

**Kingsbarns Community Council**  
**Draft Minutes of meeting held at Kingsbarns Memorial Hall,**  
**Monday, 7 September 2015**

**Present:** Jean Bell, Calla Cobb, Eileen Brown (Treasurer), Martin Dibbs (Secretary), Margaret Harkins (Vice-Chair), Dr Huw Lloyd Richards (Chair), Shona McIntosh; P.C. Gillian Tetlow (Community Police Officer); 10 members of the public.

Representing Fife Children's Panel: Allan Thomson (Learning and Development Co-ordinator) and Conrad Sutherland-Dunn (Panel Member)

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

### **1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. John Docherty and Cllr. Elizabeth Riches.

### **2 Community Police Officer**

PC Gillian Tetlow reminded the meeting of the role of community police officers and outlined how to contact her and her colleague Tracey Elder. The issue of rough camping on Kingsbarns Beach was raised. If contacted, the police agreed to attend when this was found to be taking place.

### **3 The Work of the Fife Children's Panel**

Allan Thomson (Learning and Development Co-ordinator) and Conrad Sutherland-Dunn (Panel Member) gave a short presentation on the work of the Fife Children's Panel. They gave a most interesting insight to the work of Fife CP which resulted in a number of application forms being given out to interested people. Chair proposed a vote of thanks to the presenters.

### **4 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Chair expressed thanks to Margaret Harkins for ably chairing July's meeting. The minutes were proposed by Calla Cobb and seconded by Eileen Brown.

### **5 Matters Arising**

**5.1** The Secretary set out the present position regarding the defibrillator (PAD). As residents will be aware, KCC has been asked by the present owner of the shop to remove the PAD from her premises. Kingsbarns status as a conservation village and the number of listed buildings in the village has meant that it is difficult to find a location which is both convenient and which would be approved by Fife Planning Department. A meeting was held between Secretary, James Turnbull (Chair, Kingsbarns Memorial Hall), Kate Holy (Convenor, Planning Sub-Committee) and Gillian Duncan (Fife First Responders). A site at the Memorial Hall just inside and to the left of the rear entrance immediately behind the garden wall has been identified and this has been unofficially agreed as suitable by Fife Planning. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Hall Committee and once agreed, a planning application can then be submitted by KCC. The estimated cost is in the region of £400 broken down as planning application - £101; removal and reinstallation - £250; location maps - £50. Secretary then asked the meeting to authorise expenditure of up to £500, which would include contingencies, to meet these costs. A discussion then followed with one objection to the proposal. However, it was felt that Kingsbarns, in common with other villages in the East Neuk, is a great distance away from an ambulance station and the PAD will provide a chance of saving a life if used as had been the case recently in Crail. One KCC member suggested that the present owner of the shop be asked to contribute a fifth towards the relocation cost. The meeting voted 4-3 against this. The meeting then agreed to the Secretary's request to authorise the expenditure on this project.

### **5.2 Sale of Affordable Housing and Fife's Scrutiny Committee**

Cllr Donald Macgregor reported that the Scrutiny Committee, which holds council officers accountable for their actions, is in the process of being formed to investigate the sale on the open market of housing on the Village Green development and the agreement on nomination rights between the Cambo Estate and Fife Housing Department which appeared to be at variance with the terms of the RHfR grant of £677,000 given to Cambo Estate. Cllr Macgregor will report back to KCC on the progress of the Committee. Chair stated that KCC were ready to be of any assistance in any way possible to the Scrutiny Committee and thanked Cllrs. Macgregor and Riches for their efforts to date.

### **5.3 Housing Development: Progress on Appeal to Reporter.**

At the time of the meeting, there had been no further information on a decision on phase 2 of the development. (See minute 7.2)

## **6 Treasurer's Report**

**6.1** The Treasurer presented KCC's annual accounts to the meeting. There was a grant to the school of £500 for equipment which had been arranged some time back and had yet to be claimed. It was agreed that the Treasurer would write to the school encouraging them to claim the grant within a defined time period. The accounts were proposed by Shona McIntosh and seconded by Margaret Harkins. In conclusion, Chair thanked the Treasurer for her hard work over the year.

## **7 Planning Report**

Kate Holy, Convenor, Planning Sub-Committee, outlined the action/progress in the following planning applications:

**7.1 15/000287/FULL. 1, Kildinny Yards.** This refers to the appeal against refusal of retrospective planning for the garage conversion and window replacement at this property. The Local Review Body decided to carry out a site inspection which had happened today 7<sup>th</sup> September. No representations are allowed either from the appellant or the objectors. There will be a meeting afterwards at Fife House where this matter will be considered.

**7.2 14/01626/FULL.** The appeal to the Reporter, which is currently under way, has not yet been determined. Individuals who had commented on the application were invited to make further comments to the Reporter and many have done so. The Community Council lodged its comment to the Reporter on 16<sup>th</sup> July. Fife Council's legal department made a very strong case for refusal and has also forwarded all the objections to the Reporter who is now known to be Robert Seaton and who is a planning lawyer and a new Reporter. Ogilvie's agent was allowed to make comments on all our objections but KCC was not able to do the same on his supporting statements. The decision is expected in September.

**7.3 15/01438/PPP.** This relates to the proposed two houses on the site by North Quarter Steading. There were strong objections from residents and the Community Council and we emailed the councillors to make further representations before the North Fife Planning Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> July. Secretary, Nick Lunan and I attended the committee. Cllr. Macgregor proposed refusal of the application but there was some legal problem about the grounds of refusal that were being proposed and the application was postponed until 9<sup>th</sup> September. The KCC took legal advice from John Watchman, a local planning solicitor who kindly provided this free of charge and this has helped in our most recent email to

councillors this weekend. Secretary and I will be attending the North Fife Planning Committee on Wednesday to hear the result.

**7.4** Chair requested that thanks be minuted not only to the Planning Sub-Committee for their time and hard work on these three planning applications but also to St. Andrews planning lawyer John Watchman who had given an opinion on 15/01438/PPP without fee. It was agreed that a suitable gift be made to John.

## **8 Any Other Business**

**8.1** It was agreed that Fiona Buchanan be co-opted to serve on KCC, reporting on KCDT and Health and Social Care Integration Board matters.

**8.2** Eileen Brown raised the issue of dog fouling on Kingsbarns Beach as well as in the village. Meeting was told that if necessary, the dog warden would attend a KCC meeting to offer advice. Cllr Macgregor informed the meeting that there had been 11 successful prosecutions for dog fouling so far this year.

**8.3** Margaret Harkins raised the issue of the proposed closure of 16 libraries in Fife. While Kingsbarns was not directly affected, the mood of the meeting was of total opposition to this policy. Kate Holy made the point that libraries were often rural communities' only connection with culture and by contrast their closure in towns would not be tolerated by residents. A public questionnaire was available from libraries or on-line and the meeting was urged to complete one to express their views to the Trust. It was agreed that Margaret Harkins would submit the KCC representation to the consultation.

**8.4** Margaret Harkins drew attention to the village pub which was open and serving food. A great deal of money had been spent on its refurbishment and it was a valuable community facility which deserved to be used.

## **9 Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 2 November at 7 p.m.