

# Kinghorn Community Council.

## Notes on meeting held Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 at the Sailing Clubhouse, Kinghorn Beach

1. **Present:** - John McLeod (Chair), Marilyn Edwards, Rosemary Garland, George Bain, Mary Bain, Suzanne Gilfeather, Stanton Guthrie, Carol Rhodes, Les Douglas, Alex Cook, Ron Edwards, K. Street, Barbara Linton, arrived later John Lancaster

2. **Apologies** – Robbie Blyth, Terry Bennett Wright, Roy Henderson

3. **Introduction**

John McLeod explained that the meeting had come about because the Community Council was asked to bring together interested parties who may wish to organise a community use for the upper floor of the renovated harbour toilets. The Community Council would be the facilitator to help a community group or groups to move forward with an action plan. He explained their role would be to help and support rather than take the lead.

The project had remained at the discussion stage for a number of years but now is nearing feasibility with the refurbishment of the toilets. In order for the facility to become a community managed option a Business Plan would need to be drawn up fairly quickly and submitted to Fife Council, Environmental Services for consideration as part of the tendering procedure.

The decision on a successful applicant will be made by Fife Council on the basis of a legal tendering procedure that will be publicised and where the Council will score applications against the “Big 8” criteria, with an emphasis on community benefit. Applications will be businesses, voluntary sector or community based, and the decision will be according to the scoring system. Any application coming from the community through facilitation of the community council may be one of several applications.

He hoped that people would come forward and commit themselves to a project. He opened up the meeting for discussion

4. Concern was expressed over who would be responsible for opening and cleaning the toilets. This was resolved by a proposal that a business plan would contain a request for a yearly grant from Fife Council to cover for cleaning materials and someone to clean the toilets regularly, employed by the lessee or the Council.

5. **Discussion of possible uses for the facility**

Ownership of the building will remain with Fife Council but some running costs may need to be met through income, grants and donations.

Suggestions put forward

- A craft workshop
- Nature, observation and bird-watching provision
- Environmental/Information Centre
- Educational interest/ interactive area for children
- Community Group meeting place/office
- Visitor Interpretation Centre
- Art studio
- Wet weather play area

There could be multi-use space of the unit so that community groups could share the facility

### **Conclusion**

The meeting concluded that it was a great opportunity to try and go forward with an action plan. It was felt there should be another meeting to move the project forward. Prior to this, the project should be advertised on the community website, Fife Council website, posters and publicity. Also individuals to spread the word. The next meeting will establish a steering committee to produce a business plan.

**Date of Next Meeting to be advertised soon**

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