

**Kingsbarns Community Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held at Kingsbarns Memorial Hall,**  
**Monday, 2 November 2015 at 7 p.m.**

Present: KCC members: Jean Bell, Eileen Brown (Treasurer), Calla Cobb, Martin Dibbs (Secretary), Margaret Harkins (Vice-Chair), Dr. Huw Lloyd Richards (Chair); Councillor Donald Macgregor; 10 members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

**1 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from KCC members Fiona Buchanan and Shona McIntosh and Councillors John Docherty and Elizabeth Riches.

**2 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Secretary drew the meeting's attention to the fact that minutes for the last meeting had been described and printed as *draft* minutes for which he took full responsibility. This was noted by the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Eileen Brown and seconded by Jean Bell.

**3 Presentation: Community Initiative, North-East Fife: Superfast Broadband**

The Secretary apologised that this item could not go ahead. Despite a number of emails, he had been unsuccessful in contacting the presenter.

**4 Matters Arising**

**4.1 Defibrillator Update.** The Secretary reported that on 19 October the Memorial Hall Committee had agreed to the relocation of the defibrillator at the site agreed at the meeting of 28 July 2015 – see minute 5.1 (7 September 2015). As a result he had submitted a planning application today to Fife Council for the move. He explained that once permission had been granted, Fife First Responders, who had a contractor lined up, would move the defibrillator as quickly as possible.

**4.2 Scrutiny Committee.** Councillor Macgregor reported that this had been convened; it was chaired by Councillor Elizabeth Riches and comprised five members including himself. A preliminary meeting had been held but the second meeting had to be cancelled as Housing head John Mills and his senior staff member Alan Russell claimed that the meeting was not in their respective diaries and the meeting did not go ahead. The 'crucial' meeting has yet to be held.

**4.3 Library Closures.** Councillor Macgregor informed the meeting that a decision regarding the proposed closure of rural libraries was expected on 5 December 2015.

## 5 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that she had been having great difficulty with our current bankers not only in contacting them but also getting our charges refunded. The latter, she was confident, was now in hand.

## 6 Planning Report

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

**6.1 15/000287/FULL - Kildinny Yards Retrospective Planning Permission.** When this appeal was heard by Fife against the refusal of the retrospective planning permission, the appeal was turned down on 7 November. The Convenor thought that the applicant could appeal to the Reporter but once 3 months have passed, he will either have had to appeal or would have to comply with the refusal notice and presumably negotiate with Fife as to how the work should be undone.

**6.2 15/01438/PPP - North Quarter Steading.** Planning permission in principle for the two new houses at North Quarter Steading was refused at the North East Fife Area Committee on 9 November. The applicant has 3 months to appeal to the Reporter. Convenor thanked the councillors for their help with this objection.

**6.3 The Reporter's Decision on Phase 2.** This came just after our last meeting. He refused permission for Phase 2 which fully supported the residents' views on the conservation village. It was an excellent report and will give the village many good arguments to use for future applications of this type. As far as this application is concerned, the developers can only appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law and has 6 weeks to do this which, by the time of the meeting should have expired. Convenor thought that this was a tremendous victory which would hopefully mark a change in the way that development in this village will take place in future.

Chair proposed a vote of thanks to the Planning Sub-Committee and to Kate Holy and Nick Lunan in particular as well to our councillors for the work that they had put into the Community Council's submissions to Fife Council and the Scottish Government.

## 7 Any Other Business

**7.1 Restoration of Memorial Bench.** Chair proposed a vote of thanks to Eileen Brown (Treasurer) for moving and relocating the memorial bench from the former Post Office to The Square and for restoring it over the summer months.

**7.2 Greenspace.** Chair drew to the meeting's attention to the grants being offered by Tesco through Greenspace Scotland. £60,000 is being offered to Fife every six months and the maximum grant which can be given is £12,000.

**7.3 Gardening Group.** Rob Moodie began by making the following observations about Green Networks he made the following observations: KCC might wish to

consider pressing for completion of the Fife Council Cycle Route from Crail to St Andrews through Kingsbarns via the old railway line; given the increase in traffic on Station Road, consider how a footpath can be reinstated along the northern boundary of the village from North Quarter to Pitmilly, which, in the past, has been said to be an existing old Right of Way. The Kingsbarns Gardeners Group does not have the strength of numbers or energy required to work physically on such a project, but another agency and source of funding might be found.

He then gave a comprehensive overview of the work of the Gardening Group over the past year in the group's annual report to KCC.

*Membership:* The Kingsbarns Gardeners Group only has 5 members, compared with over 50 in the Crail Group. This and may reduce to 3 over the next year, unless new members come forward to support its work.

*Replacement Planters:* All of the large planters, on loan from Fife Council have now been returned and the replacement half barrels established and planted in The Square and more established at the bus stops and in Lady Wynd.

*Trees in Lady Wynd:* One of the two trees planted in March has died and will be replaced during the winter planting season.

*Land on Back Stile:* The project on the area of land adjoining Mrs Harrison's house, has again been delayed while Mrs Harrison's House is sold. Given the shortage of members in the Garden Group, there is concern about its future maintenance given the expanded area of planting in The Square, Bus Stops and Lady Wynd. Consideration is, therefore, being given to the abandonment of this project to leave the area of ground in the hands of Fife Council for continued maintenance. Likewise, consideration is being given to the abandonment of the project to introduce a community vegetable and herb trough in one selected location, unless it can be successfully located in The Steading area of Kingsbarns.

*Beautiful Fife* This year, Kingsbarns has again received a Silver Award.

*Restoration of the Water Pump in the Square* As there is not community support for this Project, no further action will be taken meantime.

*Floral Enhancement Grant* The Group had submitted an application for £300 for this grant from Fife Council.

**7.4 KCC Grant to Kingsbarns Primary School.** The Treasurer agreed to visit the school regarding the grant of £500 from KCC which was awarded some years ago but not yet taken up. She will report back on the situation at the next meeting.

## **8 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4 January 2016.