

Kingsbarns Community Council
Minutes of meeting held at Kingsbarns Memorial Hall
Monday, 4 January 2016 at 7 p.m.

In attendance – KCC Members: Jean Bell, Eileen Brown (Treasurer), Martin Dibbs (Secretary), Margaret Harkins (Vice-Chair), Dr. Huw Lloyd Richards (Chair), Shona McIntosh; Councillors John Docherty, Donald Macgregor and, Elizabeth Riches; seven members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from KCC member Calla Cobb and Community Police Officer Gillian Tetlow.

2 Community Police Officer

In the absence of Gillian Tetlow, the Secretary said that he would pass on any of the village's concerns to her.

3 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were proposed by Eileen Brown and seconded by Calla Cobb.

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Re-siting the Defibrillator

The Secretary reported that with the planning permission in place, the contractors ready to begin the move, work was due to commence on Friday 8 January.

4.2 Update on Fife Council's Scrutiny Committee

Cllr. Macgregor outlined the reasons why the matter of the sale of the shared equity houses in the development is going before Fife Council's Scrutiny Committee (see KCC minutes *passim*). Matters to be raised by the Committee and the senior housing officers would include the acceptability of the use of Gumtree to find tenants, the working of the Model Allocations Policy and nomination agreement between Cambo Estate and Fife Council. Cllr Riches had requested that Kate Holy, Convenor of the Planning Sub-Committee, appear before the Scrutiny Committee working party to set out the events leading to the sale of these properties. She agreed to do this. (See *minute 4.2, KCC Meeting Monday 2 November 2015.*)

5 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that as of today, KCC's balance at the bank stood at £4,040.

5.1 Grant by KCC to Kingsbarns Primary School

The Treasurer reported that she had visited the school regarding the grant which had been awarded some years ago by KCC for camera equipment and which hadn't yet been taken up. The school now asked whether the grant could be spent on playground equipment (a climbing pyramid and monkey bars). It was agreed to approve this subject to assurances that the equipment was of high quality and safe to use; that the installation be by qualified personnel and would comply with all health and safety regulations and manufacturer's advice

and that it would be supervised when in use. The Secretary agreed to contact the school regarding this.

6 Planning Report

6.1 Crail Airfield (15/03755/FULL)

To date there has been no decision by Fife Planning Department on this application.

6.2 North Quarter Steading (15/01438/PPP)

KCC has made a submission to the Scottish Government (DPEA) regarding this planning appeal. A Reporter has yet to be appointed.

7 Community Transport

Chair reported that he had attended the AGM of Kingsbarns Community Development Trust where the issue of community transport had been raised. After a discussion on what the village's potential needs might be, as a first step Ulrika Weiss, KCDT Publicity Officer, agreed to maintain an informal list of residents prepared to offer lifts to those in need of a lift. Secondly, Chair agreed to survey the village to find out what the potential was for some form of organised community transport facility.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 It was noted that Fiona Buchanan had resigned from KCC as she had now moved away from Kingsbarns.

8.2 The Secretary reported that the Floral Enhancement Grant for 2016-2017 would be £229.

8.3 It was agreed that the Secretary would write to see whether Stephen Gethin, our local MP with an interest in local affairs, would attend a future meeting of KCC.

8.4 It was noted that the situation regarding potholes in the roads in the village had worsened. After a discussion, Chair agreed to photograph the worst examples and forward them to Ross Walker of Fife Council's Transportation Department.

8.5 The issue of removal of part of the village's flood barrier at the entrance to the field at Barnslaw was raised. The Secretary agreed to write to David Brown of Transportation to see whether the barrier could be remade.

8.6 An increase in dog fouling was an issue which many residents were concerned about. It was agreed that the Secretary would contact the Environmental Health Department to arrange for the Dog Warden or other official concerned to attend the next or next possible meeting.

8.7 The issue of an article in *Financial Times* of 31 December 2015 regarding release of land by the aristocracy for the purpose of providing land for housing and featuring Cambo Estate was raised. The article was inaccurate in a number of respects. Convenor of Planning Sub-Committee had written a response to the *FT* on her own behalf to correct these errors. It was agreed that Chair would respond to the article on behalf of KCC.

9 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 7 March 2016 at 7 p.m.