

# Kinghorn Community Council.

## Minutes of the meeting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1. **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Rena Wallace (Treasurer), Fraser Ballantyne, Alex Cook, Martin Melvin, Marilyn Edwards (Secretary) Collett Salvona, , Sadie Wilson, Neil Chalmers  
Cllr Ron Edwards, , Cllr Susan Leslie, Linda Purdie (Law & Administration FC)  
Members of the Public – 16 people present.

2. **Apologies** Alex Gibb, Sgt Edith Potter, James Wright Planning Officer FC

### 3. **Police Update**

Sgt Potter could not be present but had submitted a written report. Local police had attended the Kinghorn Gala, and felt the liaison had been very successful. They hoped to build on this relationship through community policing activities during the summer months.

The Chairman had been contacted by the owner of the heavy construction machinery at the Alcan Treatment site on the Kinghorn to Burntisland road (B923). He said that his machinery had been vandalised and could cost £95,000 to repair. He had reported the incident to the police. The offence had happened over night; the police were investigating the incident and asked if anyone had information about it to please contact Burntisland police. The Chairman assured the owner that no one in the local community would condone such actions.

Residents reported that a large youth gathering had caused a nuisance in the park at South Overgate and at Kinghorn beach the previous Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> June). A lot of litter had been left at the park and a seat at the lifeboat station had been damaged. The Community Council would pass this information on to Sgt Potter. The next Pulling Together visual audit for Kinghorn/Burntisland was Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

4. **Guest Speakers** - Alan Farningham, consultant for Lochside Housing Development, Christine Stuart, secretary, Bill Taylor, HBJ, Jessamine Fraser, GD Lodge Architects

Alan provided some background information to the housing project; he explained that Kinghorn Developments Ltd was now working in partnership with HBJ as a joint venture. He said that a planning application had been approved in June 2007. Now new plans were coming forward and the new proposals were set out on tables for everyone to view. After this, the chair opened up the meeting for questions.

Questions were asked about time scale for beginning work and the reply was that it depended on getting the Planning Application through but building would start on the south side first as soon as possible. Residents noted that a care home and some different style of housing were included in the new plan. The architect confirmed that the height of housing did not go above 2.5 storeys. Green corridor and footpath links were retained plus a kick about pitch. "Gateway" improvements near the sluice of the loch would be agreed with Transportation Services.

When asked about the housing development and KCLA Right-to-Buy of land along the east side of the loch and the possible building of a new Ecology Centre, Alan said that the two issues were separate. He confirmed that he had met with KCLA and The Ecology Centre the previous week and he understood it was intended that plans for the new centre would go forward in time to apply for grant funding this year. It was made clear by the public that they knew little of the intentions of either group.

The team said that they hoped to lodge the planning application soon and they would be happy to return to the community council for public consultation. The chairman thanked them for attending the meeting and said everyone would look forward to seeing the new planning application.

### 5. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**

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

Collett Salvona.

