

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting of Thursday 16th August 2007 at Kinghorn Community Centre

- 1) **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Alex Cook, Rena Wallace (Treasurer), Marilyn Edwards (Secretary) Collett Salvona, James Willis, Neil Chalmers, Fraser Ballantyne.

P.C. Donn, Cllr Susan Leslie, Cllr Ron Edwards
Members of the Public – 8 people present

- 2) **Apologies** – Sadie Wilson, Martin Melvin, Cllr. George Kay, Sgt Scott Johnston
- 3) **Police Update** – P. C. Donn attended the meeting on behalf of Sgt Johnston. He said that there had been an unpleasant incident on the Coastal Path near Kinghorn where a young male had confronted a female walking the path. He was mentioning the incident to make people aware that it had happened and for others to be cautious.
There had been no recent reports of big youth gatherings in Kinghorn but he was aware of some youth disorder problems at Sofia's fish bar,
- 4) **Guest Speaker** – Julie Samuel to give a brief report from KCLA

Julie explained that KCLA had now been given registration for 18 plots of land around Kinghorn Loch, which meant that they were under the Community Right to Buy. The company was now looking at a consultation and feasibility study to define uses for the land. Several consultants had been considered and the deadline for those chosen to tender was this week. Some funding had been obtained but KCLA were still in discussions with further funders at present.

Julie was asked about the numbers of plots of land and she said that it was 19 but one plot had been registered earlier. Collett asked about the cost of the feasibility study, which was £30,000. He questioned whether it was worth proceeding with the study as no land may ever come up for sale. Julie explained that the company had to be ready in the event of this happening. She was asked about the consultation and she said that it would be independent consultants who would be considered for the work.
The Chairman thanked Julie for coming along to the meeting.

5) Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes were proposed by Collett Salvona and seconded by Rena Wallace.

6) Matters Arising

- a) Disabled Access at Kinghorn Station – The secretary had been encouraged to write to David Boyce of Network Rail. He had phoned to say that whilst he was sympathetic to the problem and appreciated it was difficult to get all the bodies involved together, but he could not help. He suggested getting in touch with Anne Martin of Transport Scotland but the secretary had emailed her but had not got a response back.
- b) Update on proposed cemetery for Kinghorn – The Councillors reported that a woodland cemetery seemed very hopeful but only further site investigation would show if it had enough depth for a traditional cemetery also. These were to be carried out shortly. The land for the cemetery is owned by Kinghorn Developments and comes under the Community Right to Buy. This would need to be considered. Cllr Leslie pointed out that the cemetery had no opposition to where it was to be situated and this was helpful to making progress. The report would be going to Community and Housing in October.
The access road in to the cemetery was discussed and how it might connect with core paths around the loch, which was thought to be a good idea. If all went well, the cemetery could be completed within three years.
- c) Response from Transportation Services concerning blocked off steps and new bollards at Kinghorn beach. – The secretary said that Ian Napier, Transportation Services disclaimed any knowledge of the matter but further inquiries established that Ian Smith had discussed it with former councillor, Fraser

Ballantyne and concluded that it was a private road so no permission from them was necessary to erect bollards. There was a possibility that a planning application should have been sought and Ian Napier would pass the query on to Jim Birrell, Development Services. This was how things stood at present. Ron Edwards suggested finding out the boundary of the conservation area and see if this affected things. It was agreed that the secretary would try and find out about this.

d) **Planning issues**

- Change of use of Golf Clubhouse to form dwelling house and erection of a new dwelling house, this planning application was now approved with certain conditions attached, the secretary read these out.
- Plans circulated of the new proposed Kinghorn Golf Clubhouse, no objection was made to these at the meeting.
- Planning Application for 27 flats and 3 dwelling houses at Viewforth Place Kinghorn, the letter said that an error in the number of units allowed was made, the Community Council had sent in to say this in March.
- Lochside Development – The secretary read out a draft letter of our proposals which had been built on the March Community Council meeting containing some additional comments. The Community Council expressed support for the development and agreed that the letter should be sent to the planners, with our additional suggestions.

