

# Kinghorn Community Council.

## Minutes of the meeting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1. **Present:** - Fraser Ballantyne (Acting Chair), Alex Cook, Neil Chalmers, Sadie Wilson, Martin Melvin, Marilyn Edwards (Secretary) Alex Gibb, James Willis, Collett Salvona, , Cllr Ron Edwards, Cllr George Kay  
Members of the Public – 10 people present.
2. **Apologies** - Sgt Edith Potter, , Cllr Susan Leslie, Rena Wallace John Lancaster  
John Lancaster intimated that he had sent his apologies for the September meeting.
3. **Police Update** - Sgt Potter said that she had nothing to report which could only be a good sign for the community. She added that an overhead barrier has been erected at Kinghorn Loch and this was not causing Police vehicles a problem. There were no issues from the public to be passed on to Sgt Potter. The community police report for September was not with the secretary yet.
4. **Speaker** - Paul Doherty Environmental Services  
Paul explained that he had come along to answer any concerns on the Orchard Road Recycling Point which was nearing the end of the three month trial period. He added that Environmental Services were pleased with how things had gone so far and if there were no apparent problems the Orchard Road Recycling Point would be made permanent. Improvement work itemized was
  - Create footpaths to the recycling point
  - Mark out parking bays
  - Speed bumps in place
  - Re-surfacing to entrance roadway
  - Light out had been reportedPaul was asked about the Recycling Point at the Nethergate Caravan Park as to whether it was for public usage, an understanding upheld by the meeting. Paul said that he would check on this and report back.  
He was also asked if a Recycling Point was proposed for the new Lochside Development as this would show good planning. He did not think this was in place.  
The chairman thanked Paul for coming along.
5. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**  
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Collett Salvona and seconded by Alex Cook.
6. **Matters Arising**
  - a) Viewpoint project at the Pettycur Steps Kinghorn – Drawings were shown to the meeting. Detailed spec and survey readings had now been done. Community Services had said that they would assist with any planning applications requirements and a local quantity surveyor, Jim Murphy had been approached to oversee the project work. Transportation Services will visit to look at the gradient of the path for its compliance for disabled users. The group knew it would need to seek further funding but hoped to use local businesses for the work, but they would need to meet with Fife Council approval. It was hoped to put in information boards and a plaque memorial to John McLeod. Nick Farr from the Ecology Centre had handed in a brochure of his woodwork enterprises but there was no wood considered for the present structure.
  - b) Update on Harbour Toilets renovation – The building was scheduled for completion at the end of October but this date has been extended. The Quarrel Brae Group, which hopes to put in a community bid for use of the upper room, met again at the end of September. The group found it difficult to forward a proposal when no one had seen inside the building. Harry Byers, Environmental Services was proposing a viewing for Councillors and community councilors, when the scaffolding was down.
  - c) Pathways within Kinghorn – The Pathways Group had held its first meeting which was well attended. Douglas Gray was appointed chairman and Rena Wallace was secretary. Many ideas were discussed including seasonal maintenance of country pathways and establishing a recorded network of pathways within Kinghorn. It was hoped that Sarah Johnson of Fife Access Forum would soon supply a Statement of Use form to be handed round for any blocked pathways.

- d) The petition, organized by Betty Robertson, for the reinstatement of the No.6 bus to the Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy had been handed in to Stagecoach by Cllr Edwards. The delegation was waiting for a response from the bus company.
- e) Roof repairs for the Community Centre were progressing, a specialist roofer had identified the leakage problems and work was scheduled to be done.
- f) Repairs to pathways on The Braes, Lynette Gray had worked with Cllr George Kay to oversee the path improvements and she suggested that perhaps the rest of the paths could be tackled in a similar way.
- g) Locality Manager, Ken Halley has done an ownership search on the old bakery site and will contact the owners to tidy up the area. If he has no response, then a quote for the tidying up will be sought and the owners charged for the work.
- h) The Braes Lighting – two light bulbs are out and the key to lower the poles has been mislaid. A cherry picker is needed for the work, it was suggested that key for the poles was replaced then maintenance would be simpler in the future.
- i) **Planning Issues**  
Notice from Cala Homes, of Kirkcaldy South West Housing Development Public Consultation Event 12<sup>th</sup> November for people to attend. The meeting decided that this development would have considerable impact on Kinghorn residents and asked the Secretary to get in touch with Cala Homes to set up a public meeting with Kinghorn Community Council.

Planning Applications – none

#### **7. A list of correspondence was circulated**

- Booking forms for the Community Council Seminar to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November would be circulated to members
- Natalie Lowrie Appeal, it was proposed by Fraser Ballantyne and seconded by Sadie Wilson that the Community Council donates £100 to the cause.

#### **Extra Correspondence**

- a) Elderly Forum – Autumn Newsletter
- b) Scottish Natural Heritage Booklet – Nature of Scotland
- c) Letter – Fife Council Budget 2010 – 11 consultations – 11 drop in sessions

#### **8. New Business**

Fraser Ballantyne kindly agreed to remain as Chairperson and James Willis would give thought to his nomination for chair but explained that he did have other commitments.

#### **8. Public Question Time**

It was agreed that the work on the Town House was lovely and many people had visited on Doors Open Day in September. The back area has not been reinstated yet, but a second stage may take place. The secretary would write to ask if the Community Council might visit.

**Date of Next Meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009**