

Minute of Community Group Meeting 13th October 2014

Representatives present from Cupar and North Fife Preservation Society (CNFPS), Cupar Heritage, Cupar Community Council, Sustainable Cupar, ABCD, Fife Historic Buildings Trust.

Also present Councillors Margaret Kennedy and Bryan Poole and Fiona Mitchell Fife Council, Bill Pagan for Built Environment forum Scotland (BEFS), Tom Morton ARC Architects

Apologies received from Cupar in Bloom and Kate Hughes Fife Council

Des Montgomery of CNFPS welcomed participants to the second Group Meeting

BEFS Cupar Small Towns Initiative

Bill Pagan a member of the board of BEFS introduced the report. 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.

A discussion of the report noted some omissions raised by Viv Collie of ABCD 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. Bill Pagan invited anyone wishing to comment on the report to contact him.

Lorraine Bell of Fife Historic Buildings Trust (FHBT) spoke about the CARS scheme (Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme) funded by Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund. David Kirk for Sustainable Cupar and a Community Councillor noted that the group may wish to engage more closely with FHBT in order to influence the way in which money should be spent in Cupar.

The report has been circulated and a copy is attached to this minute.

ATS site Redevelopment proposal commissioned by CNFPS

Tom Morton of ARC presented his proposals for the vacant site following the demolition of the ATS garage and adjoining offices. The proposals, comprising new build housing and possible ground floor commercial premises facing on to a small paved and landscaped piazza, were well received. Agreed that the proposals should be available to individual societies or group members with a further report on progress to the next group meeting. Note CNFPS will be holding further discussions with ARC to refine the scheme before being more widely publicised and prior to discussion with Fife Council officials.

Cupar North proposed Development

It was agreed to defer discussion regarding the development to the north of Cupar until the pre application consultation period is complete and there is more detail available.

Procedure

The group has no formal constitution. Suggested that the chair at each meeting should rotate among the participating community groups.

Next meeting

County Hall 8th December 2014 at 6.30pm