

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of Special meeting Tuesday 5th May 2009 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1. **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Fraser Ballantyne, Alex Cook, Collett Salvona, Alex Gibb, John Lancaster, Sadie Wilson, Martin Melvin, Marilyn Edwards (Secretary).

2. **Apologies** - Rena Wallace, Neil Chalmers

The chairman said that the meeting had been called to discuss two matters

3. **Planning Application**

Planning Application 09/00578/CFULL – Lochside Stables Kinghorn.

The plans were put out for viewing. John Lancaster declared an interest in the application as a director of KCLA; the property and land is registered with the company as a "Right to Buy". After discussion it was agreed on a majority vote to object to this application; 7 members in favour of an objection, 1 against and 1 abstention

The Community Council objects on the following grounds

- The site is located outside the Kinghorn settlement boundary as shown in the existing Kirkcaldy area local plan and in the upcoming Local Plan and represents development in the countryside
- The proposal would create an undesirable precedent for housing outside the village envelope in an area proposed for a Local Nature Reserve and designated as "an area of outstanding natural beauty" (Local Plan Inquiry of 2003).
- There are various road safety issues, the single access is restricted and not regarded as a safe exit for more than one house. The road is narrow at this point with a bridge abutment and does not give clear visibility for traffic using it, this application would cause further hazards. This presently forms an exit onto an uncontrolled section of road.

The Community Council members were aware that previous permission has been granted for one substantial dwelling house on the site to replace the existing house and supported this permission.

4. **Common Good application**

The councillors on the local area committee have voted to award the Common Good application from Friends of the Earth to allow the organisation to give each household in Kinghorn a free cloth bag to use for shopping. This is contrary to the view expressed by the community council and Cllr Edwards, the local area councillors were made aware of this before the voting took place. Members felt there are lots of demands made on Kinghorn Common Good Fund so it is important to make best use of this valuable but limited resource. They expressed the opinion that the decision had totally disregarded the local point of view and was misappropriation of a local fund that belonged to the community and not Fife Council

The chairman proposed that a formal complaint be sent in to Fife Council and this was seconded by Sadie Wilson.

Date of Next Meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 21st May 2009