

Cupar Community Group meeting 13th October 2014
County Hall

The second meeting of Cupar Community groups took place in the County Hall Cupar on 13 October. The group meeting, originally convened by the Cupar and North Fife Preservation Society (CNFPS) was well attended.

The main topic for discussion was the **Cupar Small Towns Initiative** report prepared by the Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS). The report summarises the attributes of the town while pointing to the opportunities and problems which are faced in the future in common with many small towns. The report will be made available on the CNFPS website. A discussion of the report, presented to the meeting by Bill Pagan, noted some omissions and it was agreed that while a very useful starting point, there is a need to look in more detail at specific environmental and commercial/economic problems facing the town and in particular the town centre.

Tom Morton ARC architects outlined his proposals (commissioned by CNFPS) for the redevelopment of the site of the former ATS building in St Catherine Street. This was acknowledged by all present as an attractive solution for the site. It was agreed that the represented bodies at the meeting would consider the proposals with a view to further discussion at the next group meeting on 8th December. Discussion will also take place with Fife Council as owners of the site with a view to achieving a widely acceptable and viable solution.

The meeting which was attended by Councillors Margaret Kennedy and Bryan Poole, briefly discussed the proposals for development north of Cupar. It was agreed that further discussion on this major project be held off until further information is available from the development consortium.

The group expressed a wish to continue the meetings and hope that more local organisations may wish to attend and be represented.