

KINGSBARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Monday 30th April 2012

Present

Kate Holy (KH) (Chair and Acting Sec), Rob Moodie (RM) (Vice Chair and Planning), Alistair Duncan (AD) (Treasurer, minutes), Calla Cobb (CC), Eileen Brown (EB), Raymond Hair (RH)

Cllr. E. Riches, Cllr. M. Scott-Hayward, PC Susie Martin, Ms. Gillian Duncan, Fife First Responders

Eleven village residents

Apologies: Cllr. Donald Macgregor, Kit McMahon

KH opened the meeting and said that the order of items on the agenda would be modified to enable the Police Community Officer and Ms. Duncan to make their respective contributions and leave to fulfil other commitments.

Ms. Gillian Duncan, Fife First Responders, described the practical operation of the community defibrillator equipment, and took questions from the floor – see Chair's report. Currently the nearest First Responder is in Crail: anyone interested in becoming involved should contact First Responders. PC Martin commented that the Police support the installation of community defibrillators, and that the incidence of vandalism had been seen to be extremely low.

RH proposed, seconded by EB, that the Community Council should proceed with applying for grant support and requested KH to go ahead with arranging the acquisition and installation of a defibrillator for the village, as described in the Chair's report. The cost will be charged to the Kingsbarns Golf Links fund.

Police Community Officer Report

PC Martin reported an increase in the incidence of metal thefts (scrap and otherwise), particularly in daytime, and said that Police would appreciate vigilance on the part of the public.

Returning to the matter of Community Speed Watch, PC Martin said that there was funding of £6,000 available to extend the use of this, and described the operation of the scheme and the role and function of volunteers. The police would like encourage volunteers, including a Coordinator, from Kingsbarns.

PC Martin mentioned efforts that are being made to manage anti-social behaviour in Pittenweem, and said that Police are looking for volunteers to become involved in "DJ training", to tackle the excessive use of "ghetto blasters".

I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING March 5th 2012

The minutes were approved, proposed by EB, seconded by CS.

Matters Arising

KCC Secretary

The need to recruit a Secretary was discussed and it was decided to produce a description of the role and to publicise it in the village and local area.

A917 Boarhills to Hillhead Speed Restrictions

It is understood from Fife Council that there has been no decision yet, and Cllr. Riches commented that it was likely to be a lengthy process.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration Proposals

No report on progress was available from KMCM, and no-one was available to contribute from the Hall Committee. From the floor, Mr. Denholm advised that Mrs. Ann Turnbull was interested and that he understood KMCM would be coordinating activity with the Church, which had plans for Saturday 2nd and later on Sunday 3rd. CS undertook to speak to the school to ascertain their intentions. KH undertook to ask KMCM to contact Mr. Denholm, although there was concern expressed that Mrs. McMahon was not well enough to undertake the responsibility.

The Village Notice Board has been made and would be installed shortly – keys would be held by the shop and the interim Secretary (KH)

Common Land at North Quarter

This is owned by George Knox, the original developer, who rejected a tree planting suggestion in 2005, and a later proposal to buy the land because of “plans to build a further four houses”. The use of the land as part of floral enhancement was therefore decided to be unlikely and not worth pursuing at present.

Community Development Trust

RM reported that:

A meeting of seven of the nine Community Development Trust volunteers, took place on Monday 23 April, at which it was decided:

- To appoint Fiona Buchanan as Chair, Sue Jenkins, Secretary and Jane Mitchell, Treasurer, to progress the establishment of a Kingsbarns Community Development Trust (KCDT).
- To prepare and distribute a Leaflet round the village, which would make clear the different roles of KCC and a KCDT, illustrate what other CDTs have achieved and give examples of what a Kingsbarns CDT might aim to achieve. It would also ask two or three questions for response via a box in the shop or directly to Sue Jenkins.
- To prepare and display a Poster advertising two Consultation Meetings, the first on Tuesday 22 May and the other on Monday 11 June, both in The Memorial Hall and from 7.30 – 8.30pm.

The KCC meeting agreed a request from the proposed CDT that that this information be made available on the KCC Website, noting once again that the Community Council and the proposed CDT are not connected.

2. Chair/Secretary's Report

The written report tabled by KH was read and accepted, with repeated thanks to Eileen, Sybil, Joan, Jim, Colin, Margaret and Jim from the B and B for their hard work on the coastal clearance enterprise. A lot of rubbish was collected, a good time was had and a big difference made.

