

Kingsbarns Community Council

Public Meeting

7pm 3rd November 2014 at the Memorial Hall.

Minutes

1. **Present** : Community Councillors: Huw Lloyd Richards (Chair), Calla Cobb, Alastair Duncan, Shona McIntosh, Jean Bell. Fife Councillors: Donald MacGregor, John Docherty and 15 villagers.
Apologies: Kate Holy and Cllr.Elizabeth Riches
2. **Presentation by Dr Steve Otto and Mr. Neil Simpson on behalf of the R&A.** The R&A propose to bring together the equipment testing centre including a range, the archive and club warehouse in a single new building in Kingsbarns. Report tabled. Two planning applications have been submitted first for the access road and second for the building. The building will back on to Back Stile but access will be by a road off the road to Kingsbarns Golf Club. In answer to questions it was confirmed that
 - a) there will be access for walkers to the woodland area and a flag system will operate when testing is taking place.
 - b) They are aware of the orchids in the area and commit to these being retained, and environmental impact study has been undertaken.
 - c) Badger activity will not be disrupted
 - d) The building will be a mix of timber cladding, smooth render with a sedum roof and the highest point will be 9 metres from ground
 - e) Staff of 11-13 will bring approx 8 cars daily plus some courier vans
 - f) No floodlighting necessary for range and road will have low level lighting bollards
 - g) Major constraint is attaching to the sewage plant which has limited capacity
 - h) R&A hope to put pressure on BT to bring fibre broadband connection before projected date of July 2016
3. **Presentation by Colin Roxburgh of STAR** (Small Town and Rural) working on behalf of ENCAP (East Neuk Community Action Plan Steering Group) which brings together representatives from local landowners, councils and communities. The idea is to help communities put together an action plan based on a vision for the future, and strategy to deliver it which provides a basis to seek funding. The feeling of the meeting was that Kingsbarns already knows what the community wants through previous surveys, Community Council meetings and the work of the Community Trust. It was suggested that the STAR approach was very process orientated and required much local volunteer input yet was insufficiently focussed on outcomes and deliverables from the process. Sue Jenkins of KCTrust will attend the next ENCAP meeting and report back.
4. **Minutes of last meeting:** acceptance proposed by Alastair Duncan and seconded by Shona Mackintosh.
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Landscaping of 'village green'** – no information, the entrance is still not finished and neither is the pavement at the foot of Station Rd (map tabled) – Chair to write to Ogilvie for an update.

b) Rural houses for rent. A meeting was held with Alan Russell senior housing officer for Fife C. Report tabled. Cambo was given grant of £667k of public money for rural housing. Two were assigned as “Shared Equity” but no-one on housing list could afford them. Remaining 10 should be let according to Fife Council ‘housing need’ criteria but Cambo have a ability to vet applicants. Questions asked about whether the lets meet housing need or are they being allocated to people not on the housing list. Alan Russell to provide information on the nominations to these houses. Ogilvie are of the view that the quota of affordable homes for both phases 1 and 2 have already been built so no further allocation for phase 2 awaiting planning permission. It was pointed out that Cambo has had grants from Scottish Housing in the past and have not fulfilled their duties as a landlord in providing suitable heating etc. The Scottish Government Housing Minister is to visit Kingsbarns on the 11th November. Chair to circulate the invitation to community councillors and to write to the housing minister. Kate Holy and Donald Macgregor were thanked for their work on this.

c) Flooding of Lady Wynd: Report tabled. Fife Council has put in three new drains to deal with the consequence of water crossing the road from the field. Kate Holy has written to the Procurator Fiscal who confirmed that if sufficient evidence exists the landowner can be prosecuted for putting water on the road. This is a criminal and not a civil offence. Roderick Campbell MSP is having a meeting with Savills, Cambo’s land agent, to discuss the situation re. the estate’s liability and the tenant farmer

6. **New Community Council:** There were fewer than 8 nominations therefore all were elected, viz: Huw Lloyd Richards, Caroline Cobb, Eileen Brown, Shona Mackintosh, Martin Dibbs and Margaret Harkins. Jean Bell will be coopted at the first meeting since her application was lost in the nomination process. One vacancy remains if anyone wishes to join or has a name to suggest. The first meeting of the new Community Council will be on Friday 14th November at Kirk House at 6pm.
7. **Garden group report:** The group are in process of replacing plastic council planters with wooden half barrels. Two trees have been purchased for Lady Wynd. Looking at providing 2 containers to grow vegetables and aromatic herbs. The village gained a Silver award for 2nd year in a row and judges were impressed by the plans. Restoration of the water pump in the square is being considered and estimate of cost is awaited. The garden group were given a budget of £532 however they have overspent this by £134.00 thinking that they could carry over unspent budget from the year before. The treasurer stated that there is no arrangement for unspent budget to be carried forward but that all expenditure would be covered. The garden group agreed to set out their budget for the year ahead and keep within it. The KCC gets £400 floral enhancement grant so anything over and above this has to come from general funds. The community councillors appreciate what the group has done to improve the village environs and thanked them for their efforts.
8. **Defibrillator:** Jean Bell has agreed to look after the defibrillator which is on the wall outside the shop. Agreement will have to be reached with the new owners of the shop for payment of the electricity used.
9. **Kildinny Yards planning enforcement:** New owners of number 1 are making alterations without planning permission. Paul Denholm, whose mother lives net door, has been in touch with planning enforcement. (Report tabled) The works have caused a number of problem for residents. Donald Macgregor and John Docherty confirmed that they had been in touch with Lyle Smith the planning enforcement

officer about this who confirmed that advice was given that planning permission was required and that work should stop, but work has continued. They will continue to pursue the matter.

10. **Post Office:** the proposal is to run a post office service in the Village Hall on Mondays from 10 -12 and Fridays from 2-4pm. Consultation forms were passed round and the KCC confirmed that they were in favour of the proposed Post Office service.
 11. **Fife Plan:** the plan will be available for the public to view on Thursday 6th November in Cupar from 3 -7pm. Donald Macgregor confirmed that any objections or comments made on the last plan would need to be restated this time around.
 12. **Treasurers report:** The KCC has £3000 in unrestricted funds. Application for the net floral enhancement grant is in hand. The school is still considering the use of the £500 grant they were offered by the KCC.
 13. **Cycle Path:** Chair reported on attending a meeting with Sustrans and other interested parties who plan to establish the route for a cycle path from St Andrews to Kingsbarns.
 14. **Village Meeting of Local Groups:** Chair reported on initial discussions about a possible village event bringing all groups in the village together. No agreement on a budget was agreed and the matter was remitted to the next meeting.
 15. **Date of next public meeting will be Monday 5th January.**
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