

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 21st February 2008 at Kinghorn Community Centre

- 1) **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Alex Cook, Alex Gibb, Marilyn Edwards (Secretary) Rena Wallace (Treasurer) Martin Melvin, Sadie Wilson, Neil Chalmers, John Lancaster and Fraser Ballantyne.
Cllr Ron Edwards Cllr George Kay
Members of the Public – 8 people present
- 2) **Apologies** - Cllr. Susan Leslie, Collett Salvona,
- 3) **Police Update** – none available
Concerns were expressed that the Ecology Centre was suffering from youths frequenting the woodland area on weekends causing under-age drinking problems. Incidents had been reported to the police but the matter was still persisting. The secretary would contact Scott Johnston to inform him it was still a problem. She would also ask if Alison Irvine (Fife Countryside Access Officer) had arranged with Sgt Johnston to meet up with Mr Hazle about the incorrect sign on the FK11 pathway.

4) Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes were proposed by Fraser Ballantyne and seconded by Rena Wallace.

5) Matters Arising

- a) Update on project to refurbish the steps from Kinghorn cemetery to Pettycur beach and setting up a view point. It was hoped that Cleaner Tidier Fife funding would be used to solve the problem of water running down the steps. It was suggested that an application for Common Good money and the locality budget could help with the upgrade of a picnic area and view point.
- b) New recycling point at Barclay Road – The second recycling point was set up at Barclay Road and bins were now positioned so as not to cause any obstruction. No one at the meeting objected to this site. Mid Road and Myres Park were not thought to be suitable sites. The remaining one at Orchard Road garages would need to be investigated for ownership of ground. The secretary would write to environmental Services conveying the view of the meeting
- c) Possible Post Office closure at Kinghorn – The secretary said she had not written the report for the Community Website but would get it done very soon. Also she would write again to the proprietor of Kinghorn Post Office to inquire about the meeting with Post Office Ltd. and invite staff to come along to the Community Council with an update.
- d) Toilets at Kinghorn Beach – Environmental Services have agreed '50,000 for the upgrade of the toilets and look at providing a community or business enterprise on the upper floor. Previous discussions had taken place between The Harbour Residents and Environmental Group and Environmental Services to make the upper floor into a small Environmental Centre and the Community Council had been keen to see this go ahead. The secretary showed the meeting a poster of the toilet block building inviting individuals and groups with an interest to come forward. These would be submitted to Environmental Services for consideration. It was agreed by Environmental Services that the Community Council could have an input.
- e) Update on publication for Pathways Booklet – Multi print had given a quote of '888 for the publication of '1000 booklets. The secretary was asked if Multi print could quote for a maximum of 1500 too. The Ordinance Survey license would be approx '100. It was suggested that a small amount of the cost could requested from Common good. The Treasurer advised that the Community Council funds would cover.
- f) Community Website Forum This group would monitor, check over and recommend articles and updates for the website. Three people had offered to help with this and a few more were still to be approached. John L. wanted a meeting of the new group and this was agreed, but no set date was arranged.
- g) Planning Issues
The chairman vacated the chair and the vice chair stood in. He felt he was not impartial as he knew the recipients.

The Community Council was in receipt of a letter of representation from a resident concerning a particular planning application.

The Community Council considered that they did not have a detailed knowledge of the issues, but wished to express its view on the planning principle. The original application for this work was granted with a particular condition. This condition was accepted by Fife Council in granting the planning permission. It is understood that the applicant did not appeal the condition, and therefore accepted the planning condition.

Having determined that both Fife Council and the applicant considered that this condition is valid, the community council wish to ask if there are any changed circumstances that might justify the condition being reversed? Otherwise the Community Council wonder why the condition could be altered.

6) Correspondence

- a) F.C. Development Services – Finalised Fife Structure Plan – Re Appraisal Housing Land Requirement + CD to view The secretary offered this around, only a part of this would apply to the Central area. It was noted that the Cala Homes development was not backed up by Fife Council with 1000 houses only proposed for West Kirkcaldy Development.
- b) Minutes of the Kirkcaldy Central Forum meeting – next meeting at Kinghorn Community Centre on Tuesday 1st April when the theme will be Kirkcaldy Renaissance and local project to be discussed was the new cemeteries at Kinghorn This talk would be led by Liz Murphy from Bereavement Services
- c) Letter from Craig Pearson, Project Officer, Criminal Justice Services – offering free, supervised work assistance for community projects. The chairman took the information to inquire if the service could assist with decorating rooms at the Community Centre. A very good suggestion was proposed that maybe the service could assist with clearance and upgrade of pathways like Rodenbraes. Also they could be considered for help with planters at Best Kept Village time.
- d) Letter from Planning Aid Scotland offering places on a course – Planning for People Saturday 29th March, Town House Kirkcaldy 9.30 -4pm
- e) Fife Tourism Businesses – details of conference – Choosing our Future Tuesday 26th February 9.15 – 3.45pm at Balbirnie House Hotel Markinch
- f) F.C.Law and Administration – Notification of Community Council Seminar Saturday 10th May 2008. Chairman agreed for his name to go forward
- g) Fife Access Forum – leaflets and information on Core Path Planning in Fife was available
- h) An email from Claire, Reid a member of Friends of the Earth, said that her group was offering talks to launch a campaign to turn Burntisland and Kinghorn • gplastic bag free• h It was agreed to invite her to the March meeting for a short presentation.
- i) A letter from FC Development Services explaining Planning Applications and how they pertain to Community Councils now. The status quo still exists.
- j) A letter from Law and Administration concerning notification of a review of Scottish Parliamentary Boundaries. A descriptive booklet about the review can be inspected at Fife House Glenrothes.
- k) A letter from RAF Community Relations Officer, Scotland offering a meeting about low flying aircraft concerns in the area.

7) Any Other Business

- a) A question was asked if there was any feedback about bringing back the direct bus link to Edinburgh. Cllr Kay said that he had asked about this and said that further discussions would be taking place this month.
- b) The problem of disabled access at the station was also raised. Over many years the Community Council had put forward proposals for this to happen at low cost but had not met with success with the rail authorities. John Lancaster offered to try and take this matter forward. The secretary would pass on the information and details of proposals.
- c) Julie from the Ecology Centre would send out more information on the Primetime project to be distributed to Community Council members to read over before the next meeting.
- d) The meeting was informed that there was a consultation on direct representatives to the NHS at the Dean Park Hotel on 13th March, also information on Fife Direct.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 20th March 2008 at 7.30pm in Kinghorn Community Centre.