

Kingsbarns Community Council

Minutes of meeting held 8th January 2018 at 7pm Kingsbarns Memorial Hall

Present: Margaret Harkins (Chair), Martin Dibbs (Secretary), Eileen Brown (Treasurer), Sue Jenkins, Ulrike Weiss, Fiona Ramsay, Kate Holy (Minutes Secretary).

Councillors: John Docherty, Linda Holt.

Approximately five members of the public.

1 Apologies: Calla Cobb, Cllr Bill Porteous, Shona McIntosh, PC Gillian Tetlow.

2 Minutes of the Meeting Monday 6th November: These were read and approved.

Proposer: Ulrike Weiss, Seconder Sue Jenkins.

3 Matters Arising:

a) Letter to Steve Lloyd, MD Ogilvie concerning factoring. Martin reported that following his letter to Mr Lloyd, FC had initiated an enforcement and full details of who is responsible for which part of the site has been drawn up, with an accompanying map, which has been passed to Fiona Ramsay on behalf of the residents of the School Park and she will deliver a copy to each door on the estate. Although this does not compensate for the poor factoring so far, at least it means that the residents will know whether to contact Hacking and Paterson or Cambo for repairs in future.

b) Gutter Sweeping, Flashing Speed Sign and Playpark notices. Cllr Docherty has taken these matters up with the relevant departments of FC. Gutter clearers have been seen on the streets. He reported that KCC can apply for flashing speed signs to Traffic Management NE Fife and he hopes that the Playpark signs will be renewed.

4 Treasurer's Report: Eileen Brown reported that KCC had a balance of £1902 in the bank. Two small bills were waiting to be paid.

5 Planning Report:

a) Phase 2 PPA-250-2295 17/00596/FULL Kate Holy reported the decision of the Reporter on Appeal. This was to allow the appeal of the developer against Fife Council and permit the development. There are 19 conditions. The first 16 of these are mainly standard conditions relating to preservation of existing trees, hours of construction work, cleaning of mud on public roads, landscaping etc etc. These conditions are to be fulfilled with the supervision of the local authority and most of us will recall that this did not work that well on Phase 1. The three final conditions are specific to the site. Condition 17 relates to removing the proposed pedestrian access gates directly to plots 1 to 7 in order to cut down the probability of cars parking on Station Road. Condition 18 specifies the redesign of the houses on plots 12 and 14 so that there will be no windows looking out of the potential development site at West Neuk. The new design is to be approved by Fife Council. Condition 19 states: No development shall commence until full details of a scheme for the provision of 2 affordable housing units within the development have been submitted to and approved in writing by the planning authority. The affordable housing shall be provided in accordance with the approved scheme, which shall include details in relation to tenure and the timescale within which it is to be provided.

Reason: To ensure the provision affordable housing in accordance with the provisions of the development plan.

This is obviously a disappointing result for the village. However, the fact that the Reporter put in a condition at West Neuk to redesign the houses indicates that he took Nick's point on this and he also states that he is providing the affordable housing having regard to the submissions from the community council. Our task now will be to ensure that these houses are provided through the help of our local councillors asking for confirmation both that these affordable houses are provided and how this is intended to be done, as well as making sure this is carried out. Kate has sent an email with attachments to all our local councillors outlining what happened to the affordable houses on the first phase of the development and the scrutiny committee's findings. Cllr Docherty, who was our councillor at the time, will also be able to fill in details.

6 Any Other Business:

(a) Mobile Library. This will restart on January 18th.

(b) Name for New Development. Martin reported that KCC has been asked to suggest a new name for the road through the development by FC. Although this will not be started for some time, KCC has only been given 3 weeks to reply so he is to ask for more time for better consultation.

(c) Bus Stop vandalism: Although Martin emailed FC about this in July 2017 and was assured it would be dealt with, nothing has happened. He phoned the relevant department again and has spoken to the same officer who has again said he will pass it to the repairs section in Cupar.

(d) School Patrol Officer. Martin has been told by FC that they are having difficulty recruiting a school patrol officer for Kingsbarns but that the post will definitely be filled. This was met by some scepticism over the amount of effort being put in by FC.

(e) Bottle Bank. There was a question in the meeting as to why there was no bottle bank in Kingsbarns for residents and Kate Holy informed the meeting that there used to be one in Seagate just outside the Playpark but it had been moved because of noise and the fact that the children devised ways of opening it and dropping the bottles on the ground. It was suggested that the rear of the Hall would be a good siting and Sue said she would bring it up at the Hall Committee. Cllr Docherty will find out what size a bottle bank for a small community would be.

(e) Sports Centre St Andrews. The Chair reported that the Sports Centre in St Andrews had been closed for 10 days over the Christmas holidays although other Sports Centres in Fife were only closed for 6 days. Cllr Docherty will look into this.

(f) Potholes. Sue reported bad potholes in Backstile. Residents were all reminded that they could report this to the Pothole Hotline or on fifiedirect.

(g) Crail Post Office. Ian Mayo reported that the Crail Post Office was now closed although new premises are being sought. The meeting agreed that postal services had been very poor this year with letters posted in good time arriving after Christmas. The erratic opening of Kingsbarns Post Office is due to problems that the Post Office is having with its own technology.

7 Date of Next meeting: Monday 5th March 2018, 7pm Kingsbarns Memorial Hall.