

**Kingsbarns Community Council
Minutes of meeting held at Kingsbarns Memorial Hall,
Monday 7 January, 2013 at 7 p.m.**

In attendance: KCC members: Eileen Brown, Calla Cobb, Alistair Duncan (Treasurer), Raymond Hair, Kate Holy (Chair); Kit McMahon, Cate Scott; Martin Dibbs (Minutes Secretary); Councillors John Docherty and Donald Macgregor; seven members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Elizabeth Riches and Rob Moodie (Chair, KCC Planning Committee).

2 Minutes of the Last Meeting

These were approved: proposed by Eileen Brown and seconded by Alistair Duncan. Kate Holy outlined the principal matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

a) Community Development Trust

Sue Jenkins reported that the Community Development Trust (CDT) had now been incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. The next stage was to apply for charitable status. She called for local people to join the trust whose qualifications and skills could be utilised for its benefit.

b) Elderly Forum Executive Meeting

A very interesting meeting was held on Wednesday 14 November. Although there was a small attendance many issues affecting older people were discussed. There was a particular interest in the lack of hospital transport for people without their own cars and Fiona Buchanan offered to look into this from the point of view of possible schemes for the Community Development Trust. Fife Elderly Forum Executive will come to an older person's home and assess whether that person has any financial or social needs and can arrange for these to be met.

c) Rights of Way

Chair met Chris Hobster and her colleague Kate, both volunteers from Scotsways, on Monday 12 November. Kate and Chris explained how other communities had made leaflets containing maps of their local paths and published them on the Scotsway site. This gives some protection against the paths being built over or blocked. Sometimes such a project is done in conjunction with the local school who can map flora etc on local paths. Chair is looking for a volunteer to take on the mapping of the local paths

for Scotways. This is important as only 2 of our local paths are Registered Rights of Way. Chris and Kate have offered to help with this.

d) Gardening Club

There has been no meeting of the Gardening Club since our last KCC meeting so Eileen Brown has not been able to discuss the formation of a Sub-Committee with the members. This will be put on the agenda for March.

e) Path in Seagate

Chair has asked Fife Council to deal with this matter.

f) Fife Planning Committee decision

Councillors Docherty and Macgregor reported on the future shape of planning committees in Fife. Three options were offered: preservation of the status quo, a single Fife-wide committee or three local committees. The latter was chosen on a vote and the councilors undertook to keep KCC informed of any further developments in this matter as necessary.

g) Flooding

Chair replied to Dr Bob McLellan's letter asking for more action to be taken and correcting errors. No further response has been received. Chair also wrote to Roderick Campbell, our MSP and at his request sent him an 18 page documents with copies of all emails since January 2011. He has now written to Dr McLellan on our behalf. Chair has also been in touch with George Duncan (drains) and Alistair Drummond (Technician) in Fife Council. Alistair Drummond wrote to Chair on 7 December saying that he had met with Peter Erskine and Scott Turnbull. In relation to Station Road he was told that the developers would sort out that issue. As far as flooding by the Manse is concerned Peter Erskine told him that he would put a cattle grid above the Manse to catch the water and tie this into the drains at the bottom of the road by the Manse. Peter Erskine also said he would be looking at ways to tie the field drainage into this. This would obviously be good news however promises are not enough. Chair wrote to Alistair Drummond to ask him to get a date for these improvements but has not heard back.

3 Chair/Acting Secretary's Report

Most of the Chair's time has been taken up by the issues in Matters Arising. One other issue is that Chair has continued to attend where possible the East Neuk Community Forum which is currently looking into bringing faster broadband into the East Neuk through an existing grant scheme.

a) Correspondence

There has been very little correspondence other than that covered in Matters Arising. One item is that Chair wrote to Ogilvie Homes who she found were the developers for the Station Road site. She outlined the community's objections and asked for a meeting. The Technical Director, Jim Milne replied and a meeting was arranged for 7 January with Mr Milne, Chair and Chair (Planning). The result of this meeting is reported in the Planning Report below.

4 Treasurer's Report

- a) As a result of an oversight by the Treasurer, the 2013 Floral Enhancement Grant application deadline was missed, and it seems likely that the Community Council will miss out on this support. The Treasurer is trying to ascertain whether supplementary support might still be secured.
- b) The Treasurer apologised to the Community Council and to the community for this error. Nevertheless, the financial position remains reasonably satisfactory, largely because of KCCs success in recovering lost grant payments, and the Community Council should be able to fund Floral Enhancement activity in 2013.
- c) The 2013 Core Grant application (£454.60) was submitted on time.
- d) KCC have received no claims against either of the outstanding approved grants from the Kingsbarns Golf Links donation: Kingsbarns Primary School, Kingsbarns Church.
- e) The current financial position is:

Cash		
Santander		1,207.61
Royal Bank		3,490.98
Total Cash in hand		4,698.95
Less:		
Commitments		
Payments outstanding (allowance)	100.00	
Defibrillator (allowance)	1,100.00	
Kingsbarns Primary School	500.00	
Kingsbarns Church	300.00	
		2,000.00
Net Funds (including small balance of Kingsbarns Golf Links donation)		2,698.95

5 Planning Report

This was read by Chair in the absence of Chair (Planning).

