

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 16th April 2009 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1. **Present:** - Community Councillors John McLeod (Chair), Rena Wallace, Fraser Ballantyne, Alex Cook, John Lancaster, Martin Melvin, Cllr Ron Edwards

Members of the Public – 12 people present.

2. **Apologies** Marilyn Edwards, Alex Gibb, Sadie Wilson, Sgt Edith Potter, Cllr Leslie

3. **Police Update**

Sgt Potter was not available due to other operational duties. There was no police update. A number of issues were raised by the public.

- South Overgate remained a problem with cars accessing the main road contrary to the one way system and cars parking too close to the junction by the Ship Tavern.
- Disturbances were reported at the sluice at Kinghorn Loch, rubbish left, evidence of drinking parties, and planted trees had been destroyed. This had been reported to the police.

The issues would be passed on to Sgt Potter

4. **Guest Speaker – Paul Doherty – Environmental Services**

5. Paul introduced himself and said that he would be taking over the matter of recycling points from Chris Woodend. He explained that the proposed new site for the Barclay Road recycling point was on private land so that the preferred option was the Orchard Road garages. It was pointed out to him that the proposed Orchard Road recycling point was not an alternative to the Barclay Road one but in addition to it.

The Transport Report for Orchard Road showed no traffic problems but certain measures would be done.

- Extend footpath to playground and erect fence between garage area and park
- Speed bumps put in at the entrance
- Parking spaces for off loading
- Erecting signs to warn drivers that a children's play park was next to the recycling point

Members of the public asked questions and expressed the following concerns

- Already there were speeding traffic concerns along Eastgate where the entrance to the recycling point is sited.
- Most people walked to the Barclay Road site as it was on a through way to the High St. This did not apply to Orchard Road and more cars would drive to it.
- Residents wished to know when the trials would begin.
- Residents asked about the possibility of having sound deadening bins.
- One person pointed out that Fife Council had removed some garages at Orchard Road because of asbestos dangers and it was understood that these were to have been replaced. Former Councillor, Fraser Ballantyne said that the Council had rescinded this idea but apparently this had not been conveyed to residents.
- Cllr Edwards said that the residents had agreed a 3 month trial for the recycling point providing their concerns were addressed and after that period they would be consulted again. This had been agreed in writing with Chris Woodend

Minutes from the previous meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Fraser Ballantyne and seconded by Martin Melvin.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported that the accounts had been audited and were in a healthy state at present. At 31-3-09 the account held £655 with £500 set aside for the Pettycur steps viewing point project. The Community Council grant for this year would be received soon. She explained that a problem had arisen with a sponsorship transaction £100 to Balwearie High school that had gone through twice

after a request had been made for the cheque to be made payable to someone different. The chairman had written to the school informing them of the discrepancy.

The following grants were agreed

- £50 to the lady who sees to the floral enhancement of the station platforms.
- £150 to the children's Gala in Kinghorn,

The accounts were formally accepted by the meeting.

6. Matters Arising

- a) Progress on work with cemetery steps and viewing point –The repair work to the steps appeared to be successful so proposed plans were exhibited for everyone to see. It is likely that the enhancement work will be a partnership project with the Community Council managing the view point and fencing whilst Fife Council will take on the grass area planting and pathway. Matters were still at the planning stage.
- b) Removal of the public seating at Kinghorn beach – this matter had been communicated to Community Services and was being followed up by Robbie Blyth at present.
- c) Request for a dog bin by the children's play park at the beach. The secretary had not heard back from Jim Carroll of Environmental Services. Members of the public also asked if the dog bin under the bridge on the coastal path could be reinstated and others added along the way. The poor state of upkeep and rubbish at the area of Seafield Tower was also commented upon. The secretary would write again to Environmental Services about these matters. The chairman also gave a summary of the new voluntary Green Dog Walkers Scheme that Robbie Blyth was hoping to pilot soon. It was mentioned that people could phone in and report any known person who lets their dog foul without cleaning up behind them. Also it was suggested that it would be helpful if the dog warden could be in attendance early morning and evenings when problems were most likely to be in evidence.
- d) Weed killer – Cllr Leslie had progressed this problem with Grounds Maintenance who were looking for an effective and safe type under current regulations
- e) Traffic concerns at Station Brae – This is still a problem, the police had been notified and were monitoring the area. Transportation Services had been asked to re-look at the situation. Cllr Edwards said that there were new proposals and refurbishment for around the War Memorial including re-routing of traffic at Rossland Place which would cure the problem of traffic going the wrong way. A feasibility plan is being drawn up.
- f) A question was asked about using the area behind the Post Office shop for extra parking.

g) Planning Issues

Planning Application for four houses at Lochside Stables – The applicant was in attendance and intimated that some concerns that the Community Council had previously expressed were being dealt with at architect and Council level. It was agreed to contact the Planning Department for any further information they might have before making a decision whether to comment on the application.

PVC windows at Beach House St James Place – It was understood that a retrospective planning application was now in and the Community Council would object on the grounds that this was in a conservation area and other residents had been required to install wooden window surrounds.

Planning application for Burntisland Road Kinghorn (close to caravan park) The Community council will view the plans when available on E-Planning

7. Correspondence

A list of correspondence was circulated.

- The list of suggested new street names from Kinghorn Primary pupils was welcomed and the results had been passed on to Ron Wilkinson at Fife Council. The secretary had thanked the Pupil Council for coming up with the selection.
- Members of the community were advised that they could still view and comment on the proposed draft master plan from Cala Homes for the development of south/west Kirkcaldy via the Cala Homes website.
- The Community Council may wish to take up the offer from Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority for a pay-back team to help with one of its projects
- The chairman reported on an email from John Morton, Markinch Community Council regarding their interest in Community Right to Buy for a small piece of ground. The chairman had contacted Mr Morton and directed him to Kinross CC and Crossgates CC who

have been successful in small purchases of land by this process.

- Falkland in Bloom Seminar, agreed to approach other interested groups in Kinghorn
- Fife Council – Transportation Services 2009 Consultation, list of venues and events and people were encouraged to go and take part.
- Fife Access Forum, 11th June Rothes Hall, secretary would like to attend if poss.

8. New Business

- a) It was noted that the removal of the 6 and 6a buses would be happening 29th April and that the bus company Stagecoach were not required to consult on the matter.
- b) Public notices and the right to display them. The Community Council wished it to be known that everyone has the right to display information in the form of posters and no person should tear them down. Also if any individual had an issue with any public notice then it should be taken up with the author of the poster and not with the Post Office staff, who are doing a valuable public service for the community.

8 Public Question Time

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that a letter had been sent to local councillors from Fife Council Estates, intimating that Fife Council wishes to dispose of a small piece of land at Birrell's Wynd, close to the Caberfeidh.

- b) Temporary toilets at Kinghorn Beach – members of the public were assured that the “substantial” toilet cabin would not be going on the band stand. Both Cllr Edwards and the Chairman had given suggested alternative sites to the authorities. Also the type of unit required should be smaller. Hopefully the matter would be resolved shortly.

The chairman thanked members of the public for their efforts and patience throughout the meeting.
Meeting closed at 21.09pm

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