

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 21st May 2009 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1. **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Rena Wallace (treasurer), Fraser Ballantyne, Alex Cook, John Lancaster, Martin Melvin, Marilyn Edwards (secretary) Collett Salvona, Alex Gibb, Sadie Wilson
Cllr Ron Edwards, , Cllr Leslie, Cllr Kay, Sgt Edith Potter
Members of the Public – 12 people present.

2. **Apologies** Neil Chalmers

3. **Police Update**

Sgt Potter said that she was to meet with Ian Smith Transportation Services F.C. to discuss traffic management problems in Kinghorn and how they could be alleviated. Once any changes were in place then Police Officers can enforce them. She asked about the speeding problem at South Overgate and it was explained that the main concern was at the children's play park at the bottom of the hill.

On other matters she said that she had no evidence of reported disturbance at Kinghorn Loch. Also she had received no official complaints about youth drinking. Damage to a wall in Eastgate Kinghorn, as reported in an article in the Fife Free Press, was thought to be collapse rather than vandalism. There is a new system for Youth Anti Social Behaviour in action which seemed to be working well. A form was issued to parents to inform them of the problem and a copy of this retained by the police.

In April the local youth team and local police officers organised a football match. It was very successful and they hope to repeat the event soon. She had brought copies of the Policing Plan 2009/10 pamphlets along for folk. Sgt Potter was advised of a few quad bikes and small motor bikes going around the roads in the Kinghorn area at present.

4. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**

Cllr Leslie had inadvertently been omitted from the apology list. Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Fraser Ballantyne and seconded by Collett Salvona.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held 5-5-09.

The secretary proposed an amendment to insert the words "and Cllr Edwards" in item 4 line 4 after "by the Community Council" This was seconded by Fraser Ballantyne.

John Lancaster said that the meeting should have been advertised. The Chairman said that the meeting was called within the very tight timetable allowed by planners. The planning matter had already been discussed at length at the April Community Council meeting but no decision had been made at the April meeting because the applicant had wanted the Community Council to check that it had all the information available. All Community Councillors and local Councillors were notified of the meeting and members of the public were welcome. The amended minutes were proposed by Collett Salvona and seconded by Fraser Ballantyne.

5. **Matters Arising**

- a) Pettycur cemetery steps and viewing point project – A briefing on progress had been received from Ron Peat, Community Services, drainage of water seemed successful and the steps had been renovated. The project is now at stage 3 – the viewpoint. It was agreed to ask the folk who had expressed an interest to meet up to discuss final ideas for the viewpoint including project management and further sources of funding. It was agreed that the community council take on the project and call a meeting of the people who had previously expressed an interest to be involved.
- b) Traffic concerns in Kinghorn – Ian Smith had emailed the secretary to say that he would be liaising with the local police to look at the problems at South Overgate.
- c) Request for a dog bin by the children's play park at the beach. The matter was now passed on to Frank Ewan, Environmental Services. The Green Dog Walkers Initiative had been launched and Alec Cook at Kinghorn Beach Shop was a contact for anyone interested in this promotion.
- d) Traffic concerns at Station Brae – This is still a problem, the police had been notified and were monitoring the area. Transportation Services had been asked to re-look at the situation. Cllr Edwards

said that there were new proposals and refurbishment for around the War Memorial including re-routing of traffic at Rossland Place which would cure the problem of traffic going the wrong way. He had asked that business owners be included in the project meetings. A feasibility plan is being drawn up.

- e) Overgrown land at Birrells Wynd – Cllr Kay said that this ground is to be put in the land bank and is not for sale. He said that the cost of clearing it was too great.
- f) The Community Council had submitted a complaint to the Chief Executive about the Common Good Application from Friends of the Earth. This had been granted by Councillors on the Local Area Committee despite objections made by the Community Council and Cllr. Edwards who was present at the meeting. The secretary had also sought advice from the ASCC. One member of the public claimed that the church had put in for a Common Good grant recently and they were a national group in the same way as Friends of the Earth.
UPDATE: The local Parish Hall Committee has confirmed that it was them and not the Church that applied for Common Good funding.
- g) State of the Coastal Path at Seafield and replacing seating at Kinghorn Beach were two items being followed up by Robbie Blyth.
- h) Orchard Road Recycling Point – The secretary had emailed Paul Doherty, Environmental Services, to give him a copy of the written agreement that had been made with his predecessor, Chris Wood-end. The secretary had not heard back from him and he has not said when the trial for the recycling point will begin.
- i) After a discussion on the problems regarding the temporary toilets at Kinghorn Beach, a question was asked about the process for the top part of the Building. Cllr Edwards outlined the bidding process that Property services might employ. As a result the chair indicated that an early meeting of interested parties was called for. After asking the members of the public to spread the word the chair asked the CC secretary to call a meeting of everyone present who had indicated their interest and all interested parties from previous meetings as well as possible groups such as Lifeboat, Harbour Residents, Sailing Club, Kinghorn in Bloom, Historic Society etc, as soon as possible. The meeting, to be a public meeting, open to all, not a Community Council meeting, but one specifically for the purpose of setting up a group to put in a bid to operate the building.

6. Planning Issues

- a) Planning Application 08/02722/CFULL – Pettycur Bay Caravan Park
- b) Planning Application 08/02727/CFULL – Nethergate Caravan Park

The Planning Officer had indicated that this was to establish the use as a caravan park for at least 10 years. No objection could be raised to this.

Separate applications would consider the planning permissions to allow 12 months usage at Pettycur and an application for the same at Nethergate.

UPDATE: The secretary later discovered that an objection had already been submitted to planning dated 3-11-08 for the 12 month applications.

7. A list of correspondence was circulated.

Lyn Gray had written to the Community Council from the Pulling Together Group for Kinghorn/ Burntisland about two potential areas in Kinghorn identified for improvement:

- a) The Right of Way between Glamis Road and North Overgate to clear and open up the pathway. Archway Metals had given verbal agreement and the secretary will write to 19 North Overgate requesting their agreement to do this work. No cost was involved in the tidy up.
- b) Path leading from the end of Doo Dells Lane to the Bathing Platform, this would require putting in some path edging as well as cutting back overgrowth. The cost of this improvement was £300 - £400

The Community Council supported both projects

8. New Business

- a) The secretary was asked to write to the Post Office Staff and thank them for the public service that they do in displaying public notices. It was appreciated that this was sometimes made difficult by individuals but it was a valued service to the community.

9. Public Question Time

- a) It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the rhones/guttering at the Community Centre

needed cleaning out. Cllr Edwards said that he would take this up.

UPDATE: The work has been completed.

- b) A representative from Kinghorn in Bloom was present and said that the group was hoping to put out bedding plants soon. It was suggested that planters may be obtained from Community Payback workers, he said ideas were welcome.

Date of Next Meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 18th June 2009