

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting of Thursday 18th January 2007 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1) **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Alex Cook, Rena Wallace, Martin Melvin, Marilyn Edwards (secretary) James Willis, Collett Salvona,

2) Ron Edwards, Cllr. Fraser Ballantyne

Members of the Public – 9 people present

Apologies –Sadie Wilson, Sgt. Johnston

3) **Police Update**

Police arrived to give a verbal update for the meeting but were not able to stay. The chairperson reported on behalf of police indicating that they wished to give an assurance that the Youth Disorder issues were still being worked upon. Other items, they had managed to recover a stolen car from the area and action had been taken on some drug issues that had occurred.

4) **Acceptance of the previous minutes**

There were 3 sets of minutes to be passed. This was mainly due to lengthy discussion at public meeting in December.

a) Minutes of Community Council meeting 16th November 2006.

One member of the public objected to a sentence in the minute; the chair asked members for any comments, and it was intimated by Council members that the record was fair. The minute was subsequently unanimously agreed as a correct record.

These minutes were proposed by James Willis and seconded by Alex Cook.

b) Minutes of the Special Meeting held 29th November 2006

This was held with representatives of the Scottish Executive and KCLA.

A comment was made by a member of the public that this should have been open to the public. The chair pointed out that this was in fact a special meeting with SEERAD for the purpose of fact finding, in preparation for the December meeting and that KCLA were in attendance. The December meeting was to be a full Community Council meeting dedicated to public discussion of the community buy-out proposals (by KCLA). The Community Council advertised the event widely and was held two weeks later.

The minutes were proposed by Rena Wallace and seconded by James Willis and agreed unanimously.

c) Minutes of the Public Meeting held 14th December 2006.

Members of the Community Council intimated that the minute was a fair representation of the proceedings.

These minutes were proposed by Rena Wallace and seconded by James Willis and agreed unanimously.

One item of concern was raised by a member of the public relating to security in the High Street. The lady concerned pointed out that over 1,000 signatures had been collected on a petition asking for security cameras to be installed in the High Street, Kinghorn. The chair pointed out that this had been a standing issue throughout the last few years and was raised frequently at Central Area Forum meetings by Kinghorn Community Council. It was requested that this item might be put on the next meeting agenda to be discussed. It was agreed that the secretary would be asked to contact Stuart Ward, Architectural Liaison Officer for Fife Constabulary, to come invite him along to the meeting.

5) Guest Speakers

Sandy Campbell (Development Services Fife Council) and David Wardrop (Farningham McCreadie Partnership) had now asked to delay coming to the Community Council meeting to discuss the Lochside Development until certain planning issues had been resolved. They would attend a future meeting. Allan Brown – Development Services, Local Nature Reserve Status had called off due to bad weather but would attend meeting in February.

Liz Murphy – Bereavement Services Fife Council was able to attend.

Liz said that she was hopeful that the cemeteries at Kinghorn Loch would go ahead. There were three tiers of investigation processes to undergo to satisfy the requirements for the cemeteries to go ahead. The first had in some areas, indicated shallow soil but adequate soil over the area required. The second tier, which involved doing bore-hole testing, was underway at present. All investigations would need to satisfy SEPA who have quite stringent legislation but she was hopeful that the cemeteries would eventually go ahead. She stated that if they did not, the area was to remain as open space, Development Services would not allow any house building on this land.

She was asked if there was room for both types of cemeteries, and Liz passed around a map of the proposed layout. She said a section would be incorporated for Ethnic community's burial. Liz was assured that the woodland burial appeared to have a lot of support locally. She said that she hoped the project would go to committee for recommendation in June.

The Chairman thanked her for coming along and explaining the situation.

6) Matters Arising

a) A letter from Andrew Ferguson concerning ownership Kinghorn Loch said that he was still investigating the situation. The secretary had forwarded him information she had on the matter stating that the loch was Common Good property. There was a counter opinion that Alcan owned the solum. The secretary agreed to request Andrew to resolve the matter as soon as possible.

b) Craig Ritchie had been contacted to ask if he could deal with the latest security problems and rubbish at the tannery sites. It was agreed to ask Environmental Services to take action on the rubbish build up.

c) Planning Issues

A letter from Sandy Campbell, Development Services, about the Pettycur Bay Hotel and Function Suite Development said that the planning application had been approved. The entrance to the site would be widened but no alterations made to road layout.

a) A letter from Bernard Whittle, Development Services concerning building on land at Viewforth Place. These plans had been withdrawn for resubmission.

b) Planning Application for Old Golf Clubhouse and car park was available for view. A letter of objection had been received from neighbours. This was discussed, it was felt that removal of the car park area could cause people to park on the main road when using the Golf Course. There was also a question about a long standing agreement on the car park usage, Cllr Ballantyne said that he would enquire with Fife Council about this. The Secretary to put in objection on loss of parking facility.

c) The secretary was asked to read out the Community Council's objections to the Lochside Development Kinghorn and KCLA read out their ones. The Chairman said that it was good to have separate groups making comment as this in fact increased the pressure on the planners.

7) Correspondence

a) Letter – Scottish Executive, acknowledgement of our letter to them.

b) Notification of Public Consultation, Planning Guidance Wind Energy/ Renewable Technologies 22nd Jan.-19th March – Jim Henry Development Services

c) KCLA minutes, 9th November 06, available for members.

d) Letter from Keith Winter, Development Services, Community Council Seminar, Planning with People on Sat 10th February, Rothes Halls, Glenrothes. Chairman to consider attending.

e) Kirkcaldy Central Forum minutes for 28th November 06, available for view.

f) Letter Sheena Kenny, Policy & Organisational Development F.C. – Funding&Monitoring, noted.

g) Letter from Marilyn Livingstone MSP – Update on Kinghorn Rail Station repairs and disabled access. It was encouraging to know it was still being looked at but no finances available as yet

h) Leaflets – Fit n'fun in Fife, these to be put out in the Community Centre.

i) Waterwatch Scotland – notice of public meeting, 25th January Dunnikier House Hotel, Kirkcaldy at 6pm.

9) Any Other Business

- a) The Chairman said that the clocks still needed resetting for lighting on The Braes. Light sensitivity as well as timer operated them.
- b) Ron said that he had added some local photos to the KCC website and asked if a competition for captions to go with them could be considered. It was agreed to approach the local school as well as community groups with this idea. A prize can be given.
- c) Chris Mitchell asked that co-operation with KCLA be put on a future agenda.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 15th February 2007 at 7.30pm in Kinghorn Community Centre.