

Kingsbarns Community Council

Minutes of meeting held 5th November 2018 at 7pm Kingsbarns Memorial Hall

Present: Margaret Harkins, Martin Dibbs, Eileen Brown, Fiona Ramsay, Kate Holy, Sue Jenkins, Ulrike Weiss, Calla Cobb.

Councillors: Cllr Bill Porteous (**Chair**)

Apologies: Cllr Linda Holt, Shona McIntosh, Community Police Officer Gillian Tetlow. Approximately fifteen members of the public attended.

1 Introduction and Welcome. Cllr Porteous welcomed all to the inaugural meeting of the new KCC formed after the election of September 2018. He sought nominations for officers. The following were elected to office.

Chair: Margaret Harkins. Proposer, Martin Dibbs. Secunder, Calla Cobb
 Vice Chair: Sue Jenkins. Proposer Eileen Brown. Secunder, Martin Dibbs.
 Vice Chair: Ulrike Weiss. Proposer, Sue Jenkins. Secunder Fiona Ramsay.
 Secretary: Martin Dibbs. Proposer, Ulrike Weiss. Secunder, Calla Cobb.
 Treasurer: Fiona Ramsay. Proposer, Martin Dibbs. Secunder, Sue Jenkins.

Margaret Harkins subsequently chaired the meeting.

2 Co-opted member:

Minutes Secretary and Chair of KCC Planning Subcommittee: Kate Holy. Proposer, Eileen Brown. Secunder, Fiona Ramsay.

3 Minutes of the Meeting Monday, 3 September: These were read and approved. Proposer: Eileen Brown, Secunder Sue Jenkins.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

a) Broken pavement: Martin has heard from Steve Otto at the R & A that the pavement will be fixed when they shortly extend their car park. He will also arrange a date for a meeting with Prof Otto.

b) Bells Wynd – Danger to children crossing road to playpark. Eileen Brown reported that nothing had yet been done and Cllr Porteous said he would take this up again with Fife Council.

c) Adopt a Street. Martin reported that this scheme had now been dropped by the Council but that he had some bags, gloves etc in his greenhouse which anyone could use if they wished to clean up their section of street. There was a discussion over whether this affected jobs, but it was felt that there was no FC pavement sweeping or cleaning in the village so this would not affect any jobs.

d) KGL, Art Dunkley offer of money to local projects. Martin reported that he had been in touch with Art Dunkley and he is willing to offer matched funding for village projects. The Church has already been in touch and Fiona reported that the Church had had the same response and were looking into this. As the KCC does not itself raise money (as a statutory organisation) it was agreed that it should write to village organisations and charities that do fund raise to share Mr Dunkley's offer. The Community Development Trust was set up by the KCC to use local funds for the benefit of the village.

5 Treasurer's Report

Fiona reported that she was now a signatory on the account although they have continued to use Eileen's address! She has got this altered. The KCC has a clear balance is £3297.02 of which approximately £380 is money held for the Gardening Group from the Floral Enhancement Grant and the kind donation (£100) from Janet Morrow.

The meeting wished to minute a thanks to the Gardening Group for their work – thank you Gardening Group (Barbara, Sue, Chris, Rob, Margaret Chapman) for making the tubs look so attractive.

6 Planning Report: Phase 2. Kate Holy reported: Residents will be aware that Ogilvie are currently in breach of two (at least) planning regulations. Their sales cabin has been built, not on the area where they gained permission, but next door to Calla Cobb and uses an extremely noisy generator. They have placed a hoarding on the Village Green, again without permission. They put in a planning application for this and were advised by the Planning Department that this was not acceptable. They withdrew the application and put it there anyway. KCC has informed the planning department (and Environmental Health in relation to the generator) of these breaches and they are both with the Enforcement Officer Lyle Smith. He has instructed that the hoarding should be removed. I write frequently about this and am always told that Enforcement is keeping a close eye on it. I feel that this is a good illustration of the way developers are able to completely ignore threats of enforcement because they know very well that Fife Council's enforcement is never taken to the ultimate sanction of prosecution. I would like the agreement of the CC to write to Pam Ewen, Chief Officer, Planning to ask her how the Planning department plan to tackle the problem of rogue developers. This was agreed and Fiona Ramsay, as the School Secretary, commented that the injury suffered by a child on the hoarding could be seen as a Child Protection issue and that this should be passed to the Council. Cllr Porteous mentioned that he had written to Lyle Smith concerning the hoarding.

7 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Porteous: Cllr Porteous reported that he had written to FC concerning the threat to the sycamore tree next to Calla Cobb and the tree now has a notice stating it is not to be removed. He was thanked very much by Calla Cobb. He has written to Alan Bisset at FC about out of use structures at the Playpark but has not heard back and will write again. He also asked residents to keep protesting about the closure of Out of Hours services at St Andrews Hospital.

8 Any Other Business:

(a) Zebra Crossing. Since there have been no applications for the School Patrol Officer post it was asked whether the KCC could investigate the possibility of a zebra crossing, although it has been refused before. Martin will follow this up.

(b) Scam Mail Attention was drawn to a poster in the KCC noticeboard about this from the Post Office.

(c) Signage. No useful responses have yet been received from FC regarding the number of signs proliferating in the village and countryside.

(d) Wine and Cheese It was agreed that we should offer a wine and cheese village party after the next meeting on **7 January 2019 at 7pm at the Memorial Hall.**