

Kingsbarns Community Council
Minutes of meeting held at Kingsbarns Memorial Hall,
Monday 3 September, 2012 at 7 p.m.

In attendance: Kate Holy (Chair); Council members: Calla Cobb, Eileen Brown, Kit McMahon, and Rob Moodie Vice-Chair; Martin Dibbs (Minutes Secretary); seven members of the public. Also in attendance, PC Tracy Elder representing Fife Constabulary. Apologies for absence were received from Alistair Duncan (Treasurer) and Councillors Elizabeth Riches and Donald MacGregor.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

1 Minutes of the Last Meeting

These were accepted; proposed by Eileen Brown and seconded by Calla Cobb. Kate Holy outlined the principal matters arising from the previous minutes:

a) *Diamond Jubilee Tea Party*

This was held on Tuesday 5 June and was open and free to all residents. There was lovely weather and a good turn out with lots of families. A big thank you was given to Eileen Brown who was chief organizer and thanks were given to the many helpers who made the delicious food and helped make the event such a success. A particular thank you was made to Rob and Chris Moodie who, as well as helping with the teas, provided outdoor and indoor games from Games for All which were greatly enjoyed.

b) *Village Notice Board*

This has now been installed on the side of the bus stop outside the church. Keys are held by Kate Holy and Rob Moodie. Although principally for the use of the KCC other village organisations are welcome to ask if there is room for an item of theirs on the board for specific events. The notices are updated regularly.

c) *Community Development Trust (CDT)*

Sue Jenkins and Fiona Buchanan reported on progress on the proposed CDT. Two meetings have been held to date to ascertain public interest. On the advice of Fife Council, a questionnaire designed to determine local need has been prepared and will be distributed to residents soon. A draft constitution is being drawn up in order to properly establish the CDT. Early proposals involve the village shop and post office.

d) *Publicly Accessible Defibrillator*

Kate Holy and Rob Moodie met with Mary Stewart of the Planning Department to assess the most appropriate site for the defibrillator which would also be acceptable to the Planning Department in terms of Kingsbarns being a conservation village. The area outside the shop below the notice board was seen as most suitable. Rob Moodie met with Len Phipps and Gillian Duncan from First Responders and it was agreed that the defibrillator could be sited there and that the First Responders would

pay for any additional electricity. The KCC has asked Brodie Smith, electrician, to estimate the cost of the electrical installation – a power supply for the cooling and heating fan. The First Responders will pay for the rest of the installation. Rob Moodie is preparing a planning application for Fife Council.

2 Chair/Acting Secretary's Report

Kate Holy reported on the following:

a) Beautiful Fife

Judging for Beautiful Fife took place on 20 July. Thanks to Eileen Brown and Sue Jenkins who guided the judges round the village. Results are to be announced on 5 September at a meeting in Glenrothes to be attended by Eileen Brown and Sue Jenkins.

b) Correspondence

Almost all correspondence comes to the KCC by email these days. A number of these are notifications of events which are passed on to relevant organisations, such as the Village SOS Show and a funding event both of which were passed to the CDT. The KCC has been notified of government consultation on the Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill which has been circulated to all CC members and closes on 26 September. Kate Holy received an email from a Local Area Co-ordinator for the Older People Team in Fife who would like to come and deliver a presentation to the KCC on services for older people which she will arrange. Also received was notification from the Scottish Government that a new web portal – tellmeScotland.gov.uk is being used by local councils, including Fife, to display their notices. Kate Holy received an email from Kamil Trzebiatowski who is planning a cycle round Fife to raise funds for Dyslexia Action and celebrate Fife. A copy of his email is on the notice board. He will be in the village on 5 September and is hoping to talk to local residents. Occasional notifications of bus service alterations are received all of which are printed out and put on the notice board.

c) Thanks to Mike Scott-Hayward

It was agreed that KCC record a formal vote of thanks to Mike Scott-Hayward for his services to the village as our local councillor for many years until the last election. This was proposed by Rob Moodie and seconded by Kit McMahan.

d) Extended Working Day: Bin Collections

Kate Holy has received notification from Fife Council that the Bin Collection arrangements are to be changed. Bins will be collected on fewer days and the bins will be collected between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. Specific details are currently unknown but all households will be informed individually of the changes and any change of day.

3 Treasurer's Report

In the treasurer's absence, this was read to the meeting by Kate Holy:

- We have received no claims against any of the approved grants: Kingsbarns Primary School, Kingsbarns Church.
- The grant for the defibrillator (£500) was received on 25 June (to the Santander account, despite the instruction on the application form to pay to RBS!)
- The accounts for the year to 31 March 2012 should be available by the end of September.
- The Treasurer has taken no further action on the final £100 of missing grant money, or with Fife Council on the larger issues related to payments, because of personal pressure of work.
- We have received the Floral Enhancement Grant Monitoring form. This must be returned to Fife Council by 30 November. The 2013 application process will start in late October. [*This has been given to Eileen Brown to complete.*]
- The Treasurer intends shortly to bring forward a proposal to start using Digital and Direct Banking on the new RBS account, based on the attached paper, which is offered as advance notice of the proposal, to be noted by the meeting.