3. Treasurer's Report

The written report tabled by AD was read and accepted, with discussion of the following matters:

AD suggested that the Council should consider approval of the Gardening Group Autumn budget (£770), to allow planning, and this was proposed by CS, seconded by RH, and approved without objection.

The meeting considered the grant application from Kingsbarns Parish Church, submitted by Mr. Denholm on behalf of the Church, and agreed that such a grant would be within the spirit of the Kingsbarns Golf Links donation. The meeting therefore approved a grant of up to £300 towards construction of bookshelves in the Church, proposed by EB, seconded by CS.

The meeting also approved a further grant payment of £129.99 to Mr. & Mrs. Moodie for Games for All equipment.

No grant claim had been received from Kingsbarns Primary School.

The meeting discussed future handling of grants, and agreed that no further retrospective applications for support would be accepted.

4. Planning Committee Report

RM tabled a written report, which was read and accepted by the meeting, with discussion of the following matters:

12/00129/EIA WEST COAST ENERGY, LINGO WIND FARM

The meeting agreed (proposed RM, seconded CC) that the Community Council should object to this application on the grounds stated in the Planning Report.

12/00420/FULL 3R ENERGY SOLUTIONS LTD., NORTH LAMBIELETHAM FARM, SOUTH OF ST ANDREWS

The meeting asked KCC Planning Committee to ascertain the views of St. Andrews Community Council and to reconsider this application for the erection of wind turbine (47.1m to blade tip).

12/00482/FULL BALMONT, BONERBO & DUMBRACK FARMS, DUNINO, BY ST ANDREWS

The meeting noted uncertainty about the credibility of information provided, particularly on sight lines, but the applicants have withdrawn this application.

12/00550/FULL & 12/00551/LBC – 1 THE SQUARE, KINGSBARN

Formation of door and installation of roof window to rear of dwelling house.

The meeting noted that KCC had not objected to this application, which had now been approved.

12/00727/FULL & 12/00728/LBC – 5 THE SQUARE, KINGSBARN

Installation of replacement windows and garage doors.

The meeting agreed that KCC, should raise no objection to this application, assuming that conditions are attached to ensure that the windows and doors are in keeping with the character of this listed building i.e. similar to the adjoining attached cottage.

12/01146/LBC & 12/01154/FULL – GUYDAWN COTTAGE, LADY WYND, KINGSBARN

Installation of replacement windows.

The meeting agreed that these should also be in character with the listed cottages.

5. Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Scott-Hayward declared an interest in the Dumbrack Farm planning application (above).

On the subject of Community Development Trusts and Community Benefit, Cllr. Scott-Hayward commented that there had been uncertainty in other cases as to the definition of the beneficiary community, and that this could largely be defined by the developer. The definition need not necessarily match that of the relevant Community Council, and Cllr. Scott-Hayward advocated care in this respect.

Cllr. Riches mentioned that FC Building Control officers were planning a visit to inspect the farm sheds on May 1st, and that this could lead to a formal enforcement notice to Mr. Laird.

KH proposed, and the meeting endorsed, a vote of thanks to Cllr. Riches, Cllr. Macgregor (in

absentia) and Cllr. Scott-Hayward for their service and support over the term of the last Council, and wished them well in the forthcoming election.

6. AOB

- A gift of snowdrops and daffodils had been offered by the Cambo Estate, and suitable recipients, with planting areas in public view, are sought, to contribute to village floral enhancement efforts.
- Ideas for floral enhancement activities were needed, to be addressed to EB in the first instance. Helpers are also needed to support floral enhancement efforts.
- The condition of trees overhanging Smiddy Burn from the Wrights' garden, opposite the Old Forge, was of some concern and should be checked to see whether they should be trimmed.
- The derelict Audi car parked in Lady Wynd, was mentioned with regret in the context of discussing efforts to maintain the appearance of the village.
- The fisherman's shelter was discussed, together with the issue of establishing a locking barrier to stop cars going onto the coastal path.
- Cllr. Riches commented that the opening hours of the toilets at the beach are not long enough.
- The possibility of community interest in replacing the telephone box at the bus stop with a traditional red type was discussed: if this is done then BT would withdraw the public telephone service. Without conclusion, the bus shelter coping stones problem was mentioned again.

