

Kingsbarns Community Council

Minutes of meeting held 7th January 2019 at 7pm Kingsbarns Memorial Hall

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

Councillors: Cllr Linda Holt, Cllr John Docherty

Apologies: Cllr Bill Porteous, Shona McIntosh, Community Police Officer Gillian Tetlow, Calla Cobb

Approximately forty members of the public attended.

1 Minutes of the Meeting Monday 3 September: These were read and 3 corrections made:

- 1) Shona McIntosh to be added to apologies
- 2) Cllr Docherty to be added to apologies.
- 3) Para 4 (d) last line, the verb 'set up' to be altered to 'developed'

The minutes were then approved. Proposer: Eileen Brown, Seconder Ulrike Weiss.

2 Professor Steve Otto. Professor Otto is the R & A's Chief Technology Officer and the Director of its Equipment Testing Centre based at Allan Robertson House in Kingsbarns. He assured the meeting that the pavement area on Sea Road affected by an earlier stage of building would be repaired by the contractors who are shortly enlarging the car park. He said that he would be happy to welcome residents to a tour of the facility in the spring and this could be arranged in small groups.

Professor Otto has two difficult issues he currently faces which he would like help with from the residents. The first is that despite some signs, walkers will still cross the land in front of the centre when the testing doors are open indicating that golf balls will be coming out at speeds of more than 200 miles an hour, putting themselves in danger. He is worried about unnecessary signage as the Centre sits in protected woodlands and asked for ideas to prevent this happening. His second issue is with some dog walkers who leave dog dirt either on the green areas or sometimes on the front door of the centre and who allow their dogs to bathe in the little pond which the R & A are trying to cultivate as an ecological area. This year a swimming dog frightened away a duck family who did not return.

There was an interesting public discussion and question session. The tour was thought by many people to be an excellent idea. There was concern that the existing signs about the test doors were not in places where walkers entered the woods and where they were, on the building itself, would not necessarily be seen. This is about the third time Professor Otto has been to a Community

Council meeting and it is clear that many people, not having attended earlier meetings or seen signs, were unaware of danger. Professor Otto will look again at the matter of signage at the entrance to the woodland paths that lead to the Centre, possibly raising a flag at times of danger and it was also suggested to him that an article in the local paper would help to broadcast the issue to non-resident walkers and dog walkers. Finally Professor Otto was asked from the floor to look again at night time blinds on the windows as the light spillage from the Centre continues to annoy nearby residents. Professor Otto said this would cost £8000, but he would look again at this matter. The Chair thanked Professor Otto for his attendance at the meeting and his time in discussing all these matters.

3 Community Policing. No community police were able to attend this evening but residents with any issues could get their contact details from Martin Dibbs, the Secretary.

4 Treasurer's Report

The KCC has a clear balance of £2645.92 of which approximately £433 is money held for the Gardening Group from the Floral Enhancement Grant and the kind donation (£100) of Janet Morrow. Only £17 of this has been spent so far.

5 Planning Report: Phase 2.

Kate Holy has looked up the prices of the houses on the new development. Two of them have been sold off plan so far. For information, the prices are (offers over or from):

4 houses @ £494,000 - 5 bedroomed detached
 1 house @ £448,000 - 5 bedroomed detached
 2 houses @ £389,500 - 4 bedroomed detached
 2 houses @ £327,000 - 3 bedroomed semi-detached
 1 house @ £304,500 - 3 bedroomed bungalow
 1 house @ £289,000 - 3 bedroomed bungalow
 1 house @ £277,500 - 3 bedroomed bungalow
 2 houses @ £267,500 - 3 bedroomed bungalow

The two houses that have been bought by Fife Council are currently listed as Kingdom Housing Association on Ogilvie website. KH wrote to John Mills, Head of Housing when she spotted this today and he has immediately contacted Ogilvie Housing to require them to amend their website. Obviously they feel that the words 'Fife Council Housing' will blight their sales.

6 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Linda Holt has been deeply involved in the Out of Hours campaign group attempting to reverse Fife Health Board's decision to shut the Out of Hours

service in North East Fife, leaving the nearest service in Kirkcaldy. There is a meeting of the campaign group on Wednesday at the Student Union in St Andrews which she urged residents to attend.

Cllr John Docherty endorsed Linda Holt's points on this and also reminded residents of Fife Council's Winter Campaign which maintains 25 large gritters and many smaller ones and small snow ploughs. Should anyone need help or information, the contact phone number for this service is 03451 555555 ext: 859034.

7 Any Other Business:

(a) Minutes: All members of the KCC are reminded that draft minutes are circulated by the Minutes Secretary soon after each meeting. It would be helpful if any amendments to the draft, which are always requested, could be made at this stage rather than wasting the time of the meeting.

(b) Draft NEF Area Community Plan. Sue Jenkins, also KCDT representative as well as Community Councillor informed the meeting that there would be a meeting concerning this at Lower Anstruther Town Hall on 17th January at 6.30. After that, it might be useful for the KCC and KCDT to meet together to discuss any issues and how they should be tackled.

(c) Super Fast Broadband. There are only a limited number of sf broadband lines on offer in the village and if you have not already got 'fibre to the cabinet' faster broadband, you can no longer be offered it because of a lack of connection points. Cllr Docherty will follow this up and report to the next meeting.

(d) Placement of mirror at Kildinny Yards. Would it be possible for a mirror to be placed to show traffic approaching from St Andrews? This is a blind corner for those exiting Kildinny Yards. Cllr Docherty will explore this.

(e) Scaffolding on slide at Playpark. This has now been in place for 4 months with no explanation. Cllr Docherty will pursue.

(f) Village Street Lighting. All present agreed that the 'new' village street lights are so high that they give no light in the street and so white that they prevent sleep in bedrooms affected (which is any 2 storey house. Cllr Holt will inform the KCC Secretary of the name of the relevant Fife Council official to contact with a view to inviting that official to a KCC meeting.

Next meeting Monday March 7th, 7pm Kingsbarns Memorial Hall

A very pleasant cheese and wine party ensued. Many thanks to those who arranged it with particular thanks to Fiona Ramsay for her hard work and excellent choice of food and drink..