

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 20th September 2007 at Kinghorn Community Centre

- 1) **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Alex Cook, Marilyn Edwards(Secretary) Collett Salvona, Martin Melvin, Neil Chalmers and Fraser Ballantyne.

Sgt Scott Johnston, Cllr Ron Edwards
Members of the Public – 6 people present

- 2) **Apologies** – Sadie Wilson, Rena Wallace, James Willis, Cllr Susan Leslie, Cllr. George Kay, Alex Gibb

3) Chairmans Remarks

The Chairman said that this was the last Community Council of this session. Every 4 years nominations were invited to elect a new council. The full Community Council for Kinghorn was 11 places and as 11 people had put themselves forward to stand there would not be a need for an election. The inaugural meeting for the new Community Council would be Thursday 1st November 07

The chairman announced that Dougie Rioche had died. He had been a local Community Police Officer who had made a big contribution to the community and at Community Council meetings in the past. It was agreed to send a card and condolences to his family.

- 4) **Police Update** – Sgt Johnston reported that the Caravan Holiday Park was continuing to get reports of breakins and theft. He stressed the importance of having some security alarm system in place on residences not in continuous use. Also sometimes it could be a while before the theft was realised. Sgt. Johnston said that there had been some anti-social behaviour issues within a small area in Kinghorn High Street. The property owner had been made aware of the situation and the upset it caused to folk living locally. He said that action would be taken if it were a police matter.

Sgt Johnston commented on the parking issues at St Clairs Court Kinghorn. He said that the agreement was that up to three parking spaces were allowed for residents and this included people from St James Place. The police could advise on security within the carpark if the residents so wished. Recently there had been three accidents on the Lochside Road to Burntisland, close to the bend at Lochside House. Cllr Edwards suggested requesting a 40mph speed limit along the road. Kinghorn Community Council would write to Transportation to reinforce this to happen. Sgt Johnston was asked if the police could take action to stop the parking on the double yellow lines at the corner of the High Street near to the two Take Away shops. He said that he would look into this.

5) Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes were proposed by Collett Salvona and seconded by Alec Cook.

6) Matters Arising

- a) Complaints linked to steps/bollards at Kinghorn beach. – The secretary had received another complaint from a local resident commenting that the bollards could be dangerous if not seen by someone and when down still caused a trip hazard. No one in Fife Council was taking any responsibility for the problem. After discussion it was decided that the secretary would write to Transportation again and point out that they are liable for ensuring public safety of any thoroughfare and copy the letter to Law and Administration
- b) Areas of Kinghorn needing grass cutting and tidying – Cllr Edwards reported that work had now been carried out on the Doo Dells and The Braes. Grass cutting and shrub trimming had been done but there may be more to do still. A site meeting had been called with officers for 2nd October to discuss the situation.

- c) Community Council elections – The chairman had covered this item in his previous comments. The secretary named the two new people to join the Community Council, these were Alex Gibb and John Lancaster.
- d) Planning issues
 - 🕒 Notification that the Planning Application for Viewforth Place had once again been withdrawn.
 - 🕒 The Secretary informed the meeting that she had put in a Planning Application for a new household sewage treatment system if anyone wished to view the plan.

7) Correspondence

- a) Letter from Cala Homes – The secretary and chairman had both received letters and emails from Cala Homes who had put on a high profile exhibition to show their proposals for a large housing development. As Fife Council has not yet adopted this, it was agreed that Kinghorn Community Council would write to Development Services and say that the present allocation of housing was as much as the community wished to see for the area.
- b) Waterwatch Scotland – notification of a North East Panel meeting in the area to view complaints from users.
- c) Letter about a new book called Common Good Law by Andrew Ferguson. It was agreed to purchase one copy at cost of £27
- d) Children's Panel – Recruitment Campaign 2007 posters and leaflets displayed in the Community Centre..
- e) Finalised Fife Structure Plan 2006 - 2026
Housing land requirement Re-Appraisal Fife Matters, booklet and CD also poster and notification of consultation meetings, 24th September Town House Kirkcaldy.
- f) Letter from Cllr Leslie concerning pupil council links with Balwearie High School. The Chairman said that the Pulling Together meetings had begun with pupil representation and it would be good to get this reinstated as these meetings were specifically aimed at improving facilities for young people. The secretary said that it might be nice to invite Balwearie Pupil Council to the Kinghorn Loch Users Group Come and Try Day, on Saturday 6th October where they could informally meet some of the Community Councillors
- g) Planning Aid Scotland – Information and Questionnaire the Chairman agreed to fill this in
- h) Letter from Steve Harrison FC Development Services, this says that for Planning Applications to be valid they must be submitted with an Ordnance Survey extract and a list was included where these could be purchased

7) Core Path Network

A map of the pathways was handed round for people to study and comment on. Ron Edwards explained that he had been chairman of the local pathways group from a time before he had become councillor and that was the reason for his input into the development of a core path network. It had now been agreed that response from local communities could be at any time.

The route down to Linton Court was questioned as it came to an end and did not link up with any other pathway. A suggestion was made that the pathway from Craigencait Cottage road end over to Banchory Cottages and Drinkbetween could be reinstated as this would be a useful link to Kirkclady and was part of the old North Road in its time.

A response would be formulated and brought to the meeting for approval.

9) Any Other Business

- a) It was mentioned that Mary Douglas a stalwart worker for causes in the community including the Ship to Ship Transfer proposal, is retiring from community life. The Community Council agreed to acknowledge her efforts and send a thankyou certificate.
- b) Cllr Edwards said that he and Cllr Leslie had agreed to table a joint Councillor Report each month and this had been handed out to the meeting. They would be happy to answer any queries.
- c) The opening celebration of the new jetty at Kinghorn Loch was arranged for Saturday 6th October 2 –5 pm. All were invited, it would be a come and try activity day for people to have a go at canoeing/sailing themselves.

d) Ron said that he would be adding two new items on the website, a summary of achievements of the Community Council over the last four years once the secretary and chairman had agreed it. Also an announcement of the KLUG event.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 1st November 2007 at 7.30pm in Kinghorn Community Centre.