

Kinghorn Community Council.

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

1. **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Fraser Ballantyne, Alex Cook, Marilyn Edwards (Secretary), Collett Salvona, John Lancaster, Rena Wallace, Alex Gibb, Sadie Wilson, and Neil Chalmers .
Cllr Ron Edwards, Cllr. Susan Leslie, Cllr George Kay
Members of the Public – 14 people present.
Apologies - Martin Melvin, Sgt Edith Potter
2. **Police Update** – None was available for the meeting. Sgt Potter had approached the chairman to ask if Kinghorn would be considering doing anything special for the final voyage of the QE2 sailing into the Forth. It was agreed to leave it to individuals to come and watch the event. Alec Cook said that he had information for viewing times.
3. **Speaker – Chris Neale, Fife Libraries and Museums Services**
Chris had been asked to come along to give a presentation on the forthcoming review of the Libraries and Museums services. He said that several factors had driven the need for a review, including the increasing and changing demands of customers. One option mentioned for improvement of small library/museum services was to combine the venue with other local services. This idea had been successfully introduced in some areas. Also providing computer tasting sessions and other popular workshops had good response. A possibility of providing commercial use along with libraries was also mentioned.

Concerns were expressed that the review could result in a reduction of service to the smaller libraries like Kinghorn. Chris said that this was not the intention of the review and as far as he was aware Kinghorn library was justifiable for the existing opening times. He was asked why the library had closed on Fridays, this measure had happened some while ago. He said that he would try and find out the answer to the query and report back.

Everyone was urged to have their say and complete the Library/Museum questionnaire available on line and locally. A draft report of the review was due to be prepared in November 2008. The chairman thanked Chris for his time and coming along to explain the review process.
4. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**
June minutes were proposed by Alec Cook and seconded by Collett Salvona and agreed.
5. **Matters Arising**
 - a) A section of the pathway from Burnside Avenue to Kinghorn Loch was subsiding. Banchory Farm and Kinghorn Developments were the owners of the land concerned. It was agreed that the Community Council would contact the owners to ask them to look at the problem.
 - b) Rubbish and dumping at Castle Wynd – the owner had been contacted and had agreed to tidy up the area. It was understood that a large number of copies of the Fife Leader had also been dumped there adding to the problem. (Councillor Kay reported on the matter)
 - c) The secretary apologised that the Pathways booklet was not to the publishers yet but hoped it would be shortly.
 - d) Residents were still upset about the removal of the Barclay Road Recycling Point. The secretary had received a section of the noise report on the recycling point, this contained figures but no conclusion. She would write to ask for the complete report. The Transportation Services report was a short email. Both would be requested again.
 - e) Renovations to Kinghorn Town House were nearing completion. The ground floor would provide Head Quarters for the Fife Historic Buildings Trust. The scaffolding was down and this had caused an obstruction to motorists before it was uplifted. It was regretted that there was no parking facility for the renovated building.
- 6) **Planning Issues**
A drawing of the proposed plan for 1-3 High Street was available for the meeting along with a copy of a letter of objection from The Marine & Coastguard Agency. This referred to the access for one house through the industrial unit site used by the coastguard. It was agreed the secretary write a

letter to planning in support of the objection.

7) **Notes from KCC emergency meeting held 6th August 2008**

A meeting of the Community Council had taken place to resolve problems with travelling folk camped at Kinghorn Loch. The following amendments were agreed:

- a) P.C. Hay to be added to names present
- b) Collett Salvona to be removed from names present
- c) Comments regarding contributions made by the police and the representative for travelling folk in West Fife would to be added to the note.

8) **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence was circulated with the agenda and correspondence file available for everyone to view.

Extra Correspondence to the circulated Agenda

1. Email from Stanton Guthrie to inform the Community Council that the next Marine Conservation Society Adopt a Beach Scheme 2008 survey and beach clean will take place on Kinghorn Harbour Beach on Sunday 21st September at 12.30pm
2. An email from Jen Anderson Euphonios Records offering to run some Christmas gigs for young people in small villages across Fife. It was agreed that the secretary make further inquiries to find out cost and availability before contacting the Youth Club at the Community Centre.

9) **Any New Business.**

The chairman had been approached by a resident about establishing a War Memorial Group in Kinghorn. It was thought to be a good idea and a group should form. It was understood there was,(small donation to help create a small) budget for the upkeep and improvement of War Memorials.

Cllr Kay mentioned that Kinghorn Church Hall was putting in an application for Common Good funds. This was to assist with major refurbishment and upgrade for the hall which is extensively used by the community. The problem was that all monies had been granted for the financial year. He asked if the Community Council would agree to use Capital from the Common Good Fund for this purpose if that is permissible. Members agreed to this in principal.

The question of a direct Edinburgh bus route through Kinghorn had been asked at a previous meeting. Cllr Kay reported that Stagecoach had agreed for a simulation study to be done.

10) **Public Question Time**

- a) It was reported that bus timetables had changed at the beginning of the week but new bus time notices had not been put up at bus stops. It was agreed to ask Transportation Services to do this.
- b) A local artist from the successful art exhibition that was held in Kinghorn Community Centre over the summer reported that there had been a signage problem for visitors finding them. Cllr Edwards said that he would get in touch with Transportation Services to ask if they could provide clearer directions to the Community Centre.
- c) It was thought that the public notice boards needed some maintenance, especially the one in North Overgate. The chairman said that he would ask the committee that looked after conservation boards to investigate this.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 18th September 2008