

FSB FIFE BUSINESS PLAN – APRIL 2010 Further information from gordon.henderson@fsb.org.uk or FSBsecretaryFife@hotmail.co.uk

ISSUE	OBJECTIVE	ACTION/COMMENT	CURRENT POSITION & FUTURE ACTIONS
<p>Planning (Janet Torley)</p> <p>(Elinor Chalmers)</p>	<p>Achieve a more transparent and simpler access to planning applications to encourage business growth</p> <p>Town Centres Monitor development plans for and where new developments may affect businesses and work with Town Centre Management Groups</p>	<p>Consider a policy for FSB Fife to present to Fife Council as a Code of Practice to be applied to Smaller Businesses.</p> <p>Find out from members success/frustrations/pitfalls of planning applications.</p> <p>Find out planning effects on members of BIDS/CARS on Town Centre businesses.</p>	<p>April 2010.</p> <p>Dunfermline - BIDs progressing well.</p> <p>Kirkcaldy – new pool location has been approved. Large local opposition to location – monitor progress.</p> <p>BIDS been approved.</p> <p>Plans for huge expansion of Mercat. Going to Fife Council soon for approval. Mixed response from member survey.</p> <p>Invertiel – Development plans for Tyrie Farm, 1000 houses by 2026 and small retail.</p> <p>West end of Prom, plans for mixed development, housing, supermarket, leisure.</p> <p>Hovercraft service between Kirkcaldy and Portobello by 2011.</p> <p>Monitor all development plans.</p>
<p>Procurement (Amanda Galashan)</p>	<p>Achieve transparency, fairness and ease of access to smaller business to tender for council contracts.</p>	<p>Encourage packaging of contracts in sizes attractive to smaller businesses. Discourage automatic ‘ boiler plating ‘. Identify responsibility of contract management and transparency of how awarded.</p>	<p>April 2010</p> <p>By end of 2010 PQQs will only need to be done for initial submission..</p> <p>Scottish Government now to pay bills within 30 days and encouraging local authorities to do likewise..</p>
<p>Transport (Angus Whitton)</p>	<p>Focus on improving road links, moving goods and people</p> <p>New Forth Crossing – seek ways to benefit local businesses in construction.</p>	<p>Ask for better communication channels with Fife Council on transport issues. Request pre-contract notice of works, to advise members. Ask for consultation on parking and congestion removal schemes e.g. park and ride.</p> <p>Monitor progress of new Forth Crossing construction.</p>	<p>April 2010</p> <p>Road repairs, programme of works in place, but lengthy list.</p> <p>New Forth Crossing – FSB Glasgow Scottish Policy Unit and East of Scotland Regional office progressing concerns with Scottish Government.</p>
<p>Tourism (Steve Blaney)</p>	<p>Explore ways to encourage visitors to Fife .Support FSB Members and encourage feedback on visitor management.</p>	<p>New Fife Tourism body set up, headed by Ann Camus of Fife Council. FSB Fife are involved on Executive Board.</p>	<p>April 2010</p> <p>Visit Scotland and Fife Tourism Partnership looking at ways of extending Fife visitor season.</p>

<p>Enterprise and Training</p> <p>(Michelle Austin)</p>	<p>Forge strong links with local colleges and</p> <p>Flanders Trade Initiative: FSB Initiative to explore trade with Flanders and link with Rosyth Ferry other major local organisations.</p>	<p>Already have strong links with Adam Smith, Carnegie and Elmwood Colleges. Michelle Austin has seat on Business Management and Advisory Board. ASC and FSB have identified business courses for development in conjunction with SQA. Aware of age restrictions (under 25) in funding by Scottish Enterprise. Graduate placement and work experience scheme available in 8 weeks slots. Good relationship with Business Gateway.</p> <p>Flanders Trade Initiative: seek ways to support inter trade links.</p>	<p>April 2010 Working with local colleges to develop business orientated training. Liasing with SPU Glasgow on training initiatives. Monitoring apprenticeship schemes. Constantly seeking funding for smaller business support. Flanders Trade Initiative – Exploring ways to encourage Fife businesses to establish export and import links to Flanders. Financial support available for qualifying businesses.</p>
<p>Evolution of the FSB</p>	<p>To look at the way forward to best develop FSB policies and membership, including retention of existing members.</p>	<p>Ongoing development of membership and tailoring events to attract new members.</p>	<p>April 2010 FSB and Courier Hustings events in April and May. Details from FSB and in Courier FSB Fife Mini Conference on 12th May 2010 at Evan Easyspace Kirkcaldy. More info from FSB at gordon.henderson@fsb.org.uk or FSBsecretaryFife@hotmail.co.uk</p>

Documents for reference - (pdf s available by email from Elinor Chalmers)
 FSB Local Government Charter
 FSB Future of the High Street
 Forth Crossing Bill Public Transport Corridor
 FSB Scotland changes to business rates 2010

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