

Kingsbarns Community Council
Minutes of meeting held at Kingsbarns Memorial Hall
Monday 6 May 2013

In attendance: KCC members: Eileen Brown, Calla Cobb, Raymond Hair, Kate Holy (Chair), Cate Scott, Rob Moodie (Vice-Chair), Alasdair Duncan (Treasurer), Kit McMahon; Martin Dibbs (Minutes Secretary); Councillor Donald Macgregor; thirteen members of the public.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors John Docherty and Elizabeth Riches.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting

It was noted that items 9 and 10 in the last minutes should be numbered 8 and 9 respectively. Minutes were approved: proposed by Rob Moodie and seconded by Cate Scott.

a) Community Development Trust

Sue Jenkins reported that a meeting had been held on 27 April to explain progress so far to the village. Approximately 50 people had attended. The CDT had applied for charitable status and was currently awaiting a decision on initial funding from the National Lottery. An AGM is to be held on 8 June in the Memorial Hall. Membership currently stands at 51 and anyone interested should contact Fiona Buchanan directly.

b) Flooding

The field drains by the manse road have now been connected and a sump established. It was now a question of waiting for heavy rainfall to judge the effectiveness of these measures. Chair has made representation to Fife Council regarding the provision of extra drains in Lady Wynd to counteract the threat of flooding. No response has been forthcoming and this matter will be pursued by our local councillors.

c) Defibrillator

This had now been installed and ready for use. A public demonstration offering 'hands on' experience has been arranged for Tuesday 28th May.

d) Potholes

Chair has contacted Jane Findlay at Fife Council who has agreed to schedule repairs.

e) Verge Cutting

Chair has contacted Alasdair Drummond of Fife Council to remove the summer cut.

3 Chair/Acting Secretary's Report

a) 'Village Green'

The Chair reported that Peter Erskine had contacted her to discuss the future ownership of the village green, its maintenance and planting, although both she and Rob Moodie understood that the planning conditions in relation to this needed to be met by Cambo Estate, the current owners. It was however suggested that there should be a meeting between various groups within the village and Peter Erskine, concerning the proposed 'village green' and that an input into the final design by the

residents would be desirable. Chair agreed to contact Peter Erskine regarding this and to report back. Regarding the green's upkeep, Chair stated that if the land was gifted to the community, it would need to be owned by the CDT rather than the Community Council who could not own land.

Susan Forsyth would like to see the current fenced off space in the field used by the school extended to include the land occupied by the derelict sheds. The Chair undertook to pass this view on to Peter Erskine.

b) Correspondence

Fife Council's Emergency Planning Department invited Kingsbarns Community Council to prepare an Emergency Plan for natural disasters, but no one was willing to take on this task.

c) Community Council Vacancies

Chair asked for volunteers for the casual vacancies caused by the resignations of herself, Rob Moodie and Eileen Brown. There was no interest from those attending the meeting. The posts of Chair, Secretary, Vice Chair, Chair of the Planning Committee and the link person between KCC and the Gardening Club will fall vacant after July 1st and would run until the next Community Council elections due in September 2014. The Chair stated that she would re-advertise these vacancies on the village notice board.

d) Gardening Club

Chair proposed a vote of thanks to Eileen Brown who had recently resigned from the Gardening Club and who had been instrumental in brightening the village by arranging for and tending flower tubs, planting trees etc. There will be a meeting of the gardening club to see what relationship it wants in future to have with the Community Council.

4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer apologised for not having a written report. He advised that the independent examiner had signed the 2011-12 accounts, and the 2012-13 accounts would be available shortly. The 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 accounts are Appendices 1 and 2 respectively of these minutes.

The bank balance (Santander and Royal Bank of Scotland) at 31st March 2013 was £3,727.84, and outstanding commitments were £500 to Kingsbarns Primary School and £300 to Kingsbarns Church. With regard to Kingsbarns Primary School, Mr. Duncan undertook to remind the Head Teacher, Mrs. Birtwhistle to use the grant from KCC and Mrs. Susan Forsyth, a parent present at the meeting, said that she would also remind the Head.

