

# The Quarrel Brae Group - Kinghorn.

## Notes for meeting held

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 7.30pm at Sailing Clubhouse Kinghorn

1. **Present:** - Fraser Ballantyne (Chair), Marilyn Edwards, Carol Rhodes, , Alex Cook, Ron Edwards, Jim Allison

**Apologies** – Lynette Gray, Norman Soutar, Suzanne Gilfeather, Peter Menellis

## 2. **Chairman's Statement from the Meeting**

Fraser Ballantyne explained that he had prepared a statement for the meeting as the group seemed to be lacking in support at the present time.

When the Community Council was informed of the refurbishment of the Harbour Toilets and upstairs room, John McLeod (late chair of Kinghorn Community Council) agreed to try and get the people of Kinghorn and local groups interested in setting up a steering group to take the Harbour Room Project forward. The new premises could have multi-purpose use which could be to the advantage of the community and visitors alike. Once formed the steering group would be responsible for the running of the premises. The Community Council was prepared to facilitate in any way to set up the group.

There have been four meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> June by John and 17<sup>th</sup> August, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 28<sup>th</sup> September with Fraser Ballantyne as chair. The meetings have achieved a great deal. Representatives from different local organisations and interested individuals have attended. People who were able to offer various expertise in their own vocation. Interest, attendance and support at the meetings plus the councilors input to draft the project brief etc. has been extremely helpful in getting so far forward. Unfortunately with multi-purpose representation one does not know if the representatives of various groups are mandated or not to take on further responsibilities without reference and discussion with their own group. This showed up at the last meeting when trying to appoint officials to form the steering group. A chairperson was appointed but the other vacancies were not filled. It was left that any other person wishing to take a position should contact Marilyn but none have come forward. The situation remains that we cannot achieve the goal of setting up a fully constituted steering group. This means that the group cannot submit a bid to run the premises.

Whilst fully appreciating the concerns of individuals to step into the unknown responsibilities of this new venture, there is an alternative. It may be the wish of individual groups to process their own bid for use of the new accommodation. This does not stop them from working with others at a later stage. This would be a simpler approach to the situation as each group already has working constitutions which they could adapt.

The Community Council remains committed to help and assist where ever possible.

Fraser Ballantyne