4 Planning Report

Rob Moodie submitted the Planning Report as follows:

(a) Kenly Wind Farm

- On Friday 3 August 2012, representatives of Kingsbarns and Boarhills & Dunino Community Councils met representatives of St Andrews University to discuss Community Benefit, if Planning Permission is granted for the proposed Kenly Wind Farm. On the advice of Fife Council, it is important for the local communities to enter into a Joint Agreement on Community Benefit with the developer, prior to any consent being granted. However, the developer in this case, St Andrews University, is reluctant to enter into any formal agreement, while reiterating its intention of offering in the region of £4000/MW of electricity produced, the equivalent of £1.2m. over the 25 year life of the wind farm. As reported already, Kingsbarns Community Development Trust is being formed, as the organization which could receive and utilize any share of community benefit generated.
- Boarhills & Dunino CC raised other issues on which they wished action. These concerned loss of property value, the University's refusal to release raw data on noise and to test specifically for traces of radiation on site. They have since been in correspondence with the Principal and

the Factor of the University, expressing dissatisfaction with the officers who met us and appeared to be prepared to act on our concerns and then refused to respond.

- It has also emerged that fresh information provided by the University is subject to public comment by 12 September 2012. This has to do with its response to comments from Scottish Natural Heritage, regarding the landscape and visual impact of even reduced height turbines (80m), on the sky line of St Andrews and specific views from The Links. A decision from Fife Council, on the planning application, is expected in the next cycle of meetings.

(b) *Planning Applications*

- **11/03592/FULL** Cambo Farm House Renovations. Amended elevations have been approved.
- **11/04687/FULL** Proposed House, Boghall Farm
This application has been approved, subject to conditions, which include a Legal Agreement that the proposed house is linked to the business and occupied by the operator/manager/employee of the business.
- **12/00482/FULL** Construction of 3 Wind Turbines (67m) at Bonerbo, Dunino. Previously reported as "Withdrawn" it is in fact at Appeal.
- **12/02748/FULL** Construction of 3 Wind Turbines (67m) at Bonerbo, Dunino. This second application, validated on 10 July 2012, is running in tandem with the appeal. Report to NE Fife Area Committee recommended approval.
- **12/02975/FULL** Erection of Wind Turbine (39.65m) at Beley Farm, Dunino, submitted on 24 July 2012. An EIA (environmental impact assessment) has been requested by Fife Council.
- **12/03222/FULL** Extension to existing clubhouse at Kingsbarns Golf Links, submitted on 10 August 2012. It was agreed that this be referred to the KCC Planning Committee for discussion.

(c) *Conservation Village Review*

As a part of a General Review of Conservation Areas, Fife Council is now working on a review of Kingsbarns Conservation Village. A preliminary meeting and walk round the village took place on 9 August.

(d) *The East Neuk Rural Community Brief for an Action Plan*

A group of landowners in the rural East Neuk covering the Estates of Balcarres, Balcaskie, Cambo, Elie, Gilston, Lahill, Kilconquhar and Strathtyrum have formed The East Neuk Group, which has expressed a willingness and desire to work together with Fife Council, the local community and other public and private sector organizations to play its part in assuring the long term continued success of the East Neuk of Fife as an exceptional place to live, visit and work. It was agreed to wait and see what this was about before committing support from KCC.

(e) *450MW Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm Fife*

An application under S.36, Electricity Act 1989 & Part 4 of S20, Marine (Scot) act 2010 for this large scale development offshore from Fifeness at the mouth of the Firth of Forth, has been submitted to Fife Council, registered 30 July, decision expected 27 Aug 2012. The KCC supports moves to request public exhibitions on this application even though it does not come within the planning process.

5 Councillors' Reports

In the absence of our councillors, there were no reports.

6 Community Policing

This item was taken first on the agenda to allow PC Tracy Elder to attend to other duties.

It was agreed that she would investigate the ownership of the pavement/land at the top of Lady Wynd, where a car has been obstructing the pavement for some years, and follow the matter up with Fife Council where necessary.

Volunteers were being vetted for the *Speedwatch* scheme but more were still needed.

It was agreed that PC Elder would liaise with FCC for the provision and siting of a 'No overnight parking' sign in relation to the beach.

7 Any Other Business

a) *Gardening Club*

Eileen Brown thanked everyone who participated in the village clean-up and updated the meeting on the Gardening Club's village plantings for next year. Chair suggested that the Club become a sub-committee of KCC. This proposal will be discussed by the Club and will be discussed at the next KCC.

b) *Cemetery*

Chair reported on the repairs carried out to the grave yard. This took some time but the uneven ground to the right of the new graveyard entrance has now been re-turfed.

c) *Beach Barrier*

The Chair reported that discussions were underway with the Ranger to replace the barrier leading to the beach. Finance had been earmarked for this project.

d) *Fife Safelink*

Margaret Barrons brought the Fife Safelink Green Cross Code to the meeting's attention and suggested that this be the subject of a future meeting. Chair suggested that this might be included in the meeting for older people.

e) *Games for All*

Chris Moodie reminded the meeting that *Games for All* was open to adults between 2pm and 3 pm and children after 3pm.

f) *Weed killing*

Chris Moodie raised the issue of chemical spraying of weeds in the village and how this could damage garden plants. Should this happen it was suggested that house owners should contact the Council

g) *Path in Seagate.*

Sue Jenkins asked the Chair to check the ownership of the passage leading to her garden on Back Stile and KH agreed to do so.

h) *Rights of Way*

Fiona Buchanan asked what had happened to the scheduled visit from the Rights of Way Officer (Scotway) and KH said she would chase this up

8 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed that this would be on Monday November 5, 2012 at 7 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 8.40 p.m.