## **6. Matters Arising**

- a) Pettycur cemetery steps and viewing point project - At the May meeting it was agreed that the community council would take on the project and a meeting of the people who had previously expressed an interest to be involved would take place. The meeting was still to be arranged.
- b) Improvements to Right of Way Paths – The secretary was waiting to hear back from owners of property alongside the path at North Overgate. She had been informed by residents that this path had now been blocked off.
- c) Cllr Kay was going to consult with Mark Horsburgh about the path at the Doo Dells, as the secretary had not heard back it was agreed that Lynn Gray would follow up Cllr. Kay.
- d) Update on Traffic management problems in Kinghorn – Transportation Services were still to come back with a new plan for traffic management at the War Memorial and Station Brae. Traffic concerns at South Overgate were still being considered by Transportation Services and the Police. Cllr Edwards outlined the proposals he had forwarded for consideration on both matters and a discussion ensued.
- e) The Community Council had not heard back concerning its complaint to the Chief Executive about the Common Good Application from Friends of the Earth.
- f) Orchard Road Recycling Point – The secretary had received an email from Paul Doherty, Environmental Services; he gave details about the proposed recycling centre. It said that speed bumps and traffic warning sign would be installed in the next few weeks. He hoped the 3 month pilot for the recycling centre would commence early July and afterwards he would be happy to meet back with the Community Council to discuss the matter further. The secretary would email residents with the information.
- g) Harbour Toilets Public meeting – Kinghorn Community Council were facilitators for this meeting to try and find a local group to put in a community bid to use the room above the toilets. The meeting had produced lots of good ideas but no individual or group to take on an action plan. It was agreed to advertise the facility on the community website and then call another meeting. The chairman appealed to everyone to spread the word as it was a great opportunity to develop a community facility.
- h) Decorative colour paint for the Harbour Toilets – a suggestion had been made that the outside colour of the renovated toilets could be a brighter shade than at present. A representative from the Harbour residents said that the choice of the group was cream or white. Environmental Services said that the paint chosen was beige.
- i) An email from Robbie Blyth covered matters relating to Kinghorn Beach and the coastal path at Seafield. He had a green metal bench which he was offering to put by the lifeboat building. It was agreed to ask for this to go in at the band stand side of the lifeboat station if the lifeboat station manager was agreeable. Robbie says that he hopes to install new bins soon, some of them small recycling bins and afterwards will meet with colleagues to discuss coordinating ongoing maintenance. Regarding the coastal path, people present thought it a good idea to put up signage about fly tipping and a number to call. The secretary would report back the meetings decisions to Robbie.

## **7. Planning Issues**

- a) Planning Application 08/02722/CFULL – Pettycur Bay Caravan Park
- b) Planning Application 08/02727/CFULL – Nethergate Caravan Park

The two planning applications appear to have come about by EU regulation which made the 11 month restriction illegal. The Planning Applications were approved at committee with conditions being imposed to safeguard against any possibility of this being used to promote house building rather than holiday accommodation in the future.

## **8. A list of correspondence was circulated.**

It was agreed that the Chairman would fill in the consultation questionnaire for Community Councils in Fife.

## **9. New Business**

- a) The Chairman announced that the Beautiful Fife assessment visit was Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. He had prepared a small booklet promoting projects in Kinghorn to show them and this was shown to the meeting.

- b) Kinghorn in Bloom had emailed to give an update on planters and hanging baskets proposals for the High Street. Finances fell short for getting the number they wanted, the secretary proposed a donation of £150 from the Community Council funds to help with their budget. This was seconded by Collett Salvona. The Community Council was insured to cover hanging baskets but it was agreed to ask Gordon Hynd F.C. about insurance cover also.
- c) The M.C.S. Summer Beach Clean will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10.45pm meeting at St James Place, all volunteers welcome; see Carol Rhodes.
- d) Alex Cook reported that the new steel doors fitted to the outside of the renovated Harbour Toilets appeared to be too small for disabled access but the facility inside the building is equipped for disabled use. Cllr Edwards said that he would make enquiries about this.

#### **9. Public Question Time**

- a) A question was asked with concern about further tree cutting in South Overgate but Mark Horsburgh Community Services had told Cllr Edwards that there are no plans to do this.
- b) The Burnside path to the loch was again overgrown and impassible. Cllr Edwards agreed to contact Community Services to see if they would cut it back. Subsidence on the path was a more difficult problem but could be tackled when the house building starts up.
- c) It was reported that the lampposts in St James Place had been deemed too rusty for putting up hanging baskets and residents asked if they could be replaced.
- d) A question about regeneration funds for town centres was asked and if shop owners in the High Street, Kinghorn could be informed and involved in this. It was agreed to ask the locality manager Ken Halley if he could provide information on this and involve the shop owners to apply for grants if eligible.
- e) A suggestion to make Queens Crescent and Strathmore Street one way was held over to the next meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2009**