

## Kingsbarns Community Council

### Minutes of meeting held 2 July 2018 at 7pm Kingsbarns Memorial Hall

**Present:** Margaret Harkins (Chair), Martin Dibbs (Secretary), Eileen Brown (Treasurer), Fiona Ramsay, Kate Holy (Minutes Secretary) Shona McIntosh, Ulrike Weiss, Calla Cobb.

**Councillors:** Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Linda Holt, Cllr Bill Porteous

**Apologies:** Sue Jenkins

Approximately eleven members of the public attended.

**1 Minutes of the Meeting Monday 7 May:** These were read and approved. Proposer: Eileen Brown, Seconder Fiona Ramsay.

**2 Community Policing Matters:** No members of the Community Police were present.

**3 Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**a) Defibrillator Training:** Attendance at the Defibrillator training was disappointing. Bar two people, only members of the community council attended.

**4 Treasurer's Report:** Eileen Brown presented the annual financial report to the meeting (attached). She announced that she would be retiring as Treasurer and was thanked for her hard work in keeping the Community Council in good financial health for the past six years. Fiona Ramsay was proposed as the new Treasurer by Martin Dibbs and seconded by Kate Holy. Permission was given by the Community Council for the seeking of a new mandate to include Fiona Ramsay's signature and remove Eileen Brown's.

**5 Planning Report: Phase 2:** Kate Holy reported that construction began on Phase 2 on 14<sup>th</sup> May although full confirmation of the condition relating to the affordable houses was not posted on the planning website. We asked that we should be able to see the written agreement between FC and Ogilvie but were refused permission on the grounds of 'commercial confidentiality' which we appealed under the Freedom of Information Act. Willie Rennie, our MSP has also written to ask for this information on our behalf.

We are waiting to hear from the Freedom of Information Section at Fife Council but last week on 26<sup>th</sup> June FC uploaded various emails on to the website which had all been written in May, most of them prior to our enquiry. The most important one is from Ewen Campbell the planning officer which was written to Ogilvie on May 11<sup>th</sup> saying that he regarded the purchases of the affordable houses to have been agreed by Fife Council through emails with the developer and this he regarded as sufficient for acceptance in relation to Condition 19. It is apparently intended that these houses should be completed by the first quarter of 2019.

Regarding the refugees, absolutely no one has come back to us from Fife Council regarding our offer should there be no local interest. Kate Holy and Martin Dibbs met with Stephen Gethins at his request and he has lodged an Early Day Motion in the House of Commons commending KCC on its offer. A copy was given to those attending and is on the noticeboard.

Nick has noticed that the field under development has been squared off and the edge of the field used for storage. This is on prime agricultural land which is not approved for development. The planning sub-committee will need to meet to discuss whether anything else should be done about this.

## 6 Councillors' Reports:

**Cllr Docherty:** Cllr Docherty reported that there was poor disability access to Kingsbarns beach and that the steps need to be repaired. He will have a meeting with Fife Countryside Trust. He also offered to invite Head of Housing John Mills to attend a meeting, although KCC members felt that previous meeting with Mr Mills had not been fruitful.

**Cllr Porteous:** Cllr Porteous reported that he had written to Fife Council about the height of the new houses in Phase 2 and the extension of the boundary but had not received a response. He asked residents to keep an eye out for anyone breaking the law and report it to the police who reply upon information from local people. He also asked where our armistice celebrations were held and should we need any help in this centenary of the First World War, to contact him.

**Cllr Holt:** Cllr Holt asked us to report if any grit bins were removed. She reported that the East Neuk Community Forum has been reorganised and will now be meetings open to the public. The next one is to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> September at the Waid School, Anstruther at 7pm. She reminded the KCC that Community Grants are available from Fife Council, including those for the transfer of community assets.

## 7 Any Other Business:

**(a) Motorhomes at beach car park.** There was a discussion about the number of motorhomes at the beach car park, some of whom stayed overnight. The meeting was reminded that Robbie Blyth from Fife Countryside Trust had addressed KCC recently to explain that the No Overnight Parking sign had no legal status. Shona told the meeting that she had talked to Struan Erskine about the possibility of Cambo having a small caravan park there that would prevent non-authorized motorhomes from using it. The meeting was reminded that Cambo has long wanted to reclaim that car park and move it up the hill which KCC has resisted because of the difficulties for beach access for the elderly, families with small children and the disabled. It was felt that this was a problematic situation which required further discussion and thought for the best way forward. Residents were reminded that any motorhome users committing an offence could, like anyone else, be reported to the police.

**(b)** The question of whether dogs could be banned from certain areas of the beach at certain times of the year was raised but no conclusion was reached.

**(c)** It was reported that the pavement in Back Stile, just before the sharp corner had not been properly reinstated after that section had been dug up to take services across to the R&A Golf Testing Centre and could be unsafe. The Secretary will contact Professor Otto of the R&A in the hope of having this repaired.

## 8 Date of Next meeting: Monday 3 September 2018 7pm Kingsbarns Memorial Hall.