

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Kinghorn Community Council on Thursday 1st November 2007 at Kinghorn Community Centre

Present: - John McLeod, Alex Cook, Marilyn Edwards, Alex Gibb, Sadie Wilson, Collett Salvona, Martin Melvin, Neil Chalmers, John Lancaster, Rena Wallace and Fraser Ballantyne.

Sgt Scott Johnston, Cllr Ron Edwards, Cllr Susan Leslie

Members of the Public – 4 people present

1) **Apologies** – Cllr. George Kay

2) The present Chair welcomed the two new members, Alex Gibb and John Lancaster to the new Community Council.

3) **Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes were proposed by Collett Salvona and seconded by Alec Cook.

The Chair stepped down from his position for the Election of Office Bearers for the formation of the new community council. Cllr Susan Leslie took the Chair.

4) **Election of Officers for new Community Council**

Chairperson – John McLeod nominated by Fraser Ballantyne and seconded by Alex Cook
This was agreed.

Vice Chairperson – Fraser Ballantyne nominated by Collett Salvona and seconded by Martin Melvin. This was agreed.

Secretary – Marilyn Edwards nominated by Sadie Wilson and seconded by Alec Cook
This was agreed.

Treasurer – Rena Wallace nominated by Fraser Ballantyne and seconded by Collett Salvona. This was agreed.

The new chairman thanked Susan and resumed the meeting.

5) **Police Update**

Sgt Scott Johnston reported that there had been some criminal activity reported in the Kinghorn area over the last month. This involved opportunist theft type crime and an organised break-in to the Coop Supermarket. There had also been problems with vandalism at the construction site of the new Conference Centre at Pettycur Holiday Park.

CCTV was installed at this site and footage was being investigated.

Sgt Johnston said that a meeting for the Pulling Together Youth Initiatives had recently taken place, this was on going to work with youths in the area of Burntisland and Kinghorn.

Two staff were appointed to attend the Armistice Day parade to be held on Sunday 11th November in Kinghorn.

Sgt Johnston was asked if the illegal pathways sign at the entry of the pathway K11 on the B923 road could be removed. It was explained that this was a Civil not a Criminal matter. The Community Council agreed to contact Alison Irvine, Access Officer for Fife Council, to remind her that the removal of this notice had been promised some while ago.

The matter of cars parking close to the corner of Inch View was mentioned as a hazard to drivers turning into this road. Contractors linked to the building site were adding to this problem. Sgt Johnston said that he would look into this.

6) **Financial Statement**

Rena Wallace presented two financial reports, the annual statement to May 2007 and one from May to November. She explained that the finances in the account were to cover the publishing of the Pathways booklet for the Kinghorn area. John L. asked about the money given to the Kinghorn Loch Users Group, Rena explained that one was a Common Good Fund cheque that had been applied for by KCC for the new jetty area and the other sum was a cheque passed on to them from Burntisland Development Trust.

Ron Edwards was asked about the progress of the Pathways booklet for getting it printed. He said that he had spoken to Ian Archibald who said that a map licence of the local area required and this would cost £100. He added that Mike Gilbert had provided his own maps and information about local walks that could be seen on the Community Website, this was a way around paying the licence. John L said that Google Earth map sites may help too. He offered to look this up.

It was agreed to look at the Pathways booklet next meeting with a view to finalise it ready for availability next Spring.

7) **Matters Arising**

- a) Complaints linked to steps/bollards at Kinghorn beach. – The Secretary had prepared a letter to send to Transportation FC and a copy for Law and Administration which she read out. It highlighted the Health and Safety issues outlined in the complaints. It was thought that a visit to the area had been made from a Fife Council official but it was unclear which department was involved. The Councillors were asked if they could find out about this. It was agreed to send the letter from the Community Council to try and move forward with a response.
- b) Tidy up of The Braes Kinghorn Beach – Cllr Edwards explained that several meetings had now taken place with Community Services concerning the neglect of The Braes area. Shrubberies had been trimmed to give access to green areas but there was still some further pruning to be done over the winter time. Some steep banks had been refused for Health and Safety reasons. More money from the locality budget was promised for repairs to a wall and pillar near to the Carousel. The surface to the car park at the Recycling point had now been repaired. Environmental Services had agreed that the paper bins would now be emptied twice a week and an extra plastics bin would be installed. The compound was to be fenced off and tidied up.
- c) The Chairman said that he had presented a certificate of appreciation to Mary Douglas for all her hard work for the community. Mary had mentioned that she felt that the toilets at the beach which have been opened and cleaned by volunteers required maintenance and this had not been forthcoming. Concerns were expressed that they were being run down. The Councillors agreed to take this issue up with Environmental Services.
- d) Planning issues - none

8) **Correspondence**

- a) Association of Community Councils – leaflet – How your representatives are elected
- b) A.S.C.C. National Members Survey and Newsletter.
- c) Notice of Event – Armistice Day 11-11-07 - noted
- d) Fife Constabulary Policy Plan leaflet available for members to view.
- e) NHS Fife – Draft copy Health and Social Care Partnership Service Delivery Plan 2007-2011 Available for members to take away to study.
- f) Email request from Robbie Blythe FC for a further last minute submission to Clean Coast Scotland concerning monitoring of bathing water at Pettycur Beach The Secretary read out the further response sent in from the Community Council.
- g) Friends of the Earth – Training for Change Course about Scotland's new planning system. Anyone interested to attend see the Secretary, £10 fee.
- h) Report booklet on the Scottish Landscape Forum email contact for any further information.
- I) Email from Tom Minogue about a Common Good Petition presented to the Scottish Government.
- j) Notification of course – What does the Future hold for Playing Outside.

Tuesday 11th December – Glen Pavilion Dunfermline

9) **Any Other Business**

- a) Cllr Edwards gave announced that the Burntisland Fireworks display would take place on Burntisland Links at 7.30pm Monday 5th November
- b) Alex Gibb asked about the problem of no coastal direct bus transport to Edinburgh. It was explained that this bus service had been looked at previously but without success.
- c) Comments were made that it was a pity that the repairs at the station platform meant that passengers had lost the view from over the beach. After discussion John L. offered to enquire to see if shaped windows could be inserted into the wood panels so that views could still be enjoyed.
- d) John L. asked about reinstating the blog on the website. It was agreed to leave this for the December meeting.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 13th December 2007 at 7.30pm in Kinghorn Community Centre.