

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting of Thursday 19th April 2007 at Kinghorn Community Centre

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

Members of the Public – 4 people present

Ron Edwards, Cllr. Fraser Ballantyne

- 2) **Apologies** – Neil Chalmers, Sgt Scott Johnston, Diana

- 3) **Presentation**

Cllr Fraser Ballantyne was attending his last meeting as the elected local councillor for the area. He will be retiring from Fife Council in May. The Chairman presented him with a framed certificate of thanks on behalf of the Community Council. He expressed appreciation for all his support and help over the years. He has agreed to join the Community Council as a co-opted member after the election.

- 4) **Police Update**

P.C. Donn took time off from duty at the Links Market to attend the meeting. He was pleased to report that the past month had been quiet in Kinghorn with minimal youth disorder problems but the memorial gardens in the Beveridge Park had been targeted instead. He agreed it was difficult to anticipate where youths would gather next when email and texts were the favoured form of communication for the youngsters. He assured the meeting that when Youth Disorder occurred the police would continue to respond. During the Links Market period the surrounding areas tended to be quiet.

After the annual Caravan Park closure period had ended some residents returned to find property had been stolen and this had been followed up. This concluded the report

- 5) **Minutes from the previous meeting**

An error was noted in the minutes that Collett Salvona's name had been omitted from the attendance list of the March meeting.

The minutes were proposed by Alec Cook and seconded by Rena Wallace.

- 6) **Matters Arising**

- a) The secretary said that she had not sent a letter back to Andrew Ferguson asking him if he could further clarify some points of ownership concerning Kinghorn Loch. She would do this by the next meeting.
- b) The chairman gave feed back on the last Pulling Together Meeting. Tackling youth disorder had been high on the agenda. It was felt police response times and police presence mattered most. It was mentioned that portable CCTV systems could be moved around local hot-spot areas to discourage big gatherings. Working with the youngsters to continue the positive initiatives put in place during last summer was also important. It was hoped to extend these activities all year round, funding permitted.
- c) The secretary had written to KCLA suggesting that an agreed item of common interest could be put on the Community Council agenda for a future meeting. KCLA secretary said that they would reply after discussion at their April meeting.
- d) Cllr Ballantyne confirmed that the work being carried out at Kinghorn station was repairs to the cantilever section only. Disability access was not being considered in this work despite detailed proposals have been submitted by the Community Council. It was agreed that the secretary write to Marilyn Livingston MSP again and express our disappointment that the disability access could not have been incorporated with the present work as we had demonstrated in our plans to Trans-

port Services and Network Rail on previous occasions. Also to ask if she can give an assurance that it will be included in the 2008 – 9 budget.

- e) Planning Issues – The secretary was informed that the plans for the new care home at the present Caberfidh were available to view on Fife Direct Planning website. She said that she would send for the plans for the May meeting.

7) **Correspondence**

- a) Information from Fife Rural Partnership
- b) Notification – Pre Best Kept Town and Village Meeting held the Town House 14th April at 7pm. after last year, the chairman expressed reluctance to take part in the event this summer.
- c) Community Council Annual Grant Arrangements 2007 – 8, this was passed to the treasurer for action.
- d) F.C. Development Services – Information Leaflet ‘ Accessing Planning Information online’
- e) Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society – Spring Update 2007 and application form for renewal of membership. It was agreed to rejoin.
- f) New contact telephone numbers for “Take a Pride in Fife”, these would be put on file.
- g) Renewal of insurance policy – Community Councils, this would also be stored on file.
- h) Letter/form from Friends of the Earth offering free training for consultation for the new Planning Bill Scotland. This was noted.
- i) Letter from Law & Administration concerning Local Elections and Community Councils. Members noted this guidance.
- j) Letter F.C. concerning the proposals for the Kirkcaldy Town Centre and Waterfront Masterplan, a progress meeting arranged for Tuesday 24th April 6.30pm. in the Town House Kirkcaldy. The chairman urged all those interested in the redevelopment of the Town Centre to attend and view the proposals.

8) **View and discuss proposed new website**

Ron Edwards set up the website for viewing before leaving the meeting.

The secretary said that the Local Channel Website had been fine for a starter but a more sophisticated website with the title of Kinghorn Community Council would be a preferred option. It was intended to have the website on line by the next meeting.

It was agreed to put up flyers to promote it in the community.

9) **Any Other Business - none**

Date of next meeting

Thursday 17th May 2007 at 7.30pm in Kinghorn Community Centre.