

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 21st January 2008 at Kinghorn Community Centre

- 1) **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Alex Cook, Alex Gibb, Marilyn Edwards (Secretary) Rena Wallace (Treasurer) Collett Salvona, Martin Melvin, Sadie Wilson, Neil Chalmers, John Lancaster and Fraser Ballantyne.
Cllr Ron Edwards Cllr Susan Leslie,
Members of the Public – 10 people present
- 2) **Apologies** - Cllr. George Kay,
- 3) **Police Update** – none available

4) Minutes from the previous meeting

John L. had sent an email round to members concerning an item in the minutes from The Ecology Centre about support for their Primetime project, he felt it had not been discussed properly. The minute remained unchanged. The secretary had not received any other correspondence from The Ecology Centre.

The minutes were proposed by Fraser Ballantyne and seconded by Collett Salvona.

5) Matters Arising

- a) Update on project to refurbish the steps from Kinghorn Cemetery to Pettycur Beach and setting up a view point – The chairman showed the members a report he had put together to present to Community Services. It was hoped that the project would be considered in the Cleaner, Tidier Fife budget and then other funding would also be sought. The Community Council agreed to proceed with this project.
- b) Response from Alison Irvine concerning illegal signage on pathway FK11– the secretary said that she had been in touch with Alison but had not heard back. She would try and have a word with her at the Core Paths Network on that Saturday.
- c) The secretary had tried getting in touch with the other prize winner for the writing competition, she would hand the prize into the school to pass on.
- d) Update on work to recycling point at Pettycur Road – Cllr Edwards said that no suitable design plan to enclose the recycling point had been found yet. It was pointed out that the ramp down into the carpark was in need of some repair. He also commented that he knew that there were problems of obstruction with the new recycling point sited at Barclay Road. He had requested an early site visit to solve the problem.
- e) Company contracted to do rabbit shooting on Kinghorn Golf course – Cllr Leslie said that she had spoken with Sgt Johnston who said that locals and visitors must be informed of such activities and proper procedures should be followed. Community Services had been contacted to let them know that 8pm was too early for shoot to take place. No further culls were planned at present. Cllr Leslie offered to write a report for the Community Website about the incidents.

6) Discussion concerning possible closure of Kinghorn Post Office

Staff from Kinghorn Post Office attended the meeting to express their concerns that closure was a real possibility. An internal meeting with the Post Office was scheduled for sometime in February. Further closure announcements were due to be made public in May 2008. Graeme McRoberts, Fife Council Liaison Officer for such closures had said that he did not have any information on it at present but said there would be a full public consultation process if it were to be the case.

The problem for Kinghorn seemed to be the Access Criteria set out by Government and Post Office Ltd. This states that 95 percent of the UK population within rural areas will be within three miles of the nearest branch. Kinghorn met this criteria.

It was understood that the proprietor was keen to keep the post office in his shop and was happy to look at other option services to ensure this. It was a thriving well used facility within Kinghorn. The secretary of the Community Council had already written to Postwatch outlining the problems that closure would cause for many people if it became necessary to travel either to Burntisland or Kirkcaldy for the nearest post office. This feedback had been lodged

The discussion concluded that Kinghorn Community Council was very supportive of the argument to keep the local post office open. The public was alerted to the problem but nothing could be done until formal announcement was made. The secretary agreed to put a small report on the community website about it.

7) Correspondence

- a) Fife council Law and Administration – Statement of Gambling Policy, this was taken by Collett Salvona to view
- b) Fife council Development Services – Fife's Local Landscape Designation Review
Workshop Wednesday 30th January 08 from 6.30pm Rothes Halls Glenrothes The general designation locally was that the area was of great landscape value and this designation gave an area protection against development. Everyone was urged to have their say. A link had been made from the Kinghorn Community Website to Fife Direct so that views could be made quickly. A poster would be put up in the Community Centre to publicise the process.
- c) Core Paths Network – Drop in Feedback Event – Saturday 19th January 10 – 4 pm
Rothes Halls – secretary said that she would attend and report back.
- d) Scottish Bathing Waters Review – The reply to the survey was read out by the secretary and it stated that monitoring of the beach at Pettycur would continue. The secretary thanked all who had supported this move.
- e) A very nice thank you letter had been received from Rosalyn Skinner writing prize winner.
 - f) A copy of a letter sent from Ron Edwards to Alison Irvine putting forward the two changes proposed for the pathways around Kinghorn, as agreed at the December meeting.
 - g) Councillors report for January meeting – emailed and circulated to members.

8) Kinghorn Community Website Blog –

The secretary explained that a situation had occurred with the blog where entries had been written of an offensive and malicious nature and needed to be removed immediately so that no upset was caused to anyone. This had been discussed with the previous Community Council who had been in total agreement with the action taken. No one was against a blog but there were difficulties with controlling what went on. A review group had been mentioned before and it was agreed to try and set this up.

9) Any Other Business

- a) KCLA Feasibility Study, the Chairman had been approached by Dualchas the group assigned to do this work. The chairman had invited them along to speak at the January meeting but he had now been informed that there was a temporary halt to the study.
- b) The chairmen had accepted an invitation from Burntisland Community Council to hear a presentation from Cala Homes, the company hoped to build on land to the west of Kirkcaldy. At this stage the proposals were speculative and with no support from Fife Council. The chairman said that they faced a lot of questioning about infrastructure and although the company had lots of plans he did not feel these were based on listening to the community.
- c) Ron Edwards reported that the Rotary Club may have a problem with the Kinghorn Pathways booklet being sold. It was agreed that books could be on display with a donation box beside them. He would get a quote from Multi-print for cost of publishing.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 21st February 2008 at 7.30pm in Kinghorn Community Centre.