

# Kinghorn Community Council.

## Minutes of the meeting Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1. **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Fraser Ballantyne, Alex Cook, Collett Salvona, , Rena Wallace, Sadie Wilson, John Lancaster, Alex Gibb, Marilyn Edwards (Secretary)  
Sgt Edith Potter, Cllr Ron Edwards, Cllr Susan Leslie and Cllr George Kay  
Members of the Public – 20 people present.

2. **Apologies** - Neil Chalmers, Martin Melvin

The chairman announced the death of David Chalmers, Neil's father. He had been an active hard-working member of the community over a long time and would be missed. On behalf of the Community Council he extended condolences to the family.

3. **Police Update** – Sgt Potter had little to report. She said that this was the time of the year when reminder leaflets about security were handed out. Also a home advice security service was available for house holders if required.

Some traffic problems were mentioned; speeding occurring in both Kilcruik Road and Barclay Road was noted. Also it was mentioned that two near pedestrian misses had taken place on the zebra crossing in the High Street lately. It was suggested that a sign announcing the zebra crossing may help.

4. **Speaker**

Robbie began by saying that Kinghorn Harbour beach was a lovely area and this was largely due to the residents and interested locals who tended it so well. There were a number of award winning beaches in Fife including Burntisland and Pettycur and he wanted to see the Rural Blue Flag Beach Award extended to Kinghorn Harbour beach.

Robbie outlined the benefits of gaining the award, community ownership would be even stronger, and additional funding would be spent in the area. As it was a national award it would also attract more tourism and recognition. The challenges would be traffic management as the only car park was in Nethergate. Public transport was easily accessible and this could be advertised. Another problem could be if the award was lost at any time, this could be highly publicised and negative. He said that the Rural Blue Flag Award did not ban dogs from the beach but owners were expected to be responsible and clean up after their dog.

Robbie outlined the criteria for applying

- A management plan to be in place – this undertaken by the community who would identify improvements to be undertaken, flower beds, new signage/ directions to the beach and a new information board were mentioned
- Litter clean ups
- Water Quality to a certain consistent level
- Catering and toilet facilities already in place

Fife Council would apply for the Rural Blue Flag status and the meeting was keen for this to go forward.

Robbie was thanked by the chair for coming along to explain the Blue Flag Award process to the meeting. He was assured of Community Council and local support to gain this award.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Collett Salvona and seconded by Alex Cook. John Lancaster wanted to discuss the August minutes further, Collett Salvona proposed to move on to next item of business and other Community Council members supported this action.

6. **Matters Arising.**

a) The secretary said that Chris Woodend from Environmental Services was looking into ownership of the land at the garages at Barclay Road and would report back once this was established.

The chairman was aware that residents from around the proposed Orchard Road Recycling

Point were present and asked for their views on this proposal. The residents expressed several concerns

- It was considered that it would bring extra traffic levels to an already congested area with a bus route
- The entrance to the site was narrow and difficult.
- The danger for Children who often use the site for access to the play park and the area for riding on bikes.
- It was considered that the play park and the garages should be separated if extra traffic was to come into the area.

The proposal was to install the recycling point at the beginning of December  
It was agreed to contact Chris Woodend to arrange a Public Meeting as soon as possible to discuss these concerns. The secretary would organise this.

- b) The secretary read out the reply from the Library Service concerning volunteers assisting with opening times. There was no precedence for doing this in Fife but Chris Neale said it was a suggestion that could be added to the review of service. It was agreed to write back and say that it was understood that a system of volunteers was used in Berwick to keep libraries open for extended hours.

## **7. Planning Issues**

- a) The Plan for refurbishment of play area at Inch View was displayed. Members commented that it was good to see that a goal post and football area was included. It was mentioned that the toddlers play park down at the side of the Life Boat Station needed attention. The secretary would contact Community Services to ask for a maintenance check to be done on it.
- b) The Plan for the upgrade of the Harbour Toilets was displayed. It was hoped that the work would be carried out early in 2009 to be completed by Spring.

## **8. Correspondence**

A list of correspondence was circulated.

The secretary read out a letter from Transportation concerning guidance notes on roles and responsibilities for flooding issues.

## **9. New Business**

The secretary told the meeting that a Parliamentary Radios Bill would mean that the RNLi would face greatly increased charges for use of their radios. People were urged to go on line and sign up to a petition against this.

## **10. Public Question Time**

- a) Dog fouling on The Braes area was mentioned and a request for the dog Warden to make another visit. As it was known that the problem occurred early morning and early evening Cllr Kay offered to see the Dog Warden to ask if he could make an out of hours call. Also Robbie Blyth offered to see about having some signs erected to remind walkers of their responsibility.
- b) The secretary read out a letter received from a resident asking if the Community Council could consider looking into raising funds for Christmas lights in Kinghorn. This was a complicated matter which required careful investigation as well as the financial implications. Cllr Kay agreed report back on cost as he had been involved in purchasing and installing the Burntisland Christmas lights a few years ago. The chairman would write back to the resident explaining the situation.
- c) A n enquiry was raised about Common Good Land and funds. It was agreed to invite Andrew Ferguson, Fife Council, along in the new year to speak to the Community Council about Common Good land in Kinghorn.

**Date of Next Meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009**