The Chairman said that Cllr Kay had written to complain that he and Cllr Leslie had not been invited to the July meeting held to further comment on the open space land in the development. He said that it was his decision not to hold a meeting in July and the term private meeting should have said informal. He apologised for any upset that had been caused but the Community Council had acted in good faith. He would write to Cllr Kay to explain the situation

7) Correspondence

- a) Kirkcaldy & Mid Fife Local Plan, Issues and Options Document - This had been well publicised and circulated generally.
- b) Community Council Matters – working group to support community councils
- c) Letter FC, Law & Admin. – Consultation proposal for St Andrews Day bank holiday, members were generally supportive but not for it to be an additional days holiday.
- d) Pulling Together Meeting 6th July, feedback, Lyn Gray had offered to paint murals with youngsters at the Toll Centre. She was now hopeful that this would be completed.
- e) Re-appraisal of the Finalised Fife Structure Plan 2006 – 2026
- f) Feedback on the Best Kept Town and Village Competition Kinghorn had not been successful this year. A list of recommendations was read out.
- g) Letter Scottish Water – Introduction of Community Affairs Team, new contact noted.
- h) Minutes of Kirkcaldy Central Forum – 31st July 07 these were noted
- i) List from Development Services – Drop-in Events to discuss Kirkcaldy and Mid Fife Local Plan Many of these had now taken place, the chairman commented on the event he had attended and said that the only two developments remaining for Kinghorn were the Lochside Development and the housing at Viewforth Place, both well known.
- j) KCLA minutes of meeting 11th June 07 available for reading
- k) Planning Objection to Lochside Development from KCLA – available for members to read
- l) Leaflets Fife Council – the big number change – Put on display in Community Centre
- m) Leaflets Fife Council – Doors Open Days – Put on display in Community Centre
- n) Letter FC Dev. Services, Fife Structure Plan – Housing Land Requirement Re-Appraisal

8) Kinghorn Community Website

The secretary reported that kinghorn community website was continuing to be successful and making new contacts with local people. A CD of local walks along with photos had been handed in to go on the web, this could also be helpful for the booklet of local walks that the Community Council hoped to publish soon. An extra page had been added to the gallery photo collection from another contact. Local events were now not only being advertised but also photos of the day's enjoyment could be viewed. It had been agreed with the Primary School to extend the closing date for entries for the writing competition. A few entries had been received but now that children were back to school, a reminder would go out.

Advertising on the web was slowly gathering momentum. At £10/year everyone was keen but finding the right time to meet up was a problem that the secretary worked on when she was able to do so. It was indicated that Ron's work on the website was appreciated.

Community Council members approved the terms and conditions page on the website. The secretary said that there had been a need to temporarily disable the blog page. This was due to a number of vitriolic and personal comments appearing on it. Community councillors had been circulated a copy of the text and had agreed to the action taken.

9) **Timetable for Election of Community Councils**,

The chairman read through the timetable. There were no application forms available for standing for election yet. The secretary would let interested parties know when they arrived. A question was asked about whom was entitled to vote. The Chairman replied that it was only those on the voters roll for Kinghorn and it was a postal vote.

10) **Core Path Network** – study and response - There was no time to discuss this. It was agreed to hold it over to the next meet

12) **Any Other Business**

- a) Cllr Leslie informed the meeting about a Forth Crossing Exhibition organised by Transport Scotland that was being held at the Dean Park Hotel, 10 – 4pm on 29th August 07.
- b) It was mentioned that there were several areas where grass cutting needed to be undertaken. The right of way at the back of the old tannery, the slopes down to Pettycur Bay, and the Do Dells were all mentioned. The councillors would follow this up.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 20th September 2007 at 7.30pm in Kinghorn Community Centre.