

# Kinghorn Community Council.

## Minutes of the meeting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1. **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Fraser Ballantyne, Alex Cook, Collett Salvona, , Rena Wallace, Sadie Wilson, Martin Melvin, John Lancaster, Alex Gibb.  
Cllr. Susan Leslie,  
Members of the Public – 10 people present.
2. **Apologies** - Marilyn Edwards (Secretary), Neil Chalmers, Sgt Edith Potter and Cllr Ron Edwards
3. **Police Update** – In the absence of Sgt Potter, the Chair gave a brief summary of police issues raised at the Local Forum meeting. The Community Inspector had reported that crime in the Kirkcaldy area had gone down in recent weeks. A Blue Light Disco had been successfully held for youths in the Adam Smith Centre Atrium. Reported speeding in Kilcruik Road was being investigated using a mobile Speed Camera.
4. **Speaker – Chris Woodend – Environmental Services**  
Chris Woodend reported on the options being considered at present by Environmental Services for recycling points in Kinghorn. It had been established that the area at the garages in Orchard Road was owned by Fife Council. Letters are going out to residents in the area regarding the possibility of putting in a recycling point enclosed by a fenced area. Chris was asked how any complaints would be dealt with. He said everyone would be properly informed before the installation. The chairman pointed out that ideally four re-cycling points were required, two more in addition to the ones at Pettycur Road and within the caravan site at Nethergate. Residents are still supportive of a recycling point at Barclay Road. Chris said that the garage area at Glamis Terrace was under consideration as an alternative to the former Barclay Road recycling point. A search to establish ownership of the site would need to be undertaken. The Council might also consider the use of sound proof bins if normal bins proved too noisy.  
  
Chris was thanked by the chair and left the meeting.
5. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**  
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Martin Melvin and seconded by Alex Cook. Cllr Leslie indicated that the rail at Templars Crescent was funded from Quality of Life' fund.
6. **Matters Arising.**
  - a) It was mentioned that Cllr Edwards had asked for the Community Council to be consulted on the upgrade of the play area at Inch View.
  - b) Community Services hope to complete the improvement work to the cemetery steps at Pettycur before Christmas. The viewing project would be a further stage.
  - c) The Common Good Fund Application for refurbishing the Church Hall was not available. However the Community Council indicated its willingness to support the bid and, given that no money is left in the fund for 2008/9, had offered to step aside from their funding for the viewing project to enable the Church project to go ahead if necessary. Liz Box has indicated that Fife Council is yet to process the application from the Church.
  - d) Conservation Boards at North Overate are being replaced shortly.
  - e) The secretary had not received a reply from the Library Service concerning volunteers assisting with opening times.
7. **Planning Issues**
  - a) 1-3 High Street. The Community Council has put in an objection regarding the access to the rear of the site and planning department are currently considering that. General discussion highlighted that local residents were also objecting to aspects of the application. The Chairman urged people who wished to object to do so through letters, but also that Planning Aid Scotland is an organisation that can help advice communities on the planning issues.

- b) Extension of occupation of Pettycur Bay and Nethergate Caravan Sites to 12 months instead of 11. Agreed to object to these proposals on basis of not giving permanent occupation of these sites.

#### **8. Correspondence**

A list of correspondence was circulated.

#### **9. New Business**

Cllr Leslie asked that the next Community Council meeting should discuss the problem of dog fouling on the beach. The chairman asked that the Kinghorn Harbour Residents Group be involved in the discussions. This was agreed. Better signage to the beach is needed. The Chairman reported on a communication by Cllr Edwards on dog fouling in the Cut at Barclay Road and a local resident reported that the area had now been cleaned by a mechanical cleaner.

#### **10. Public Question Time**

- a) A question from a member of the public indicated that there was illegal dumping going on in the Castle Rigg area and once removed the area is dumped in again. Cllr Leslie will take this matter up. The Chair suggested an illegal dumping notice might also be employed.
- b) A member of the public raised the matter of the Braes looking like a jungle. Cllr Leslie highlighted the council's problem with health and safety in achieving any action on the Braes. It was also suggested that the shrubs should be trimmed and that planting trees might be an option to improve the Braes.
- c) A member of the public raised the matter of Road markings at the bend of Bruce Terrace which were deteriorating and faded. Contact will be made with Transportation Services.
- d) One KCC member queried why there were two sets of August Minutes. This was indicated by the Chair as a result of amendments he made in response to complaints about some missing information.
- e) A query was raised by one KCC member regarding the "Ask Kinghorn" group. The Chair explained that the Community Council was approached by the group for assistance in setting up that was done; the group is nothing to do with Community Council and is an independent group.
- f) Kinghorn Memorial Group. The chair indicated a meeting had been arranged for 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm in the Community Centre.
- g) Chair indicated that he had produced a certificate to present to Sandy Valentine on his retirement; members accepted the example shown.
- h) Fraser Ballantyne asked if the Community Council would send a letter of congratulations to the Ecology Centre in their successful funding bid.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**Date of Next Meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008**