

Kingsbarns Community Council

Minutes of meeting held 3 September 2018 at 7pm Kingsbarns Memorial Hall

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

Councillors: Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Bill Porteous

Apologies: Cllr Linda Holt

Approximately fifteen members of the public attended.

1 Minutes of the Meeting Monday 2 July: These were read and approved. Proposer: Eileen Brown, Seconder Fiona Ramsay.

2 Community Policing Matters:

Community Police Officer Gillian Tetlow reported that there had been 9 calls received from Kingsbarns residents since the last meeting. Some of these related to an abandoned car at an accident site and some reported a shooting incident which was in fact planned pest control. There was one report of a wildlife crime. Eileen Brown asked Gillian about speeding cars in Bells Wynd, which Gillian said she would report to Colin Stirling of Fife Transportation Department. Gillian also reported to the meeting that she had gone to the house of the individual alleged to have behaved badly towards campervan owners at the beach car park, but the person was absent. She will update us on this situation. The person is not a local resident.

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a) Broken pavement: Martin will write again to Steve Otto at the R & A to see what progress has been made. He also reported to the meeting that Professor Otto had informed him of dog walkers crossing the green area during testing of golf balls, to their endangerment, and leaving dog waste on the R & A doorstep. A meeting will take place with Dr Otto and KCC to try and improve matters.

4 Community Council Elections

Residents were reminded that the cut-off date and time for applications for the Community Council to be received by Fife Council is 6th September 2018 by 4pm.

5 Treasurer's Report

Fiona reported that she was now the Treasurer, although there was still a delay with RBS processing the change of signatories. She told the meeting that Janet Murrow, who had placed a bench in The Square with the help of Martin with the planning process had donated £100 to the KCC for flowers in the tubs in the Square.

Current bank balance: £2427.77. Mrs Murrow's £100 needs to be added to that and £30 deducted for an uncashed cheque for hall fees. The projected clear balance is £2497.77.

6 Planning Report: Phase 2

Kate reported that it looked certain now, from the responses to Willie Rennie (our MSP) – though not ourselves – that FC has already allocated the new council houses and that they are not interested to take up our offer to welcome Syrian refugees. They have stated that they would not rule out the settlement of refugees in rural areas however, a local person is currently pursuing a Freedom of Information enquiry about Fife's refugee policy which does not support this. In relation to Phase 2, a sales cabin has sprung up where no planning permission has been given, together with banners (Ogilvie had been told this was

unacceptable) and a generator which is extremely loud and causing a nuisance to residents. There are also advertising signs on many road traffic signs between St Andrews and Crail. Kate and Martin will pursue these particular planning breaches.

7 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Docherty: Cllr Docherty reported on a consultation for Fife Health Board, which finishes on 24th September and urged all residents to give their views. There will be a consultation workshop at St Andrews Tow Hall at 6.45pm on 20th September.

Cllr Porteous: He asked where our armistice celebrations were held and reminded us that should we need any help in this centenary of the end of the First World War, to contact him. He congratulated Community Councillors across North East Fife for their hard work.

8 Any Other Business:

(a) Adopt a Street. FC was asking for community volunteers to help clean up litter and Martin asked any volunteers to contact him.

(b) CC Noticeboard. The noticeboard needs repairs and it was agreed that the Secretary could arrange this and was authorised to pay from KCC funds.

(c) Dip in Main Street. It was reported by Graham Slide that there was a problem in Main Street 10 meters in front of 30mph sign, which a raised section of road caused passing heavy vehicles to shed loads if they could not avoid it. Cllr Docherty said he would look in to this.

(d) Village Pump. The door of this needs re-oiling. Rob Moodie's offer to do this was gratefully received. Any cost will be covered by KCC.

(e) Signage. There was a discussion about the number of signs appearing in the countryside. There were not only a plethora of signs relating to the Village Green but also advertising signs for various businesses including a great many signs for Cambo's café and activities. Martin will write to FC about how they implement their policy of as few signs as possible in rural areas, since it doesn't seem to be working.

(f) Golf course approach: From the floor, Graham Slide reported that Art Dunkley, the owner of Kingsbarns Golf Course, had offered to help to beautify the village. No direct offer from Mr Dunkley had been received. A suggestion that Mr Dunkley should be asked to contribute to the church organ was made. There was some concern over what Mr Dunkley mean by beautifying the village and it was agreed that Martin should email him to seek clarification.

9 Date of Next meeting: Monday 5 November 2018 7pm Kingsbarns Memorial Hall.