

Kingsbarns Community Council
Minutes of meeting held at Kingsbarns Memorial Hall
Monday 1 July 2013

In attendance: KCC members: Calla Cobb, Alistair Duncan (Treasurer), Kate Holy (Chair), Rob Moodie (Vice Chair), Cate Scott; Martin Dibbs (Minutes Secretary); Councillors John Docherty, Donald Macgregor and Elizabeth Riches; nine members of the public.

1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

2 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved: proposed by Rob Moodie, seconded by Cate Scott.

a) Community Development Trust

Sue Jenkins reported that the first stage of lottery grant application had been received and the Trust had been awarded a grant of £9,950 by the Big Lottery Fund's *Investing In Ideas* scheme. This would cover independent consultation regarding the purchase of the village shop/post office and would include a structural survey, valuation of property, valuation of the business, options appraisal and the administrative costs involved. The next stage was to apply for a grant of £50,000 for the business plan followed by the final application for purchasing the property and funds to tide the project over its first five years of trading. The application for charitable status was still pending.

b) Defibrillator

Chair reported that a familiarisation meeting had been held at the Memorial Hall on 28 May when everyone there had a chance to try out the defibrillator with the help of the First Responders. Further training sessions can be arranged for those who missed this opportunity. Rob Moodie has kindly agreed to be the Guardian of the defibrillator while the First Responders will check it monthly.

c) Verge Cutting

The Chair contacted Alistair Drummond of Fife Council who was under the mistaken impression that we wanted the second cut in September cancelled rather than the first cut. He has now agreed to remove the first cut from the schedule for next year, whilst keeping an eye on the height of the verges.

d) Village Green

The Chair, Vice Chair and Susan Forsyth of the Kingsbarns School Board met with Peter Erskine at Cambo Estate to discuss future ownership and maintenance of the Village Green. It was agreed that the design of the village green area and its initial planting and layout would be done by the developers (as according to planning conditions.) Rob Moodie would contact a local qualified resident to see if that person would be interested in being commissioned for the design. It was agreed that, in the design, there would be a strip of land for school use from the electricity substation to the back of the school (fenced off) and that the school should be able to use the grassed area of the village green area e.g. for school sports day and also use the organic garden section. It was agreed that whoever was responsible for the design should hold a public meeting to gain residents' views. It was also agreed that the best way for future maintenance and public liability

cover would be for Fife Council to take over the area and the Chair agreed to contact Fife Council to explore how this could be achieved although Cambo Estate will be responsible for any negotiations with the Council. It was also thought that Kingsbarns Golf Course might be approached for a contribution to the general area once ownership and maintenance is decided. Finally, the Chair had contacted Ogilvie Homes to see whether there is yet any timetable for the development but had received no reply. Peter Erskine thought that it might begin in August and be finished within a year.

e) Gardening Club/Beautiful Fife

Cate Scott reported on a public meeting held on Wednesday 22 May. This meeting was attended by six enthusiastic planters. Following a visual tour of Kingsbarns, it was recognised that more needed to be done to improve the appearance of the village. Four questions were raised and again considered, following the planting of geraniums in the tubs on Sunday 9 June:

1. Will the "Garden Club" continue and be prepared to organize & maintain the planting of trees, shrubs and flowering plants in the village? *It was decided that a Group would continue, but seek a new title and leader.*
2. Should it seek an annual Floral Enhancement Grant? *It was agreed that this was beneficial and would be sought, hopefully with the cooperation of Kingsbarns Community Council.*
3. Should Kingsbarns continue to participate in the Beautiful Fife Campaign? *On balance, it was considered that it was not worth the hassle to continue to participate and there was little that was new to show this year, apart from the trees in Lady Wynd. It has since been agreed that, as the community council has entered the village, someone should meet and accompany the judges at 11.30 a.m. on 19 July.*
4. Given that the large black tubs in The Square and at each end of the village, are on loan from Fife Council, should they be replaced and with what kind of container? *It was decided that as the remote tubs were of limited value and difficult to maintain, they would not be replaced. Priority would be given to replacing the large tubs in The Square. All members were asked to investigate the best on the market. It was, however, recognized that a design should be prepared more in keeping with a rural setting and that tubs and troughs of the preferred size and shape should be purchased.*

With regard to the three trees in Lady Wynd, it was reported that the wrong trees had been planted and would be replaced by five of the species originally ordered. It was, however, too late to return the three trees, as they should have been returned immediately. It was now proposed that they should be transferred during next winter to either the children's playground, where suitable locations can be identified, or, with the agreement of householders, within gardens on Seagate.

