# FIFE COUNCIL

ALLOTMENTS
Strategy
21st century

#### What it means

People growing their own food

- Outdoor active life style
- Community interaction
- Improving your health
- Reducing your carbon footprint
- Complimenting your food chain

#### Allotment officer

- Fife wide roll
- Assisting in creating and supporting groups
- Direct manage existing plots and sites
- The identification and formation of new allotment sites
- Provide horticultural advice to existing and new sites

### Allotment officer

<ul> <li>Community Consultation &amp; Development</li> </ul>	10%
<ul> <li>Project Development</li> </ul>	25%
■ Finance and Fund Raising	10%
<ul> <li>Allotment Management</li> </ul>	35%
<ul> <li>Horticultural Education &amp; Training</li> </ul>	10%
<ul> <li>Administration</li> </ul>	10%

#### The ScottishAllotment act

- The act was last revised in 1950
- Old Act contained
- Little or no guidance for Councils Planning ,Transportation departments .
- Referrals as far back as 1890s
- Lack of understanding of the Allotment Act by Local Authorities

# **Existing sites**

- Working towards site improvements
- Bring back into use uncultivated ground
- Waste removal
- Supporting existing groups working towards
- devolved management
- Management of existing plots and waiting lists



# The old









#### The provision of new sites

- Identify demand
- Identify Land
- Work with other council officers to establish new groups or support existing ones
- Bring together and design the new sites
- Consultation with public ,groups and elected members
- Submit planning applications
- Manage projects through to completion

#### Allotment sites

■ FIFE COUNCIL MANAGED SITES 29

■ FIFE COUNCIL LEASED SITES 4

■ INDEPENDENT SITES

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# The new



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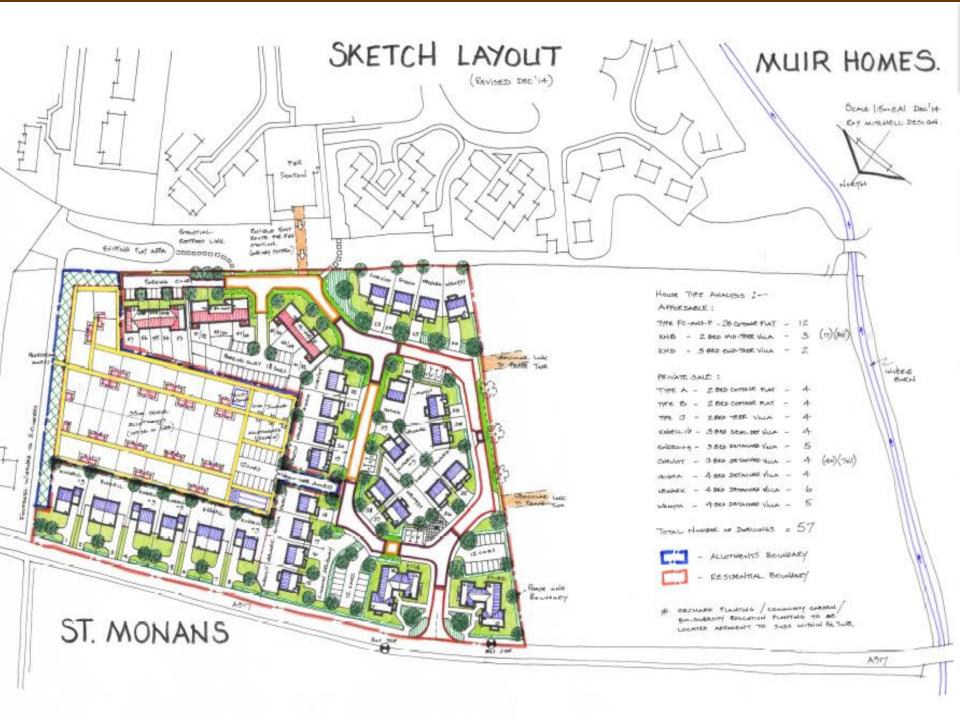


