

Kinghorn Community Council.

Notes of the Public meeting held Thursday 27th November 2008 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1) Present: - John McLeod (Chair), Marilyn Edwards (Sec) Alex Gibb, Alex Cook, Sadie Wilson, Collett Salvona and Fraser Ballantyne.

Cllr Ron Edwards Chris Woodend

Members of the Public – 6 persons present

Apologies - Martin Melvin, John Lancaster

2) Reason for the meeting

The meeting was called air concerns about the proposed recycling point at Orchard Road Kinghorn

Chris Woodend from Environmental Services addressed the meeting to explain the reason for more recycling points. The service had targets to be met and a timescale in which to achieve them. In Kinghorn it was difficult to find convenient sites that were owned by Fife Council. A search carried out showed that the Orchard Road site met these criteria.

He said that over 40 letters had been distributed to people living close to the site and advisers had managed to speak to 10 of them and there had no objection recorded. He said that he was pleased to attend the meeting to hear the concerns of local people.

The chairman opened up the meeting for residents to raise their concerns

These were

- a) Access in and out of the site was considered a hazard and danger to children who often use the area for riding bikes and a way into the play park
- b) The play park and garage area were not separate an increase in traffic movement within this area was not considered safe.
- c) Entrance to the site was narrow and difficult and there was a lack of pavement facility.
- d) It would bring extra traffic levels on Eastgate which was already congested with a bus route

Noise levels were mentioned but the main concerns were traffic and safety.

The chairman said that given the comments from residents that perhaps a trial period for a temporary installation would be appropriate and he put this to the meeting to ask if this would be acceptable. There was a general agreement that a trial installation should go ahead provided a traffic management survey by Transportation Services was done regarding the points raised.

Chris agreed to defer the installation of the recycling point until traffic and safety matters were investigated. The installation of the recycling point would be on a three month trial after which the residents would be given the opportunity to raise any further issues experienced.

The chairman and residents thanked Chris for coming along to the meeting.