

# Kinghorn Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1. **Present:** - Fraser Ballantyne ( Chair), Alex Cook, Neil Chalmers, Sadie Wilson Marilyn Edwards (Secretary) Rena Wallace (Treasurer) John Lancaster Alex Gibb, James Willis and Collett Salvona, Cllr Susan Leslie, Cllr George Kay Cllr Ron Edwards  
Members of the Public – 12 people present.

**Apologies** - Martin Melvin, Sgt Edith Potter,

2. **Police Update** - Secretary said that Central Area Police Report for November was available on Fife Direct. There was nothing mentioned for Kinghorn and a small section reported for Burntisland. Local police were still happy to answer any queries that arise from meetings.

### **3. Chairman's Remarks**

The chairman commented on the stresses and strains of being chair over the last month. He was pleased to receive three letters of support for his work and he read one of these out in the meeting. He was interrupted in doing this when John Lancaster called out the name of the person who had written the letter. The chairman reminded John of previously agreed ruling on naming people without their given permission.

Fraser Ballantyne said that prior to the meeting, through telephone conversation; he had agreed a personal apology to Ewen Campbell, a Planning Officer with Fife Council Central Area. Ewen had attended the meeting as a member of the public and wished to comment on The Ecology Centre Planning Application and he felt the chairman had questioned his right to speak on the subject. Ewan wished to be named in the minutes.

### **4. Minutes from the previous meeting.**

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Alex Gibb and seconded by Alex Cook.

### **5. Matters Arising**

- a) Harbour Toilets renovation – There is a delay in the completion of work due to a burst pipe. Scottish Power need to carry out work and it is hoped the problems will be resolved soon. So far, no community groups have come forward to take on the project for the upstairs room.
- b) Viewpoint project at the Pettycur Steps Kinghorn – The Viewpoint group has met for a site visit and agreed a new plan which incorporates the suggestions made by Transport Services. This would re-position the viewpoint to give a bigger view and a path with fewer gradients. The plan had been sent to Andrew Howarth, Community Services, and a Planning Application will need to be submitted. The group will contact Jim Murphy for structural advice on use of materials and detailed costing will now be required.
- c) Pathways within Kinghorn – The Pathways Group minutes were available to view in the Correspondence file. Statement of Use forms are in use for people to record any obstructed pathways in Kinghorn, completed forms can be returned to the Community Centre and The Glory Hole. Town pathways will be collated on a large map of Kinghorn and when this is ready it will be brought to the Community Council.  
The Community Council had received a very complimentary email from Chris Hobster of Scotways who recognised the good work done on Pathways by the previous Kinghorn Pathways Group over recent years. He requested for Scotways to link into the Kinghorn Community Website for all the pathways links.  
Alex Cook reported that there had been complaints that the Coastal Path was not well sign posted. The secretary would write to Coast and Countryside Trust to ask about maintenance of signs for the Coastal Path.
- d) Other Items
- Lighting maintenance on the Braes – work had been carried out prior to the meeting.
  - Orchard Road Recycling Point – an email from Paul Doherty, Environmental Services confirmed the work to be carried out around this site.
  - Town Hall opening event for the Bob Page Room – The room was formally opened by Barbara Page and family. The Masonic Room was very unusual with its Masonic inscriptions and the upstairs holiday-let was lavishly and tastefully decorated. Alan Lodge

from Fife Heritage Trust was aware of the keen local interest in the renovation and hoped to hold another open day event.

- Cllr Alice Soper had reported to the December Community Forum meeting that the decision about increases in rail concessions would be taken at the January/ February meeting of the Council.

e) Report from the Community Forum on the proposed Woodland Burial, Kinghorn Loch. The chairman and secretary had attended the Forum meeting at Auchtertool where Liz Murphy from Bereavement Services had given an update on progress with the Woodland Burial site. SEPA had reported back on the Tier 2 investigations which they had carried out over a long period. They were satisfied with results, so the project could proceed. Liz said that there were now funds available and she hoped work would begin in approx eighteen months. Bereavement Services would soon move forward to get the land. She would keep the Community Council updated.

f) **Planning Issues**

Cala Homes -The secretary reported that she has not been successful in managing to organise a Public meeting with Cala Homes. She was still in communication with them and had also contacted Jim Birrell, Development Services manager to help with liaison for a meeting. West Kirkcaldy Community Council had held a presentation meeting with Cala Homes and brochures from this event were available for people to view.

**6. A list of correspondence was circulated**

Items for action

- The secretary had received a letter from Linda Purdie, Democratic Services, pointing out that the present boundary between Kinghorn and the West Kirkcaldy Community Councils split the estate of Seafield in two. She asked for our opinion. It was agreed that it was not desirable for an estate to be divided but before agreeing to change the secretary was asked to write to Linda to find out the implications financially and if it affected the Parish boundaries for Kinghorn.
- After looking over the Draft Kinghorn Conservation Appraisal members agreed to it and the secretary was asked to let Diane Barbary know, and also ask her about progress with a Conservation Board for Kinghorn.
- The secretary is to attend the Greenspace Conference in January 2010.

**7. New Business**

- a) It was brought to the attention of the meeting that BID Kirkcaldy wanted to have £15,000 each year from the Ward 10 budget to help fund events etc. in Kirkcaldy Town Centre. This will deprive the coastal communities of essential revenue to run local events and was not fair. There had been no community consultation on this proposal but a decision was due to be taken at the next Local Area Committee meeting. The secretary was asked to write and convey the concerns of Kinghorn.
- b) John Lancaster wished to ask Ron Edwards some questions about the Kinghorn Community Website. The chairman deemed this not appropriate because whilst the Community Council supported and used the website to inform the community it did not own it.

**8. Public Question Time**

- a) It was reported that the telephone Kiosk at the Dental Surgery was vandalised. The secretary would contact Danny Sepok, Fife Council Officer liaison with BT.

**Date of Next Meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010**