

## KINGSBARNs COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010

**Present:** Councillor Donald MacGregor, Catherine Scott, Eileen Brown, Kit McMahon, Kate Holy, Rob Moodie, Calla Cobb, Alistair Duncan, Raymond Hair.

**Apologies** Councillor Riches, Fiona Mitchell (Locality Support Team Manager, North East Fife).

**1 Election of Officers.** Councillor MacGregor took the Chair at the start of the meeting until the Office Bearers were elected, which were as follows:

Chair:	Kate Holy	Prop: Rob Moodie	Sec:
	Alistair Duncan		
Vice-Chair:	Rob Moodie	Prop: Kate Holy	Sec: Kit
	McMahon		
Secretary:	Kit McMahon	Prop: Eileen Brown	Sec: Calla
	Cobb		
Treasurer:	Alistair Duncan	Prop: Raymond Hair	Sec:
	Catherine Scott		

This part of the meeting being concluded, Kate Holy took the Chair. She thanked the former Officers for their hard work and asked if there was anyone in the Hall who would be prepared to act as Minute Secretary. In the absence of volunteers Calla Cobb agreed to do this and it was agreed that Kate Holy should put up a notice in the Post Office advertising the position. It was agreed that Rob Moodie, as Vice Chair would continue to be responsible for Planning issues because of his particular knowledge and interest and that he would head a Planning Subcommittee to look at current planning issues and new planning applications. This subcommittee consists of Rob Moodie, Catherine Scott and Raymond Hair. Other members of the Community Council and members of the community will be invited or can offer to contribute when they have an interest.

**2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 6/9/2010** These were read and approved. (Prop: Alistair Duncan Sec: Eileen Brown)

### **3 Matters Arising**

**a) Planning Application 10/01649/FULL 38 Seagate.** The Community Council had objected to this Planning Application on two grounds: – E4 (a building must fit in to its surroundings) and E7 (new building must enhance the character of the surroundings). The objection was dismissed on the grounds both that the Community Council was not a consultee in this application and that “the issues raised were addressed in the officer’s report”. Rob Moodie reported that he had been told that the Community Council was only a Statutory Consultee if it is formally consulted by the Planning Authority or if it advises the Planning Authority it wishes to be consulted within 7 days. Rob Moodie said that he had asked for blanket permission to object but Councillor Macgregor reported that there had been no answer to this so far. Until this issue is resolved **it was agreed that the Planning List would come directly to the Planning Subcommittee, who would notify the Planning Department that the KCC wishes to be considered a Statutory Consultee whenever appropriate. {RM}** It was also agreed, after discussion that Councillor Macgregor should find out from the Planning Department exactly how being a Conservation Area affected our ability to participate in the planning process. {DMacG}

**b) University Wind Farm Proposal.** At the last meeting it had been suggested that a public meeting be held to discuss the University Wind Farm Proposal. **It was agreed that it would be better to hold a public meeting in the New Year after a further meeting of the University had been reported to the January meeting of the Community Council.**

**c) St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan.** Rob Moodie attended the Fife Council Planning Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> September which decided that the St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan, as amended by the planning officers following the East Fife Area Committee Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August, should be approved and agreed to request Scottish Ministers to appoint a person to

examine the Local Plan. It was pointed out that neither the East Neuk, nor Cupar had any representation on the Strategic Planning Committee at Glenrothes. **It was agreed that the Community Council Planning Subcommittee should keep track of the planning process and if possible identify sites within the village where 20 houses could be built. {PSub}**

**d) Traffic Issues.**

**Speed restriction signs:**

Greater distance from both ends of the village of warning of speed restrictions had been requested. **Kit McMahon is to pursue this matter with the Transportation Department. {KMCM}**

**Smiddy Burn:**

“No Through Road” signs are not possible as there is a public right of passage through Smiddy Burn. It was suggested that a sign indicating the road’s unsuitability for heavy vehicles be placed at each end of the road. **Kit McMahon to contact David Smeaton about this. {KMCM}**

**e) Drinking Water.**

The taste continues to be variable and Kit McMahon reported that chlorine is added at varying times and places depending on weekly monitoring tests. She advised that information about chlorine in water and water quality generally can be found at [www.dwqr.org.uk](http://www.dwqr.org.uk) If a complaint is made about water quality it is investigated. **In order that local people can make such complaints when necessary Kit McMahon will place the Scottish Water telephone number on the board outside the Post Office. {KMCM}**

**5 Recent Planning Application** The only recent planning application is one for internal alterations which does not concern the Community Council. It was however pointed out that there is a revision in to the plan for 22 houses west of the Square and this can be found online. **The Planning Subcommittee will examine this and report back. {PSub}**

**6 New Traffic Issue** There have been 3 accidents in the last 6 weeks at the Hillhead Farm Entrance corner. Rob Moodie has

written to Mr Stirling in the Transportation Department to support the farmer, Alan Steven's request for better transport management there. Two chevrons had appeared but it was felt that larger ones were needed and that the road surface needed attention there as it was felt to be slippery. {RM}

**7 The Memorial Hall** A joint meeting was held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010 with representatives from the Hall Committee and the Community Council together with Fiona Mitchell, Team Leader, Community Support and Gus McKain, Community Education worker. This was in order to discuss ways in which the Hall could both improve and update its facilities and meet the needs of the local community. **A further meeting is to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November to be attended by Kit McMahon and Kate Holy.** {KH and KMcM} Sir Peter Erskine pointed out that a new Hall keeper was desperately needed and it was suggested that the job could be split in two and more details given in the Post Office advertisement.

## **8 Any Other Business**

**a) BTCV Green Gym Project** (This item was taken earlier in the meeting)

Lady Erskine spoke on behalf of this item. She wishes the Community Council to lend its support for her application for a grant to fund the Green Gym Project at Cambo Estate run by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. This would be for a 40 week project to succeed the current Pilot Project. There is funding for a part time Coordinator but more funding was required. The Green Gym can be used by anyone who wants more physical exercise outdoors but can also be prescribed by health professionals where it may be seen to be helpful. Local schools and the University Student Support Service have already shown an interest. The ambition is to open up the Woodland Walk and make it a pleasant place for all. **It was agreed that the Community Council support her application for a grant by writing to Barbara Solway, Fife Coordinator, The LEADER Project.** {KMcM}

**b) Website for Kingsbarns** Lady Erskine suggested a website for Kingsbarns. Successful ones were run in Crail. **Kate Holy will**

**investigate these, consult interested people and report back to the next Community Council meeting. {KH}**

**c) Karail Magazine** This magazine needs more contributions from Kingsbarns.

**d) Energy Subcommittee** This is to be reformed. Rob Moodie, Sue Jenkins, Tim Scott, Kit McMahon, Chris Winter and Eileen Brown will report in the New Year. {ESub}

**9 Date of Next Meeting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7pm**