Date of Next Meeting – At 1915 (note later time) on Monday June 25th 2012, or Monday July 2nd if the Hall is not available on the earlier date,

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Chair's Report Monday April 30 2012

1. Correspondence: Relatively little. An application for Beautiful Fife was received and sent in and the certificate for last year's Silver was received and placed in the shop. A Newsletter was received from Claire Baker, one of our MSPs who is Shadow Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment. Agendas were received for N E Fife Area Committee and Fife Council Planning Committee. These showed an enormous number of applications for wind turbines. An invitation was received from IncludeMe AGM. This is a charity which provides citizen advocates for people with disabilities. I am not able to attend the AGM on 1st May at 6.30 in Cupar but if anyone else has a particular interest I can give them the details.
2. Coastal Clean Up. This was undertaken on 24th April (postponed from 17th). Eight people took part and we cleaned the coastal path and beaches from one end of the golf course to the other. The litter was mainly on the beach. Fife provided pickers, gloves, bags and millionaire's shortbread. It was a beautiful day and everyone worked very hard. I would like to thank Eileen, Sybil, Joan, Jim, Colin, Margaret and Jim from the B and B for their hard work. We collected a lot of rubbish, had a great time and really felt we made a difference.
3. I attended the Fife Constabulary Policing Plan Launch on 25th April in St Andrews. This was to review the past year's performance and look at future priorities. The meeting was presented by Jill Harper, the new Area Inspector and there were 4 short presentations, including one by our own Community Policewoman Susie Martin. Many interesting facts were given – in the last year recorded crime has fallen by 22%, violent crime by 51% - in fact all recorded crime bar drug crime has fallen significantly. The force has also saved £2.5 million without impacting on front line staff. There is too much information to impart at the meeting but I have notes and would be happy to answer any questions that I can. One bit of news I did not know is that the police station is moving to Pipeland Road – presumably the old Health Centre.
4. East Neuk Forum – The only item on the Agenda for the East Neuk Forum (a meeting of all CCs in the East Neuk) was the Defibrillator Project. Some time ago Gillian Duncan, from the First Responders had contacted the East Neuk Forum concerning placing of publicly available defibrillators. First responders are local volunteers trained by the Ambulance Service to come and help with life-threatening situations until the ambulance arrives. They are particularly vital in areas such as the East Neuk where we are a distance from hospitals. The project is to place a publicly available defibrillator in each East Neuk village. The First Responders would negotiate to buy the defibrillators in bulk to achieve the best price but villages would need to pay for their own. The cost is likely to be around £1200. There is a grant available for each village for this from the Locality Budget of £500 and an additional £300 from Heart Start. So we would need to pay approximately £400. The defibrillator, in a metal case, would need to be located in a public place and would be for use by any member of the public in a life-threatening situation. Some more research needs to be done on insurance implications and possible planning consent but I have been asked to indicate (as we came a little late on the scene) whether we are interested in going ahead with this project. This seems to me to be a project with great potential benefits for a village with a high elderly population and my personal recommendation is that we should continue to pursue this through the East Neuk Forum and the First Responders and that it would be an excellent project for golf club funds.

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Treasurer's Report 30th April 2012

1. Financial Investigation

There has as yet been no response from Santander, other than two letters of apology for the delay.

It is intended to write further to Fife Council, mainly in pursuit of the missing £100, but this has not yet been done.

2. Payments and Receipts since 5th March 2012 (expenses in brackets):

Bank balance at 5 th March 2012	4,831.06
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Secretarial Expenses	(22.29)
FE Grant 2012 – Fife Council	410.00
Grant payment – Games for All	(240.98)

Bank balance at 30 th April 2012	4,977.79
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3. Financial Position at 30th April 2012

Cash, Debtors and Creditors

Bank Balance 30/4/2012	4,977.79
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(Creditors and unrepresented cheque payments)	(158.97)
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Commitments:

<i>Notice Board (provisional sum)</i>	(240.00)
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<i>Kingsbarns Primary School</i>	(500.00)
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Total	<u>4,078.82</u>
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Represented by:

Restricted Funds (Kingsbarns Golf Links)	1,050.78
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Unrestricted Funds	3,028.04
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Total	<u>4,078.82</u>
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4. Grants

We have a request for payment of a further £129.99 for equipment for Games for All (included in creditors above). This will be offered for approval under Any Other Business.

Kingsbarns Parish Church has submitted an application for a grant, from the Kingsbarns Golf Links Fund, of up to £500 towards construction of bookshelves in the Church. The application is attached. Councillors should note that any grant would come from the Kingsbarns Golf Links donation, which is held in trust by the Community Council for the general benefit of the village. The Council decision on the grant should therefore reflect, as far as possible, the Council's assessment of the wishes of the donor. As above, this will be offered for consideration under Any Other Business.

