

Kingsbarns Community Council
Meeting Monday January 10th 2011

Present: Cllr. Donald MacGregor, Calla Cobb, Eileen Brown, Kit McMahon (Secretary), Catherine Scott, Rob Moodie (Vice-Chair), Alistair Duncan (Treasurer), Raymond Hair, Kate Holy (Chair).

Minutes Secretary: Martin Dibbs has agreed to undertake this role for now

1 Apologies: Councillor E. Riches, Cllr. M. Scott-Hayward, Fiona Mitchell (Locality Manager).

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting 01/11/10: These were read and approved. (Prop: K McMahon, Sec: E Brown)

3 Matters Arising

a) Traffic Issues. The meeting was attended by Gordon Hughes from the Transportation Department at Fife Council. As his immediate superior has been on long term sick leave, he came to listen to the village traffic concerns. **Speed restriction:** After discussion about concerns of excessive motoring speeds, Mr Hughes agreed to investigate the possibility of countdown speed restriction signs approaching the village and the erection of a 'Slow Down' sign. Although previous traffic monitoring has shown an average speed in the village of 26 mph, Mr Hughes agreed to try to arrange the monitoring of traffic speed at the Crail end of the village.

Smiddy Burn: Mr Hughes will look at the signage in Smiddy Burn and see whether it can be improved so that heavy vehicles no longer choose that route.

Hillhead bend: Rob Moodie reported that following his approach, the Transportation Department is reviewing ways of improving traffic management at this dangerous corner and hope to take action before the end of the current financial year in April.

Mr Hughes also said he would investigate the missing Dunino signpost on Station Road and told the meeting that traffic calming measures are not currently employed on main roads in Fife. He also undertook to make data on speed surveys through Kingsbarns available to the KCC.

Mr Hughes was thanked for his attendance.

b) Conservation Status and Its Significance: Cllr MacGregor told the meeting that the fact that Community Councils were no

longer regarded as Statutory Consultees was as a result of national guidelines. He has not seen these himself but will attempt to get a copy for the KCC. In the meantime he urged the KCC to register as a Statutory Consultee for each planning application submitted. He also reported that all planning applications will now be centred at the Kirkcaldy office. **(D McG)**

c) University Wind Farm Proposal: Kate Holy reported that there had been no meetings of the Kenly Wind Farm Project Board since last August so there was nothing to report. There will be a meeting on 31st January at the University to be attended by herself, Rob Moodie and Kit McMahon. A copy of the Agenda for this meeting was circulated together with the August Minutes and Kate Holy urged anyone who had views they would like to be aired at the next Project Board meeting to contact her. It was agreed that at the next meeting of the KCC a date would be set for a public meeting for residents to discuss and possibly take a view on the proposed Wind Farm. **(KH, RM, K McM)**

d) Memorial Hall: Kate Holy reported that she had attended the last meeting of the Hall Committee in place of Eileen Brown who was away. At that meeting it was reported that a Hall keeper had not yet been found. In the meantime an industrial cleaner had been employed for the Hall and Hall Committee members would be responsible for opening and shutting the Hall for events with which they were concerned. Leaflets advertising for a Hall keeper have been prepared by Fife Council and will be distributed through the village by Eileen Brown and any volunteers. The Hall AGM will be on Wednesday 23rd February at 7pm and anyone can attend. **(EB)**

e) Website for Kingsbarns: Kate Holy reported that she had looked at the issue of a website for the KCC together with Nick Lunan and Alistair Duncan who had an interest. This informal group had looked at websites from other Community Councils and also had looked at a website run by Peter Salkeld in Crail, AboutCrail. This was a website which has a much broader remit and on which the Community Council had a page. After their investigations this informal group had concluded that a discrete Kingsbarns Community Website set up through digitalfife and administered by Nick Lunan would be the most realistic option for the KCC at present. This did not preclude a more general community website at some time in the future. It was agreed that this informal group

should become an official Subcommittee of the KCC (Prop: C Cobb, Sec. E Brown) in order to bring this idea to fruition. The issue of whether KCC members' personal details should be on the site was reserved for discussion at the next meeting. **(KH AD NL)**

4 Planning Subcommittee Report

a) Planning Application 10/03748/FULL: Erection of two story dwelling house with garage: land to the south of the Hollies

Rob Moodie presented details of this current application with the help of a projector in order that residents could see details of the plans. The outline planning application, which had received Permission in Principle in 2008, had received objections from 4 residents, concerning overlooking and road safety issues. KCC had not commented at that stage, but had raised 5 issues on the detailed application, which it needed answers to, before it could decide whether to object. No reply had been received to Rob Moodie's letter and Cllr. MacGregor explained that this was because the officer in charge of this case was on long term sick leave. After discussion it was agreed that KCC should now object to the application for the following reasons: the present application is for a house 25% larger than that given outline planning permission; there is concern over road safety in the access to the house; the boundary walls are not made of stone; the house overlooks adjacent properties. **(RM)**

b) Proposed development of 22 houses opposite the Square The architects for this proposed development have now submitted a revised plan in response to Fife Planning Department and Rob Moodie, with the projector, was able to show the meeting how the road and house layout had changed. The KCC position is that there should be no development on this field. The Local Plan is currently with the Reporter, so, theoretically, no decision should be taken before the outcome is known. However, the legal position is unclear. Cllr MacGregor considered that delay would be the best position for KCC, but there was some anxiety that this could come to Committee without anyone knowing. In order to prevent this happening it was agreed that the Planning Subcommittee should take a very close interest in its progress. **(R M)**

c) Other planning applications There are other planning applications currently submitted. None of these, in the view of the Planning Subcommittee, require the intervention of the KCC. Catherine Scott mentioned the building work at 38 Seagate. This

does not appear to be following the plans and she will follow this up with Building Control. **(C S)**

d) AV Equipment It was agreed that the use of the projector made understanding of planning issues easier. Dependent on available funds (to be checked by Alistair Duncan) it was agreed in principle to purchase AV equipment for the KCC, (Prop R Moodie, Sec C Cobb).

5 Any Other Business

a) Floral Enhancement Grant Kit McMahon reported that the application to Fife Council for the Floral Enhancement Grant 2011 had been successful.

b) East Neuk and Landward Energy Network The next meeting of this group will be on Thursday 13th January at Anstruther Town Hall at 6pm.

c) Fife Council Questionnaires Residents were urged to participate in various online Fife Council questionnaires.

6 Date of Next Meeting Monday March 7th at the Memorial Hall at 7 pm