

Kingsbarns Community Council
Minutes of meeting held at Kingsbarns Memorial Hall,
Monday 2 May 2016 at 7 p.m.

Present: KCC members: Jean Bell, Eileen Brown (Treasurer), Calla Cobb, Martin Dibbs (Secretary); Margaret Harkins (Chair), Shona McIntosh; Councillors John Docherty and Donald Macgregor; eight members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7 p.m.

1 Apologies. Apologies for absence were received from KCC member Sue Jenkins, Councillor Elizabeth Riches and Gillian Tetlow (Community Police Officer)

3 Minutes of the Last Meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Eileen Brown and seconded by Calla Cobb.

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Dog fouling

Eileen Brown raised this issue once again and asked whether notices could be provided particularly those highlighting the present fine. Secretary agreed to write to Roddy McCafferty, Fife Council Safer Communities Enforcement Officer regarding this.

5 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that she was still having trouble with the bank regarding change of signatory.

A £100 donation to Fife First Responders had been made in recognition of their work in providing PAD training during March and April.

The Treasurer is still awaiting the annual accounts from our independent auditor.

6 Planning Committee Report

The Convenor of the Planning Committee reported on three planning applications affecting the village:

6.1 PPA 250-2153 Fife Council Ref. 11/02799/AIA)

As residents will know, the University of St Andrews has appealed to the Reporter against Fife Council's decision to refuse them permission to amend Condition 18 of the Planning Permission granted to them by the Reporter. Condition 18, which is one of 40 conditions, states that the University, or their developers, cannot start work on the site until a Radar Mitigation Scheme is agreed with the MoD and approved by Fife Council. The entire planning permission expires on 4 October 2016 and there is no sign that an agreement with the MoD is forthcoming. The University wanted the wording to be changed to allow the University to start work on the site but simply not erect the turbines, i.e. they can be lying on the ground waiting to be put up. This would allow all the work to begin without the permission. We have put in an objection to the Reporter on the grounds that if an agreement with the MoD had not been reached in nearly three years and there is no sign of it that the work should not begin. This is continuing our original objection.

6.2 16/00873/EIA | Installation of underground electricity cable (15.4km), erection of a substation building, transformer and a 2m high fence (associated with Kenly Wind Farm 11/02799/EIA) | Underground Grid Connection Midpoint Lathockar St Andrews Fife

The University has put in an application to object to the installation of the underground electricity cable and erection of a substation at Cameron. Our reason for our objection was that, as the University is unable to proceed with the development at present, unless the Reporter agrees to change Condition 18, it makes no sense to start building substations and upsetting the people of Cameron. If the University is unable to reach an agreement with the MoD the Wind Farm cannot be built so it seems ridiculous to start work until this is settled.

6.3 Alterations to 3rd, 16th and 17th tees and re-location of 3rd green Kingsbarns Golf Links Kingsbarns St Andrews Fife KY16 8QD Ref. No: 16/00770/FULL

Struan Erskine has put in an application on behalf of the Golf Course to relocate three tees and one green on Kingsbarns Golf Course. The effect of this will be to move all these nearer the sea and in fact put them back to where the original plan placed them in the planning application in, I think 1997. The positioning then was objected to by both the Ramblers Association and the Community Council on the grounds it would put walkers along the coastal path and possibly beach users at risk of being hit by golf balls. As a result of this the design was changed to what it is now and it has worked well in the sense that no one has, I think, been injured. We have contacted the Ramblers Association to alert them to the planning application and have also consulted Fife Countryside Trust who are looking into whether they would like to comment. The Planning subcommittee met and our view was that we should consider objecting to this since it is undoing a sensible arrangement that has worked. The Golf Club has indicated in the application that they wish to increase the 'wow' factor in the golf course. Guidance from the Community Council councillors would be appreciated.

6.4 Cambo Estate: Sand Removal, Cambo Sands

Although not a planning matter, this issue was raised at this time. The meeting was informed that Cambo Estate had applied to Marine Scotland for a licence to remove 30 tonnes of sand annually from Cambo Sands and Old Haiks for a period of three years for estate use. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Secretary would write to Marine Scotland regarding whether the amount of sand extracted was ecologically sustainable and how the quantities permitted under the licence would be monitored.

6.5 Listed Wall Rose Cottage: 2, Lady Wynd, Kingsbarns

The Convenor stated that the listed wall remained a subject of anxiety to neighbours and it was agreed that she should continue to monitor the situation and keep Planning and Enforcement informed of any developments.

7 Condition of Roads in Kingsbarns

It was confirmed that the report into the condition of the roads in Kingsbarns, prepared by Huw Lloyd-Richards and Robert Harkins, was with Kevin Smith, Lead Professional, Roads Network Management (North Fife). It was agreed that the Secretary would write to Mr Smith inviting him to address the next or next possible meeting of KCC.

8 Progress with Scrutiny Committee

Cllr Macgregor stated that Alan Paul, Senior Manager (Property Services), Fife Council would be writing the final report in relation to the Scrutiny Committee's findings in relation to the sale of affordable houses on the Village Green Development. KCC would be kept informed of developments. It was hoped that the report could be made available to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman if necessary.

9 Community Transport Survey

Colin Chapman set out the main findings of Kingsbarns' recent community transport survey on people's needs and resources currently available. The report will be published on KCC's website

10 Proposed New Memorial Bench

The Secretary updated the meeting regarding the proposed new memorial bench. Cllr Riches had suggested that KCC submitted the application on behalf of Mrs Janet Morrow. Subject to Mrs Morrow meeting all associated costs, it was agreed that the Secretary would deal with the application.

11 Any Other Business

11.1 The issue of access to Kingsbarns Beach for wheelchair users was raised. It was agreed that Cllr Docherty would consult with Fife Coast and Countryside Trust about this matter.

11.2 Cllr Macgregor reported that the next meeting of the East Neuk Community Forum would be on 16 June at Cameron.

11.3 Cllr Docherty reported that the Scottish Parliament had passed legislation to implement health and social care integration. This came into force on 1 April.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday July 4, 2016 at 7 p.m.