As a reminder, the Community Council may approve a proposal for a financial contribution to Diamond Jubilee activities.

5. Floral Enhancement Activities

The proposal for an Autumn budget (£770) remains outstanding for consideration by the Community Council.

REPORT

5 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

5.1 ST ANDREWS & EAST FIFE LOCAL PLAN

It was noted that Fife Council is currently considering Modifications to this Plan, following its Examination in Public by Scottish Government Reporters. The wording for Kingsbarns has been modified, to acknowledge the decision of the Reporter to grant planning permission for the 40 houses, West of The Square.

- 5.2 TAYplan STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN It should be noted that:
- The examination into unresolved issues raised in representations to the proposed TAYplan has now been completed and a report submitted to Scottish Ministers. This report is available on the website of the Directorate for Planning & Environmental Appeals, dpea.scotland.gov.uk.
 - The small 3 person team, ably led by Pamela Ewan, who prepared the TAYplan has picked up a major planning award from the RTPI.

- 5.3 FIFE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Fife Council has decided to prepare one Local Development Plan covering the whole of Fife, ignoring the fact that two completely separate City Region Structure Plans divide it in two parts.
- With other community councils, KCC was asked to submit a response on “community matters”, by 31 March 2012, to guide the writing of the Issues Report for publication in October 2012. Due to the malfunction of our Secretary’s computer, we did not receive the original letter, dated 27 January 2012, with this request, but only a reminder the week before the deadline. It was agreed that I would respond with a letter in which I:
- Reiterated the KCC view on the preparation of one Local Development Plan to cover the whole of Fife.
 - Reminded Fife Council of Kingsbarns views on the St Andrews & East Fife Local Plan.
 - Reiterated KCC support for TAYplan policies and request for a reduction in the annual house building rate for the St Andrews & East Fife Area.
 - Requested that contact be made when the Issues affecting the East Neuk and Kingsbarns, in particular, are being considered.

- 5.4 11/02799/EIA KENLY WIND TURBINES It should be noted that:
- *Community Benefit* – The planned meeting with the University has yet to take place, due to the difficulty of finding a mutually acceptable date.
 - *Student Questionnaire* – A University student plans to carry out a survey in Boarhills & Kingsbarns on attitudes toward wind farms, which does not have the backing of the community council.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT 30 APRIL 2012

- 5.5 12/00129/EIA WEST COAST ENERGY, LINGO WIND FARM
It was agreed to recommend to KCC, that it object to this application, for 5 wind turbines, 100m to tip of blades, as it is:
- Not in accordance with Fife Council Guidance on Wind Turbines.
 - Not in accordance with relevant Structure Plan Policies...
 - Not in accordance with relevant Local Plan Policies...
- 5.6 12/00420/FULL 3R ENERGY SOLUTIONS LTD., NORTH LAMBIELETHAM FARM, SOUTH OF ST ANDREWS
It was also agreed to recommend to KCC, that it object to this application for the erection of wind turbine (47.1m to blade tip), as it is:
- Not in accordance with Fife Council Guidance on Wind Turbines.
 - Not in accordance with relevant Structure Plan Policies...
 - Not in accordance with relevant Local Plan Policies...
- 5.7 12/00482/FULL BALMONTH, BONERBO & DUMBRACK FARMS, DUNINO, BY ST ANDREWS
This application is for the erection of 3 wind turbines (67m to tip) and has not been discussed by the planning committee, but follows the same pattern, which suggests objection as it is:
- Not in accordance with Fife Council Guidance on Wind Turbines.
 - Not in accordance with relevant Structure Plan Policies...
 - Not in accordance with relevant Local Plan Policies...
- 5.8 12/00550/FULL & 12/00551/LBC – 1 THE SQUARE, KINGSBARNs,
Formation of door and installation of roof window to rear of dwellinghouse.
It was agreed to recommend to KCC, that no objection be raised concerning this application. The Community Council's comments were conveyed to Fife Council and the application approved.
- 5.9 12/00727/FULL & 12/00728/LBC – 5 THE SQUARE, KINGSBARNs
Installation of replacement windows and garage doors.
It was agreed to recommend to KCC, that it raise no objection to this application, provided conditions are attached to ensure that the windows and doors are in keeping with the character of this listed building i.e. similar to the adjoining attached cottage.
- 5.10 12/01146/LBC & 12/1154/FULL – GUYDAWN COTTAGE, LADY WYND, KINGSBARNs, Installation of replacement windows.
These should also be in character with these listed cottages.