

Kinghorn Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 18th March 2010 at Kinghorn Community Centre

Present: - Fraser Ballantyne (Chair), Alex Cook, Marilyn Edwards (Secretary) Sadie Wilson, Martin Melvin, Alex Gibb,
Cllr Susan Leslie Cllr Ron Edwards,
Members of the Public – 13 people present.

Apologies - Sgt Potter, Rena Wallace, James Willis Collett Salvona and Neil Chalmers

1. Chairman's Remarks

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that there was a vacancy to be filled on the Community Council. Two candidates had shown an interest to become serving members; he introduced them to the meeting and the secretary handed round to members the letters from the candidates. The chairman checked that the Community Council was quorate and a vote was taken with Cllr Leslie acting as teller. The successful candidate was Lynette Gray.

2. Guest Speaker – Suzanne Gilfeather – Kinghorn in Bloom

Suzanne said that the group had been going for one year and this would be their first full summer season. Much had been accomplished and lots more was planned. An increase from 11 to 20 hanging baskets and more wooden planters were planned. A boat which the Scouts are helping to plant with flowers was set to go outside the Jullian Hall. Bulbs are planted in the area by The Carousel carpark and it was hoped to put in picnic tables for the summer. The group was fund raising for a water bowser as keeping the plants watered through the summer was a major exercise and a bowser would make the task much easier. The group is also working with the Primary School to renovate the pond and wildlife garden and encourage interest in seed planting with the children. Dates for the Diary

- 23rd April – launch of Kinghorn in Bloom Summer Season
- 25th April – Spring Clean of The Braes Kinghorn
- 5th June - Coffee morning plants for sale
- 4th September Kinghorn Village Show – all classes through to experts

Suzanne was asked if it was possible to look at the area at the back of Costcutters though it is appreciated that this is privately owned.

The chairman thanked Suzanne for her detailed update and the Community Council agreed to donate £50 to Kinghorn in Bloom towards plants and £50 for planting at the station.

Presentation of Kinghorn Pathways – Mike Gilbert

Sarah Johnstone, Fife Access Forum .

Mike put out a map of pathways he had catalogued within Kinghorn. He also had a detailed photograph display of the pathways. He invited people to let him know of any others that were not on the map. The path to the play park at Croft an Righ was added. The chair thanked Mike for such a comprehensive and thorough piece of work and Sarah Johnstone was highly complementary of Mike's efforts and said they would be very helpful for getting all the pathways recorded as Rights of Ways.

Sarah spoke about the public consultation that needed to be done to get the pathways registered and left some information on this process. She suggested any other used pathways could be considered at the same time. She agreed to set up a meeting with the Pathways Group to begin the consultation process. She found the work that Mike had undertaken to be very exciting.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Alex Gibb and seconded by Alex Cook

4 Matters Arising

- a) Harbour Toilets renovation – The chairman, secretary, Cllr Kay and Cllr Edwards met with Harry Byers, Environmental Services and Ken Duncan from Asset Management to discuss the future of the Harbour Toilets building. The application form is for a lease with a shared community facility

and responsibility for opening and cleaning the toilets. The main difficulty faced for the Community Council is whether rules allow for them to take out a lease and added costs of rates, insurance and utilities. If the Community Council is involved in a tender it will have to be one that it feels it can manage which will not meet the criteria set out in the application document. It was agreed to look up the OSCR Website and call together the volunteers interested to discuss options and a business plan to add to the Project Brief.

- b) Viewpoint and Cemetery Steps Project – All the funding applications are now in and the planning application is being progressed. It is hoped that funding will be secured by early June. Community Services will be revisiting Phase 1 remediation of the cemetery steps in the next few weeks.
- c) Boundary changes to Kinghorn/West Kirkcaldy Community Council - The secretary had written to Linda Purdie, FC to say that the February meeting had agreed for all of Seafield to go in with West Kirkcaldy as long as the residents are informed and there is no problem. David Henderson chair of West Kirkcaldy Council will liaise with us to inform residents in Seafield.
- d) Other Items
 - The secretary asked the meeting if a paper recycling bin had been installed at the Orchard Road Recycling Point. She said that she would contact Paul Doherty of Environmental Services again
 - Speaker for the Common Good – the secretary read out the email from Andrew Ferguson which said that he was not yet in the position to offer something meaningful on the specifics of Kinghorn Common Good. He asked for a further extension before taking up the offer to give a talk on the subject.
 - Kinghorn Loch Woodland Cemetery – Liz Murphy from Bereavement Services had attended the December Community Forum meeting and had sent an email following that meeting. She confirmed that the Woodland Cemetery will be developed and run by the Council. Development will be dependent on the scheduling of the development of the capital plan. The Estates Department FC has been instructed to begin discussions with the landowner with regards to the acquisition of the area. There is no involvement from KCLA on the process.
 - A letter was read out from a resident who highlighted several matters for attention in Kinghorn. Along with the letter were photographs of damage to gravestones in the cemetery, Cllr Edwards agreed to follow up this matter though the responsibility lies with the family that own the headstones. The other matters were passed on to appropriate bodies.

e) **Planning Issues**

The Lochside Housing Development was passed at the February meeting of the Local Area Committee.

Planning Application for glass panels on boundary wall at Salmon Cottage also passed.

The Ecology Centre Application is recommended for approval by Development Services for the March Local Area Committee. Due to the lack of representation for objections, it was agreed to send a letter to local councilors explaining the complexity of issues with this application

5. A list of correspondence was circulated

The secretary read out extras (items that come after the agenda is issued)

- a) Meeting of Dunfermline and Coastal Association of Community Councils Tuesday 30th March 7.00pm at the City Hotel Dunfermline.
- b) Development Plan Update for March.
- c) Kinghorn in Bloom newsheet
- d) Urban Management Programme - notification of a survey

6. New Business

The large accumulation of rubbish on The Braes and the Doo Dells Kinghorn had been brought to the attention of the Community Council. A squad from Environmental Services is coming to do an initial clean up on Friday 19th March before the arrival of the new life boat on Saturday. Anyone who can manage to help with a litter pick of The Braes later that day will be most welcome. Further litter picks are organized for later in the Spring.

7. Public Question Time

- It was reported that there is damage to the railings on The Braes by the old putting green.
- It was noted that repairs to the Standing Stanes Road had been carried out but no repairs to Kinghorn High Street. Transportation Services work through a Rota system.

- A question was asked if Kinghorn Community Council was responding to the recently arisen Ship to Ship Transfer consultation announced in the local paper. The consultation response does not include Community Councils but Fife Council has made a robust response against the new bid. The secretary said that she would enquire how Kinghorn Community Council could support Fife Council and write accordingly.

Date of Next Meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 15th April 2010