Budget and proposals 2013

• 8 Trees @ £30 each	£240
• Compost & other Nutrients	£ 50
• Ties & Stakes	£ 50
• 3 Plant Containers @ £79	£237
+ Carriage	£ 40
• Compost	£ 50
• Planting Back Stile	£100
Total	£767

This budget was supported by the Treasurer.

A discussion followed which indicated a divergence of views in relation to the village's entry to the *Beautiful Fife* competition and strong disagreement from the public over whether the trees should be uprooted and replanted. Chair reminded the meeting that it was KCC which applied to enter competitions organised by Fife Council. It was KCC which was responsible for spending public money to enhance public spaces and therefore accountable for how these funds were spent. Chair therefore recommended that the village enter the competition because, irrespective of whether the village won a prize in the *Beautiful Fife* competition, what was important was that its entry demonstrated how the floral enhancement grant was spent. This was endorsed by Calla Cobb. It was agreed that the current plastic tubs on loan from Fife Council be returned and that the matter of the future of the trees be deferred to the next meeting of KCC.

f) Leaning Lamp Standard in Main Street

Cllr MacGregor to report on this matter.

3 Chair's Report

a) Correspondence

The Chair had received a CD ROM about the wind farms in the North Sea produced by the developer and a notification of the AGM for Citizen Advocacy on 15 July at Cupar. She also reported that public comments were requested on a review of Emergency Medical Services in Fife before the end of July. The KCC's views had been sought concerning the closure of Public Toilets and the Chair had responded robustly condemning any closures.

b) Community Council Vacancies

Rob Moodie and Kate Holy are to retire after the meeting. One person – Huw Lloyd Richards – has agreed to serve on the Community Council filling a 'casual vacancy' and therefore with full voting rights. This was welcomed and agreed by all present. For the time being Alistair Duncan will serve as the contact person for the KCC with Fife Council and as convenor until the offices are filled.

4 Treasurer's Report

There is a £3555 balance at the bank and the 2012-13 accounts have been signed off. It was agreed that £13.50 should be paid to Sybil Davis for expenses occurred for the Village Photograph in March on the field west of the Square, South of Station Road.

5 Planning Report

a) **HOUSING WEST OF SQUARE**

1. Realignment and Widening of Station Road & Torrie Wynd – As it is understood that most local residents are now satisfied that a satisfactory solution has been found and incorporated into the engineering consultant's latest drawing, KCC can now withdraw its objection.

2. Request for Meeting with Fife Council Planners re. Finishes – This meeting not having yet taken place, KCC will require to nominate a new representative to attend at the appropriate time. When arranged, it was agreed that Cate Scott and/or Calla Cobb would attend together with Rob Moodie in a supporting role

b) **MAJOR WIND FARM APPEALS**

- Pending the gathering of further evidence for the following:-

Kenly, PPA-250-2153

Lingo, PPA-250-2157

there is currently no target date for a decision on these appeals.

c) **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 13/01326/FULL – Grain Storage Building, Kilduncan Farm, Kippo, Kingsbarns. *It was agreed that KCC raises no objection.*
- 13/01632/FULL – Extension of time period to application 09/03009/ARC for erection of two houses, including demolition of existing house, 12 Station Road, Kingsbarns. *It was agreed that KCC raises no objection.*
- 13/01778/LBC – Listed Building Consent for installation of replacement rooflight, satellite dish, replacement windows and door, Balmerino, 19 Main Street, Kingsbarns. *It was agreed that Rob Moodie would write to Fife Council regarding this matter.*

6 Councillors' Report

a) Donald Macgregor reported that there had been 493 appeals against the rural bin policy, 179 of which have been successful so far. There is a consultation for closure on Dunino School. If the children come to Kingsbarns there will be more money available for the Kingsbarns School. However, there is no guarantee that should the school close that the children would come to Kingsbarns and it was agreed that we should support the Dunino parents in their fight to retain the school.

b) John Docherty urged residents to take part in the consultation on bus services which is to end on 31st July either by collecting a form from the bus station, by phoning Stagecoach for a form or online. He also encouraged residents to contribute to the Emergency Services Consultation either online or by letter (see 3a).

7 Any Other Business

a) Thanks were given to the Chair, the Vice Chair and the Minutes Secretary for their sterling work over the past three plus years.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 2 September 2013.