

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 19th February 2009 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1. **Present:** - Community Councillors John McLeod (Chair), Fraser Ballantyne, Alex Cook, Collett Salvona, Alex Gibb, Sadie Wilson, Martin Melvin, Marilyn Edwards (Secretary)

Cllr Ron Edwards, Cllr George Kay, Cllr Susan Leslie, Sgt Edith Potter,

Members of the Public – 9 people present.

2. **Apologies** - Rena Wallace, Neil Chalmers

3. **Police Update**

Sgt Potter mentioned two complaints that had come up recently, the first was cars speeding along Barclay Road and the second was complaints of dog fouling on The Braes. Another matter that had come to her attention was door to door callers asking people to sign up to the Red Cross. The Red Cross had confirmed that the canvassing was genuine. Sgt. Potter said that it was good that people remained vigilant. The access to the industrial yard at the railway station was still a problem because of vehicles parking by the junction and causing obstruction. Kinghorn Community Council had asked Transportation Services to have a look at the problem and Sgt Potter said that she too would look at the situation.

4. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**

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

5. **Matters Arising**

- a) Re-installation of a recycling point at Barclay Road, Kinghorn – The secretary read out an email from Chris Woodend, Environmental Services which said that the land at the garage area in Barclay Road was not under the ownership of Fife Council and there were no legal rights to develop it. He went on to say that the garage owners will be contacted to see if they are agreeable to a recycling point going in. Cllr Kay gave the meeting a verbal update to say that he understood that the owners wanted to put in a tap/washing area so a recycling point would not be appropriate.
- b) Work on the cemetery steps at Pettycur was complete. The Chairman would meet Ron Peat to discuss finance and progress for the enhancement part of the project. A meeting would then be arranged for the sub group to discuss design and details of the project.
- c) Kinghorn Conservation Area Interpretation Board - An Application for Common Good funding had been received from Development Services for £650 towards the cost of the Conservation Board for Kinghorn. It was questioned whether only local community bodies had the right to request funds from the Common Good. The members rejected the application on the grounds that it was understood that the conservation boards were to be funded from the Development Services budget.
- d) Kinghorn Pathways Booklet – these were now being distributed in the community and to other bodies that had requested them. Display racks were discussed and the secretary agreed to ask the treasurer about purchasing a small number for some premises.
- e) Cllr Edwards reported that the area at the old putting green had the bushes stripped out and this would be grassed over with just a central bed. This would enable the area to be much tidier and harbour no litter. The area around the war memorial was also under consideration for improvement. A small group had met to consider refurbishment of stonework, re-surfacing the ground area and possibly putting in iron railings for the surround. Cllr Leslie was asked if she had contact details for another group in Kinghorn who were looking at floral enhancement in the area. She replied that they were a fully constituted group but did not give contact details. The chairman said that all the working groups needed to keep each other informed of what they were doing.

f) **Planning Issues**

One Planning Application was considered, 1 Rossness Drive Kinghorn. As the Chair lives within the vicinity of the subject application, he stepped aside in the interest of there being any possibility of bias or influence and ensuring open discussion. Alex Gibb took the chair for any discussion on this application. It was decided that there was no problem.

6. Correspondence

A list of correspondence was circulated.

- An application had been received for the Beautiful Fife Campaign 2009. This campaign was being launched to replace the Best Kept Town/Village. An email had been received from the Harbour Residents and Environmental Group saying that they would be happy to play a supporting role providing flora enhancement around the beach and harbour area. It was agreed to try and make contact with the Kinghorn in Bloom group before filling in an application.

7. New Business

- a) Cllr Edwards said that Fife Council would soon be improving the lighting along the main road through Kinghorn. He pointed out that there would be some upheaval in this area in the near future.

8 Public Question Time

- a) It was pointed out that the benches in the old putting green area had not been put back after the ground improvements had been done. It was agreed to contact Mark Horsborough, Community Services, to ask him to ensure they would be put back once the work was completed.
- b) It was reported that there was fly tipping at the recycling point at Pettycur Road. Also an old washing machine had been dumped at the garages in Strathmore Street. The secretary would report these problems to Environmental Services.
- c) A member of the public wanted to bring to the attention of the meeting that " he believed, as a result of his application to build a house on the ground adjacent to the Golf Club" his family were experiencing unpleasantness from a number of people opposed to the development, in his opinion they may be locals . These intrusions were at his house in David the First Street The chairman said that he was sorry to hear of this happening, and although the Community Council did comment on certain planning matters, harassment in any form could not be condoned and was not in the interests of the community.
- d) A letter had been received from Craigenalt Farm saying that they had put up posters to try, on their behalf, to inform the community about their position with the Ecology Centre and the Right to Buy proposals. The posters put up on notice boards had been mysteriously and without authority torn down. Staff at the Post Office had been unfairly pressurised by a member of the community under threat of legal action to remove a copy of the poster on their information board or else they would remove their custom. The chairman said that the Community Council would never condone threatening behaviour to achieve the removal of public notices and that people had a right to express their personal point of view in a reasonable manner. In the interests of public information and sharing information people should respect that right.

Date of Next Meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 16th March 2009