

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting of Thursday 21st June 2007 at Kinghorn Community Centre

- 1) **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Alex Cook, Rena Wallace (Treasurer), Martin Melvin, Marilyn Edwards (Secretary) Collett Salvona, James Willis, Neil Chalmers, Fraser Ballantyne and Sadie Wilson

P.C. Combes, Cllr Susan Leslie, Cllr George Kay, Cllr Ron Edwards and Cllr Alice Soper

Members of the Public – 7 people present

- 2) **Apologies** – none

- 2) **Police Update** – P. C. Combes was called away so no police report was given. He did say that he would look into an issue concerning car sales.

- 3) **Guest Speaker** – Alice Soper spoke about the organisation of the new Council.

Alice began by saying that the new council would have six main directorives. These were Education, Development Services, Finance and Resources including IT Services, Local Community and Housing, Performance and Legal Support and Social Services.

There would be nine Strategic Committees and seven Local Area Committees. Kirkcaldy, Burntisland, Kinghorn and Auchtertool would make up our Local Area Committee. She thought the name was rather a mouthful and asked if people could think of a new title for the combined area. Each Local Area Committee was to have its own Chairperson and she was to head this one.

The total remit for the committees had not yet been fully decided, she hoped that by taking time they would get it right. It had been agreed that straightforward local planning matters could be resolved at Area Committee stage. Cllr Edwards commented that he felt that in order to devolve more power to local communities a bigger budget would need to be available.

Finally Alice mentioned the Kirkcaldy Renaissance Plans and said it was a big consideration for Kinghorn because of the town's close proximity. The KCC Chairman said that he had also urged people to take an interest, he aired his concerns and said that glossy leaflets circulating of different ideas were not the answer,

- 5) **Minutes from the previous meeting**

Cllr Susan Leslie asked for a correction to the minutes, 5a should read "Equalities Commission" not "Quality Assurance". This was accepted.

The minutes were proposed by Collett Salvona and seconded by Martin Melvin.

- 5) **Matters Arising**

- a) Kinghorn Station complaints – The Chairman said that local people had complained about the noise from the on going essential maintenance work at the station. Loud hammering at 5 am in the morning had caused disturbance, people had been advised to contact Scot Rail and Environmental Services Noise Nuisance if the problem persisted.
- b) Disabled Access at Kinghorn Station – The Secretary read out the email received from David Boyce, Network Rail. It said that prioritisation for disabled access was made by Transport Scotland. It was agreed to email David Boyce and Anne Martin at Transport Scotland with a copy of the Community Council proposals for Disabled Access.
- c) Feedback from Fife Access Forum – Ron Edwards reported on the meeting held at the Rothes Halls on 29th May 07. He said that the core paths strategy needed to be submitted to the Scottish Executive by February 2008. Maps of the core path network were shown at the Forum meeting and he suggested that

the councillors should try and get a copy of these for the whole area. Access problems would be investigated on an individual basis. He was encouraged by easy maintenance suggestions of pathways, using a flail mower or quad for this purpose in some areas.

- d) Update on proposed cemetery for Kinghorn – This subject had been brought up at the last Community Forum meeting as Bereavement Services said they would be reporting back in June. The Secretary had received an email from Steve Thompson (Law and Admin.) to say that the report was now expected in October. The Community Council felt that a decision on this matter was becoming urgent as development of the housing on the old Tannery site was progressing. The Councillor Representatives were asked to inquire of this matter.
- e) Planning issues
Another letter had been handed to the Community Council objecting to the parking poles placed in the roadway at Kinghorn beach. Again it was from visitors who often stop for a break there when walking the coastal path. The secretary was awaiting a response from Transportation Services

5) Correspondence

- a) Email from Richard Brewster KCLA - This was requesting a slot on the Community Council Agenda to give an update on recent developments and how they propose to take things forward to the next stage. The group had been invited to the August meeting.
- b) KCLA Minutes 26th April 07 circulated to interested members.
- c) Communication from Kirkcaldy West Community Council - Brochure from Cala homes this had been circulated to some community councils but it was noted that this was a promotional leaflet and nothing had been decided.
- d) Invitation to visit Fife Constabulary Operational Support Department. The secretary and Lyn Gray from the Pullin Together Committee wished to attend on a Thursday.
- e) Information from Entrust outlining changes to the management of the Landfill Communities Fund.
- f) Postwatch Scotland Newsheet to view.
- g) Kirkcaldy and Mid Fife Local Plan, an invitation to the launch of their booklet "Issues and Options" at the Rothes Halls 12th June 12.30pm.

5) Update of Kinghorn Community Website

The secretary had been to see Mr Beamish, Headteacher of Kinghorn Primary School, he was very positive about the website and hoped it could become a reference tool for pupils when covering local projects. He was happy to launch the writing competition but said if there was not sufficient uptake at this stage in the term, he would be pleased to relaunch it in September/October for the new school year. There had been some interest by local businesses for box adverts and this would be progressed when it was known exactly what customers wanted included in their advert.
The number of people visiting the web was showing a steady increase.

5) Discussion on Kirkcaldy Master Plan

This item had been mainly covered under the talk from the guest speaker. The Chairman added that the master plan was still in draft form and he felt the outlying districts, which would be greatly affected by the outcome, had not been fully included in discussions. Also the High Street in Kirkcaldy did not appear to be given proper consideration in it.

8) Any Other Business

- a) It was noted that the street lights in Kilcruik Road had been on during the day time for 6 –7 weeks now. Cllr Edwards said that he had reported this and the answer from Scottish Power was that they could either be turned on or off at present, maintenance to the system would follow later.
- b) The Chairman said that Environmental Services had attended the last Community Forum meeting and had answered questions on the emptying of bins at the recycling point in Pettycur Road. A timetable for collections had been shown around, there were no immediate plans for increasing this, Cllr Edwards had enquired about the proposal for a new collection point in Mid Road Kinghorn but Jim Carroll was not aware of this. Fraser Ballantyne pointed out that the enormous puddle at the site needed to be filled in and asked again for would this work be carried out.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th August 2007 at 7.30pm in Kinghorn Community Centre.