

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 17th September 2009 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1. **Present:** - Fraser Ballantyne (Vice-Chair), Rena Wallace (Treasurer), Alex Cook, Martin Melvin, Marilyn Edwards (Secretary) Alex Gibb, James Willis, Collett Salvona, , Cllr Ron Edwards, , Cllr Susan Leslie, Sgt Edith Potter
Members of the Public – 9 people present.
2. **Apologies** Neil Chalmers, Sadie Wilson,
3. **Police Update** - Sgt Potter reported that there had been some reported crime locally, some vandalism at the school and damage to property. The JCB digger that was vandalised at the Alcan Treatment Site was a difficult crime to resolve as the place of the crime was remote. Other incidents mentioned were clothes stolen from the Nethergate Clothing Bank in July, and recently, tools reported stolen from the Golf Clubhouse. Any information to resolve these issues would be appreciated.

Sgt Potter said that she was aware that there had been groups of travelling folk staying at Kinghorn Loch. The site has been cleaned up and the secretary reported that the owner of the site was willing to erect a barrier to prevent further problems. Police would not be opposed to a barrier if it was felt necessary. There had been reports of fewer ducks and geese on the loch but this was contrary to comments made at the meeting.

Other items mentioned were that three officers would be going around on bikes. Friday night seemed to be a popular night for anti-social behavior, although little was evident at present. There were still problems with speeding on Kinghorn Road.

4. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Collett Salvona and seconded by Alex Gibb.
5. **Matters Arising**
 - a) Viewpoint project at the Pettycur steps Kinghorn,- Community Services had drawn up a plan from the drawings sent to them by the group. The plan was available to view at the meeting. Included in the plan were several questions about detail of project, it was agreed the viewpoint group would meet to discuss detail, consider cost and further funding.
 - b) Update on Harbour toilets renovation – The estimated date for completion of the work was now the end of October. The Quarrel Brae Group was working on the formation of the group and a community proposal for use to be submitted to Environmental Services when the tendering process was ready. Cllr Edwards agreed to approach Harry Byers, Environmental Services to ask if the group could view the premises when the work was completed. The next meeting was arranged for Monday 28th September at The Sailing Clubhouse Kinghorn.
 - c) Pathways within Kinghorn – Rena Wallace had agreed to continue as secretary of The Pathways Group and she would call a meeting of all interested people in early October on her return from her holiday. The group will begin by identify use of old and used pathways within Kinghorn and recommend a questionnaire to verify statement of use.
 - d) Upgrade around the War Memorial, Kinghorn – Councillors reported that a funding bid had been put in for this work and it would be known by the end of October if this was successful. However it was still hoped to progress the improvement.
 - e) The secretary had received an email from Suzanne Gilfeather (Kinghorn in Bloom) to say that Kinghorn had been given a silver award by Beautiful Fife and a special award for the Ecology Centre
 - f) The Community Centre was having problems with roof leaks which had affected light fittings and caused flooding in the building. It was agreed that the secretary would write to Frances Geddes, Community Services to give support to the Community centre and ask if the problems could be sorted quickly.
 - g) A petition had been raised for the reinstatement of the No.6 bus to the Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy. The Stagecoach Company had altered times in their service to see if this made a difference for

people, but the real problem was that there was no direct route to the hospital any longer. The next step would be to arrange a meeting with Stagecoach and the public.

h) **Planning Issues**

Planning Application – Lochside Stables, Kinghorn

The Community Council had been informed that this planning application is being taken to appeal. Also confirmation from Development services that the letter of objection from Kinghorn Community Council concerning the Development at Lochside Kinghorn has been received.

6. **A list of correspondence was circulated**

The Letter /Information about Celebrating Fife 2010, it was agreed to pass this on to any local groups that may apply for funding, and could be kept in mind for any innovative projects that the Community Council may take on over the year.

7. **New Business**

Fraser Ballantyne, acting as interim chair, requested that the appointment of a new chair person be put as an item on the agenda for the October meeting of the Community Council.

8. **Public Question Time**

- a) It was reported that the steps going down to Pettycur were wet once again. It was understood that renovation had only taken place on the upper section. This would be reported to Community Services.
- b) An email had been received concerning the need for maintenance of three of the lights on The Braes, This matter had being progressed.
- c) The Town House renovation was nearing completion and some people had managed a peek inside during Doors Open Day. A question was asked if the archway light was going to be reinstated over the front door. It was agreed to ask Alan Lodge about this.

Date of Next Meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 15th October 2009