

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 20th August 2009 at Kinghorn Community Centre

- 1. Present:** - Fraser Ballantyne (Vice-Chair), Rena Wallace (Treasurer), Alex Cook, Martin Melvin, Marilyn Edwards (Secretary) Alex Gibb, Collett Salvona, , Sadie Wilson, Cllr Ron Edwards, , Cllr Susan Leslie, Cllr George Kay
Members of the Public – 12 people present.
- 2. Apologies** Neil Chalmers, John Lancaster, Sgt Edith Potter

Reflections

Before the meeting commenced, those present held a minutes silence in remembrance of John McLeod. Fraser Ballantyne conducting the meeting said that John had been an excellent chairman for Kinghorn Community Council and would be sorely missed by many in the community. Alex Cook proposed that some kind of memorial to John be considered in one of the recent projects like the viewpoint, with which he had been involved. This sentiment was agreed by everyone.

Community Council vacancy

It was agreed to co-opt James Willis, (a former community councilor in Kinghorn) on to the Community Council. This was proposed by Collett Salvona and seconded by Rena Wallace. James was welcomed back.

Police Update - Sgt Potter was on holiday, no police report was available

3. Minutes from the previous meeting.

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

4. Matters Arising

- a) Viewpoint project at the Pettycur steps Kinghorn,- The sub group had met for a sight visit and Lynette Grey had drawn a sketch of the groups proposals for the meeting to see. It was agreed to ask Community Services to draw up a plan. Then the group would meet again to discuss how to take the project forward managing the work themselves.
- b) Orchard Road Recycling Point – Paul Doherty, Environmental Services, had sent two email updates now that the three month trial of the recycling point had begun. Both emails informed on progress. He also asked if he could come along to the October meeting of the Community Council to answer any queries that people may have about the recycling point.
- c) Right of Way Pathways within Kinghorn – The secretary had received advise from the local Access Officer and Scot Ways Officers concerning the blocked off path at North Overgate.. She had been informed that ownership of land was not a problem, instead prove of usage was required with witness statements. A questionnaire was recommended to establish use of all pathways within Kinghorn. It was agreed that the Pathways Group re-convene and take on these tasks. Rena would look up the names of former members and anyone wishing to join the group should inform the secretary.
- d) Traffic management proposals around the War Memorial, Kinghorn – A meeting had been called by Ken Halley, Locality Manager, to discuss three options for change around the war memorial. Local bodies directly affected by the proposed changes were invited to the meeting and Ken explained that he wanted to proceed quickly to apply for grant funding for the proposals. The three options of plans were shown to the meeting and questions answered about lay out. The general agreement was that the plans were a favourable improvement.
- e) Harbour Toilets Public meeting – After advertising, as requested, a second meeting had taken place and a group called The Quarrel Brae had formed. They were working on a proposal for a community enterprise for the upstairs room of the toilets
- f) Coastal Path Seafield to Kinghorn – The secretary had received an email from Martin Bonnar which recognised that litter and dumping was a problem. He hoped a litter clean would take place at the end of the summer but dumping was a bigger issue
- g) Other matters
 - Transportation would check on rusty lamp posts reported in St James Place.
 - Harbour toilet outside doors were now adjusted wide enough for disabled use

- Cllr Edwards reported that the Burnside path to the loch had now been cut by Community services. He also reported that a new litter bin had been put in at Pettycur Beach and there should be more frequent bin collections as requested.
- Beautiful Fife Assessment – this had coincided with the exact time of John’s funeral and a request to change the time had been refused. Kinghorn in Bloom had done their best to represent the community alone. The assessment will be published in due course

h) **Planning Issues** - Planning Application 09/01664/CFULL

Erection of 132 Dwelling Houses and a 45 Bed Residential Care Home Lochside, Kinghorn The application was generally well received by all present.

The matters of concern on which the Community Council decided to object were :

- The main road link down into Kinghorn is Kilcruik Road, this is a narrow road hemmed in by high walls and the prospect of more traffic using it will pose an increased hazard. It is considered that the roundabout and other work on the Lochside Road needs to be in place in the first phase rather than later on. Also to consider whether Kilcruik Road could be made one way.
- The application includes a 45 bed Care Home set on the highest point of the development and this will stand out on the skyline. It will be grossly intrusive and the large size of the building is considered to be totally out of character. It would be preferred that the Care Home should be at a lower elevation, as shown on the original plans that were presented to the Community Council in June.
- The community wished to have reassurance that there would be protection of the loch from light and noise pollution by sufficient tree planting in place.

5. A list of correspondence was circulated

- a) Doors Open Day – Sunday 13th September Town House Kinghorn was listed
- b) A letter concerning changes to Street Cleaning management informed that local teams can be diverted to assist in other areas when necessary
- c) Consideration of the Common Good application from the Sustainable Communities Initiatives – This application was rejected on the grounds that it was a temporary structure so did not meet the criteria for funding.
- d) Seminar for Community Councils – Saturday 7th November, the secretary would attend and anyone wishing to go along please let her know.

6. New Business

- a) The Kinghorn in Bloom Group hoped to revive the Kinghorn Village Show in 2010, the secretary said that she had the name of a useful contact for them and everyone would look forward to their progress.

8. Public Question Time

- a) It was reported that the ground at Castle Wynd was once again looking badly neglected. Cllr Kay said that it was a difficult problem as it was private ground but he would ask the locality manager to look into it.
- b) Overgrown vegetation was reported at Ladyburn Place, Birrell’s Wynd and at the bottom of the cemetery steps Pettycur some of these areas were again maintained privately which presented a problem.
- c) There is now no direct local bus to the Victoria Hospital and a petition has been raised to go into Stagecoach to protest about this decision. Also Cllr Kay reported that the Kinghorn to Edinburgh link was still being considered.

Date of Next Meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 17th September 2009