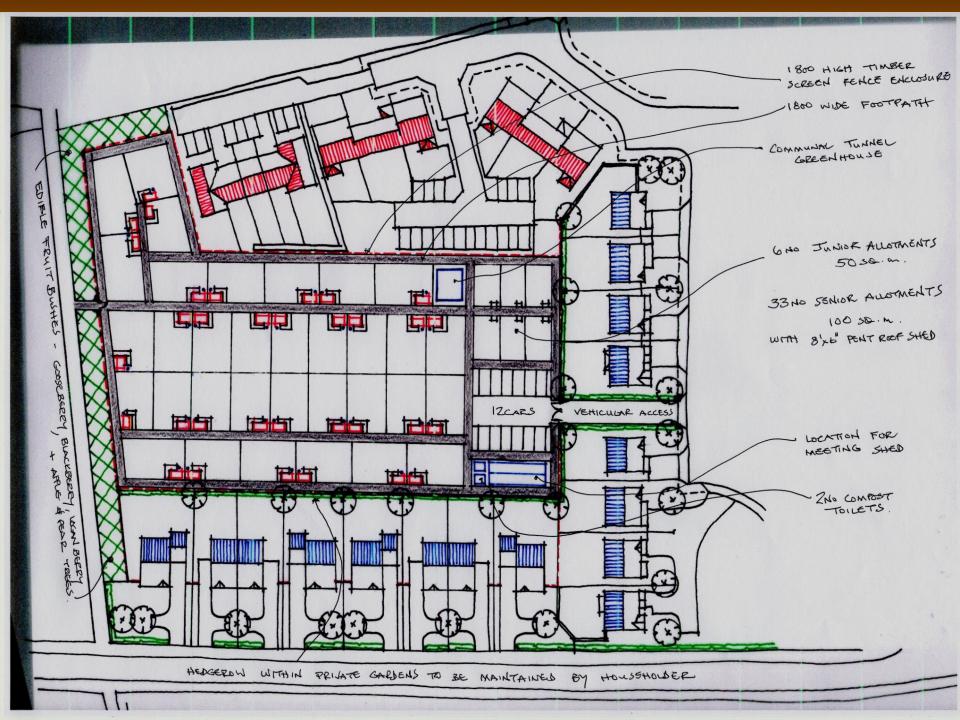


#### St Monans Indicative Development Framework

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#### Achievements

Increased supply of growing space

Reduced waiting lists

Improved facilities

Helping to change peoples lifestyles

Improved health and wellbeing in Fife

Improved partnership working internally

### Horticultural support

- The Council in partnership with external organisations wish to provide the necessary horticultural knowledge to the communities of Fife to provide a sustainable future
- Delivery is through allotment sites and community gardens
- Advanced courses through major parks
- Recognised horticultural certificates

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

ALLOTMENT SITES

**MAJOR PARKS** 

#### 2014 Allotment Consultation

- Full consultation with all growing groups in Fife
- Plot holders surveyed
- Looking at how the revised Scottish Allotment act will impact on the councils strategy
- The sustainability of the grow your own agenda in Fife

# Community Empowerment Bill Scotland

- Section 9 Allotments.
- Only applies to Land owned or leased by the local Authority.
- Requires annual reports
- Now contains thresholds for waiting lists
- Requirement for centralised waiting lists
- There is also a recognised size of 250 sqm
- Preservation placed over Allotment sites

#### Where Scotland is at now

The Community Empowerment bill has been passed and given Royal Accent this Summer. However Section 9 Can Not be enacted until all the guidance documents have been produced and approved.

There has been a series of meetings held recently by the Scotish Government and more are to follow.

#### **Proposed Time Lines**

- Winter 2015 /Spring 2016 further consultation on all sections of the guidance.
- Summer 2016 guidance documents brought together
- Winter 2016/Spring 2017 possible implementation of Section 9

# Thank you for your time

Please feel free to Email me for further information

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