair, pointed out that the Lammas had been there for centuries before parking charges were instigated. Robin intends to follow this up.

3.2. Councillor Al Clark - Report circulated.

Lade Braes link path has been approved.

2100 drains have been approved for clearancing.

Lawmill Pond with Contractors having visited site. Improvements could be in the region of £25K and further discussion took place with managerial how this could funded.

BID Update.

Planning issues are ongoing.

Was able to get the use of the Bassaguard Garage site overturned with Cllr Robin Lawsons help.

B939 Strathkinness Junction new signage inclusive of drop in speed limit.

Reviewing with Roads and Transportation new tourist signage for Craigtoun Park.

Is querying the number of times street cleaning takes place.

3.3. Councillor Ann Verner – Report circulated.

3.4 Councillor Jane Ann Liston .

Update on Lade Braes.

Update on Drains clearances.

Contractors have visited the site at Lawmill Pond with discussion around funding and whether or not the project should be phased.

Planning queries ongoing with regards to Kirkhill and various other planning matters.

NE Fife Area Committee are looking at ways to make the cycle path route to Guardbridge safer for cyclists.

4. DRAFT MINUTES of 7th July, 2025 - Approved BY Greg Newmand and Neil Cunningham Dobson.

DRAFT MINUTES of 11th August, 2025 - Approved by Gina Wilson and Neil Cunningham Dobson.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Minor Injuries Unit in NE Fife - can come off the Agenda.

5.2 Notice Board at Spar.

5.5 Any other matter arising not covered in the Agenda. NONE.

6 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES.

6.1. Student Representatives. - Robert Moran - President of Student Opportunities - presopps@st-andrews.ac.uk.

- Alice Hodges - President of Union Affairs -preaffs@st-andrews.ac.uk.

6.2 Lesley Caldwell St.Andrews University – Report circulated.

6.3 BID Representative. - Georgina Heggie. - Report circulated.

6.4 SALT Representative - Christine Randall Klee - Report circulated.

6.5 Community Trust discussion was taken in camera.

7. TREASURER – Greg updated the Council on his progress with regards to the accounts.

8. BUSINESS PROPOSALS . - A request was made to give £150.00 to the Cosmos to help with heating. CC agreed.

9. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

9.1 Planning and Licensing Committee. Report circulated.

9.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND WELL BEING COMMITTEE

9.2.1 Convenors Report circulated together with Draft Minutes.

9.3 TRANSPORT COMMITTEE – Secretary advised next meeting would be held on the 17th September, 2025 - 7pm BID room.

9.4 COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE – Chair will advise and set out details for next meeting.

10. OFFICE BEARERS BUSINESS

10.1 Community Council Chair – Report Circulated.

10.2 SECRETARY – No Report.

10.3 Treasurer - Some items still outstanding. Is having an informal meeting with MP and MM.

11. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS.

11.1 David Strachan brought up the matter of the 2027 Open Championship. - DS felt that this would be better dealt with under the Transport Committee banner. The CC agreed.

Martin Passmore (Chair) Thanked everyone for their input.

12. Next Meeting on Monday 6th October, 2025 in our renovated Town Hall Chambers.