While there has been no need for a meeting of KCC Planning Committee during the past two months, the following was reported:

a) Housing West of the Square

The Chair met with Mr Jim Milne, Technical Director of Ogilvie Homes, who will be developing the field opposite the Square. At the meeting Mr Milne informed her that, in relation to the site opposite the Square, Ogilvie Homes would own the land under the private houses (until they were sold) and Peter Erskine would continue to own the land under the rented houses and the land for the Village Green. He had no idea what eventual plans for the ownership of the Village Green were to be. Ogilvie Homes and Cambo Estate were to be jointly responsible for the infrastructure. Work would start as soon as possible and would initially be on the junction at Station Road/Torrie Wynd. Mr Milne undertook to let Chair know the schedule of works. Final negotiations are taking place between Ogilvie Homes and Fife Council on the finish of the houses. The Chair emphasized that all white houses with pantiles (like Cellardyke) would look terrible and Mr Milne said he would discuss differing finishes with Fife, but the planners had the last say. Ogilvie Homes will be applying for full planning permission on the second site and Mr Milne said that this would be as soon as possible. Mr Milne said that Ogilvie Homes liked to work with the local community and suggested that there would be support available for the local school and organisations.

b) 2 Seagreen Wind Energy Ltd.

At an open meeting held on 19 November, Boarhills & Dunino CC noted that Seagreen Wind Energy Ltd. had:

- "Submitted an application for 2 offshore wind farms, Project Alpha and Project Bravo, off the Angus coast, each with 75 x 230m turbines plus 3 masts.
- Below these, off the Fife coast, they are planning a further 150 turbines.
- They state that their turbines will not be visible from the shore, but, if Bell Rock Lighthouse, at 33m high is visible 12 miles off shore, it is hard to believe that 230m high turbines will not be visible 24 miles off shore."

c) Fife Local Plan, FIFEplan: Main Issues Report

- Fife Council has notified KCC that it shall launch the public consultation on the FIFEplan Main Issues Report on Monday 14 January 2013, which will last for 8 weeks, until Sunday 10 March 2013.
- Drop-in information events are being held during this period, from 3 – 7.30pm at 8 places across Fife. Our nearest are in Cupar, the Training Room, County Buildings, on Wednesday 30 January, and in the Town Hall, St Andrews, on Wednesday 6 February 2013.

- To make comments, it would be helpful in analyzing the results, if these were made online at www.fifedirect.org.uk/fifeplan.
- The Main Issues Report process will include consultation on the Onshore Wind Energy Review, its special strategy, policies and guidance, which is summarized in the Main Issues Report.
- KCC shall consider its views at its next meeting on 7 March.

d) Current Planning Applications

- 12/04879/FULL Installation of Defibrillator & Cabinet at 11-13 Main Street, Kingsbarns. – Due to officer error, this was only registered on 4 December 2012, thus delaying the decision process.
- 12/04298/LBC Listed Building Consent for installation of Defibrillator & Cabinet at 11-13 Main Street, Kingsbarns. – registered on 18 October 2012.

6 Councillors' Report

It was stated that the Kenly Green appeal had gone to the Reporter.

Councillor Macgregor reported that it was hoped to start negotiations on the beach car park with Cambo Estate very soon.

Councillor Docherty reported that he would be starting regular surgeries at Kingsbarns.

Councillor Macgregor agreed to look into the issue raised by Cate Scott of the return of the school bus now from the bus station in St Andrews rather than directly outside Madras College.

7 Community Policing

There were no police officers in attendance although Councillor Macgregor reported that the new community police sergeant - Ian Whittle - was keen to see officers attending all community council meetings.

8 Speed Restriction on A917

An email has been received by Chair from Stuart Goodfellow, Technician Engineer in Fife's Transportation Department noting our objection to the increased speed limit between Falside Smiddy and Hillhead corner. He has looked at the objections and would like to know whether the KCC will withdraw its objection as he considers the speed limit to be the right way of dealing with the two hazards of the sharp bends at Hillhead and Boarhills. The KCC had previously felt that the problem could be dealt with at Hillhead by better signage. Mr Goodfellow states that better signage could be put in place but that he feels the speed limit is still necessary. If we continue our objection the matter will have to go to Committee and Chair has told him that we will discuss this at the meeting tonight and take a decision whether our objection still stands.

Following this discussion, a vote was taken proposed by Eileen Brown and seconded by Calla Cobb in which it was agreed that a short speed limit was KCCs preferred option and that its previous objection would be upheld.

9 Any Other Business

It was agreed that Chair would contact Safelink Fife to order more 'message in a bottle' fridge containers.

Margaret Barrons raised the issue of heavy goods vehicles using Smiddy Burn for access.

The community yoga group begins on 10 January.

Nick Lunan reminded the meeting of KCCs website.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 4 March.

The meeting concluded at 8:33 p.m.