The Treasurer advised that the most recent Newsletter from the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland was available, and that the subscription, £20 in 2012, would be due shortly. After a brief discussion it was decided to renew the subscription, but to keep the benefit of this expense under review in future. Kingsbarns Church had written requesting an increase of £200 in the existing approved grant of £300 for bookshelves. The meeting agreed to increase the grant.

Kit McMahon stated that she was now unable to continue to administer book sales for the village history project.

5 Planning Report

a) HOUSING WEST OF SQUARE

Realignment and Widening of Station Road & Torrie Wynd

A site meeting was held on Monday 22 April involving representatives of Ogilvie Homes, Millard Consulting, Kingsbarns Community Council and residents affected by the proposed changes to the junction of Station Road with Main Street, based on a plan prepared the Millard Consulting engineer. The outcome was discussed by the planning committee and it was agreed that Rob Moodie should prepare a draft letter of response from Kingsbarns Community Council, incorporating the concerns of local residents to achieve a satisfactory solution, which would incorporate a turning bay in front of North Quarter House.

Request for Meeting with Fife Council Planners re. Finishes

This meeting should take place soon, as Ogilvie Homes is nearly ready to submit a list and samples of finishes to Fife Council.

b) KENLY & LINGO WIND FARM APPEAL DECISIONS

The decision target dates are as follows: Kenly, 8 May 2013, Lingo, 18 June 2013.

c) PROPOSED REPLACEMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, 'PIPELAND' SITE, ST ANDREWS

Fife Council intends to submit an application for planning permission in principle for this proposal. A Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) has been received by the community council, listing dates and venues for a consultation event. It should be noted that the last two take place on Wednesday 8 May (2-8 p.m.) in St Andrews Town Hall and Thursday 23 May (4-9 p.m.) at Madras College.

d) TAYplan BIG IDEAS & PROJECTS 2013

These are now being invited and are available for viewing on line.

e) CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 13/00655/FULL Upper Kenly Farm – Temporary 50m anemometry mast (renewal of 09/00725/FULL for further 3 years). *KCC raised no objections.*
- 13/00660/PPP 13 Back Stile – Permission in Principle for erection of house in garden ground. *Rob Moodie has reminded Fife Council that it is contrary to local plan policy to consider a PPP application in a conservation area and that KCC has an interest in this application.*
- 13/00661/FULL 3 The Square – Installation of replacement windows. It was noted that KCC had raised no objections.
- 13//00709/LBC 3 The Square – Listed Building Consent for installation of replacement windows. It was noted that KCC had raised no objections.
- 13/00838/FULL The Neuk, Seagate – Single storey flat roofed rear extension. *KCC raised no objections.*
- 13/00966/TCA 7 Smiddy Burn – Reduce height and thin crown of 2 Sycamore Trees. *It had been proposed that KCC raise no objections, but this application has been refused permission by Fife Council.*
- 13/01066/FULL Change of use from stables building to cafe, exhibition, shop & educational facilities, including an extension to the stables, restoration of existing glasshouses and remedial works to existing Coach House, at Stables Cottage, Cambo, Kingsbarns. *This has just been registered.*

6 Beautiful Fife 2013/Gardening Club

It is hoped to appoint a new link person between KCC and the Gardening Club.

With the current uncertainty about the future of the Gardening Club, it was agreed that Chair would submit an application for *Beautiful Fife 2013*. It was agreed that Rob Moodie would chair a meeting regarding gardening in the village to which members of the gardening club and all interested residents would be invited.

7 Councillors' Reports

Cllr Donald Macgregor reported that the subject of school closures is currently at the consultation stage. Locally, it is likely to affect primary schools at Dunino, New Gilston and Rathillet. (See A.O.B. below)

The position regarding the closure of public toilets remains unclear. Community Councils will be consulted before area committees make a final decision. There is also an on-line petition in which members of the public can make their views known.

Cllr Macgregor noted that there had been vociferous opposition in Crail to a proposed development of 66 new houses

8 Community Policing

There was no officer in attendance from Police Scotland and no apology had been received.

9 Any Other Business

a) It was suggested that KCC be consulted on the closure of Dunino Primary School as it could have a knock-on effect for Kingsbarns. Cllr Macgregor agreed to keep KCC informed of developments.

b) Negotiations are continuing between Fife Council and Peter Erskine regarding the beach par park whose lease finishes on 13 December 2013.

c) It was drawn to the attention of the meeting that a lamp standard at the Crail end of the village was at an angle. Cllr Macgregor agreed to follow this up.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 1 July. The meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.

