

Kinghorn Community Council.

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 19th June 2008 at Kinghorn Community Centre

1. **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Alex Cook, Neil Chalmers Marilyn Edwards (Secretary), Martin Melvin, Collett Salvona, John Lancaster and Fraser Ballantyne.
Cllr Ron Edwards Cllr. Susan Leslie, Cllr George Kay,
Members of the Public – 14 people present.

2. **Apologies** - Rena Wallace, Alex Gibb, Sadie Wilson, Sgt Edith Potter

3. **Police Update** – none was available.

4. **Speaker – Chris Ewing from Environmental Services**

Chris had been asked to come along and discuss the removal of the Recycling Point at Barclay Road, Kinghorn. He began by going over the reasons for the removal of the facility which had proved very popular with residents in the area. He said that it was very rare for a facility to be removed once installed but the usual checks had not been made beforehand in this case. A transportation assessment and consultation with residents should have been carried out prior to installing the Recycling Point. The noise assessment had also been carried out by an experienced consultant.

He apologised for any inconvenience and he said that he was keen to find an alternative suitable site. Investigations were looking at establishing a recycling point at Orchard Road. Residents questioned the validity of the Transportation and Noise Assessments and a request was made for Chris to send the assessment reports to the Community Council. He said that he would check if he could do this.

The chairman thanked him for coming along.

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

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

6. **Matters Arising.**

- a) The Post Office in Kinghorn was not included in the list for closures announced in early June. This was good news locally but a list of other post offices in Fife targeted for closure had been publicised and Community Council support went out to them. Cllr Leslie urged people to use their local post office to pay bills but residents said that there was a community charge attached to bills for doing this and it made it costly.
- b) Written confirmation of the two Common Good Applications had now come through. The chairman had recently met with a representative from Development Services who was making plans for the repair and refurbishment of the steps from the cemetery down to Pettycur Bay. Once this was in hand then the Community Council could consider the enhancement of the area at the top of the steps.
The Pathways booklet could also go forward for publication now.
- c) A Common Good Application had been submitted from Kinghorn Golf Club and comments put in from the Community Council. It was understood that this had not been successful.
- d) Cllr Kay reported that he was still looking into the problem of rubbish and dumping on the open space area on the right hand side of Castle Wynd.
- e) Community Council members had met with the Dualchas Group concerning the KCLA Feasibility Study. Views and recommendations from Community Councillors were agreed by members present at the consultation meeting.
John Lancaster (a Director of KCLA) asked why he was not given formal notice of the meeting and to attend if he so wished. The chairman said that he had sought advice from Fife Council on the matter.

7. **Planning Issues** – none.

No information had come through on any planning applications pending for some time now.

8. **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence was circulated with the agenda. Two items were actioned.

- a) The increased subscription for the Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society was agreed. This would be passed to the Treasurer for action.
- b) It was agreed the secretary write to the Library and Museum Service to request a representative come along to the August meeting to give a talk about the forthcoming review of the service
- c) A request was made that the Community Council consider floral enhancement improvements at a future meeting.

Extra Correspondence to the circulated Agenda

1. School Closure Consultation – Scottish Government
2. Data Protection Guidance Document – Fife Council
3. Drugs Awareness Booklet – Scottish Government
4. Review of Common Good Grant Applications – Fife Council

9. **Any New Business.**

John Lancaster fed back information he had about disabled access on the Edinburgh side of Kinghorn Station.

10. **Public Question Time**

- a) It was reported that the pathway along from Burnside Avenue to the loch sluice was very overgrown and it had a dangerous subsiding area along it. Cllr Edwards agreed to investigate this.
- b) The problem of dog fouling was reported again. It was explained that contact with the dog warden had not been helpful a short while ago.
- c) Since the outside refurbishment of the Co-op had been done the hook used to string up the gala bunting was missing. It was explained that Fife Council no longer helped with putting up bunting for special occasions.

Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 21st August 2008