Appendix 1, Accounts: 2011-2012

KINGSBARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Income and Expenditure Account: Year ending 31 March 2012

INCOME		2011-12	2010-11
Book Sales		331.80	60.00
Fife Council Grants	1	1,235.12	250.00
History Project balance transfer	2	434.20	
Special Grants			500.00
Donations	3	3,027.73	
Total Income		<u>5,028.85</u>	<u>810.00</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Plants		603.50	290.73
Bank Charges		10.00	5.00
Secretarial & Councillor Expenses		149.32	56.32
Subscriptions		20.00	
Hall Hire Fees		80.00	209.00
Special purchases	4	1,566.95	
Total Expenditure		<u>2,429.77</u>	<u>561.05</u>
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE		<u>2,599.08</u>	<u>248.95</u>
STATEMENT OF FUNDS			
		2011-12	2010-11
Balance at end of preceding year		1,948.71	1,699.76
Excess income over expenditure		<u>2,599.08</u>	<u>248.95</u>
		<u>4,547.79</u>	<u>1,948.71</u>
Represented by			
Cash in hand			60.00
Alliance and Leicester Current Account		547.79	1,388.71
RBS Current account		4,000.00	
Debtor			500.00
		<u>4,547.79</u>	<u>1,948.71</u>

NOTES

1. Fife Council Grants include £500 Floral Enhancement Grant from an earlier year, omitted from previous accounts and discovered as a result of an investigation into missing receipts.
2. The History project being largely complete, the remaining funds have been returned to the Community Council, who have recorded an agreement to fund future village history activity up to the amount transferred.
3. Donations received comprised the proceeds of a public subscription to defray the cost of obtaining legal opinion on the Station Road housing application and a donation from Kingsbarns Golf Links LLC, to the Community Council to be expended on such village activities and improvements as the Community Council sees fit.
4. Special purchases comprised expenditure from Donations as recorded above.

Date

26/3/2013

A. R. Duncan, Treasurer

I certify that I have examined the accounts of Kingsbarns Community Council. To the best of my knowledge and belief, and in accordance with the information and explanations given to me, the Accounts have been properly prepared from the records of the Community Council and are in agreement with these records.

Date

26 MARCH 2013

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Appendix 2, Accounts: 2012-2013

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Income and Expenditure Account: Year ending 31 March 2013


		2012-13	2011-12
INCOME			
Book Sales			331.80
Fife Council Grants	1	910.00	1,235.12
History Project balance transfer			434.20
Special Grants			2,527.73
Donations			500.00
Total Income		<u>910.00</u>	<u>5,028.85</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Plants		184.71	603.50
Bank Charges			10.00
Secretarial & Councillor Expenses		61.41	169.32
Hall Hire Fees		75.00	80.00
Special purchases	2	1,408.83	1,566.95
Total Expenditure		<u>1,729.95</u>	<u>2,429.77</u>
Income Less Expenditure		<u>(819.95)</u>	<u>2,599.08</u>
Statement of Funds			
		2012-13	2011-12
Balance at end of preceding year		4,547.79	1,948.71
Excess income over expenditure		<u>(819.95)</u>	<u>2,599.08</u>
		<u><u>3,727.84</u></u>	<u><u>4,547.79</u></u>
Represented by			
Santander Current Account		313.86	547.79
RBS Current account		3,413.98	4,000.00
		<u><u>3,727.84</u></u>	<u><u>4,547.79</u></u>

NOTES

1. Fife Council Grants include £500 contribution to the cost of installing a publicly accessible defibrillator in the village. This work had been completed at the date of these accounts.
2. Special purchases comprised expenditure from the Fife Council Defibrillator Grant and the grant from Kingsbarns Golf Links LLC, as noted in the 2012 accounts.

Date

23/5/2013



A. R. Duncan, Treasurer

I certify that I have examined the accounts of Kingsbarns Community Council. To the best of my knowledge and belief, and in accordance with the information and explanations given to me, the Accounts have been properly prepared from the records of the Community Council and are in agreement with these records.



Date

23 MAY 2013

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