

Kingsbarns Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held
on
Monday, 4 March 2019
at

Kingsbarns Memorial Hall, Main Street, Kingsbarns

Present: Margaret Harkins (Chair), Fiona Ramsay (Treasurer), Shona McIntosh, Eileen Brown, Sue Jenkins, Ulrike Weiss,

Councillors: Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Bill Porteous

- 1 **Apologies:** Kate Holy, Martin Dibbs, PC Gillian Tetlow, Cllr Linda Holt
- 2 **Community Policing Matters:** PC Gillian Tetlow was not present. No matters were raised.
- 3 **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were approved. Proposer: Fiona Ramsay, Seconder: Sue Jenkins
- 4 **Matters arising:**
 - (a) **Safety Mirror at Kildinny Yards:** Ian Green of Kildinny Yards reported that he had contacted Fife Council regarding a safety mirror at the exit of Kildinny Yards (see previous minutes 7(d)). 2 Members of Fife Council told him they would take any mirrors down that were placed/erected on the roadside, but that they plan to put traffic calming measures into Kingsbarns which should help the problem.
 - (b) **Play Park Scaffolding:** See 7(e) in previous minutes. Cllr Docherty will follow up on this. A resident reported at the meeting that he had heard all wooden play equipment in Fife has been condemned and that Fife Council has not yet decided what will be done with the equipment. The question was raised as to whether Art Dunkley of Kingsbarns Golf Course could be contacted regarding this. Margaret Harkins advised that KCC cannot contact Art Dunkley to ask for funding for this. Calla Cobb asked if a community group such as Games for All might contact him. Sue Jenkins said the KCDT may contact Art Dunkley.
- 5 **Resignation of Community Councillor Calla Cobb:** Margaret Harkins thanked Calla Cobb for her efforts while serving on the Community Council.
- 6 **Treasurer's Report:** KCC has a clear balance of £2979.67 of which the garden group are allocated £282.07. The CC grant of £484.68 from Fife Council was received on 22nd January 2019.
- 7 **Planning Report:** In the absence of Kate Holy, Margaret Harkins read out the report which Kate had prepared (attached).

- 8 Councillors' Reports:** Cllr Docherty reported that Fife Council is pushing BT for super-fast Broadband for Kingsbarns. He has also spoken to Stephen Gethins about this.

Cllr Porteous asked if the 'mini policemen' outside the school had made any difference. Fiona Ramsay responded to say that they only helped the first day or two then speeding traffic reverted back to normal. He asked if a 20mph could be implemented as a permanent speed limit and how would the villagers feel about this? Everyone was in agreement that a 20 mph limit would be helpful and would like him to look into this. Calla Cobb pointed out that no one currently takes any notice of speed limits and questioned whether it would help the problem. Members of the public suggested a chicane as well as the 20mph speed limits in addition to the 'your speed' signs which have already been promised. Cllr Porteous will look into these requests. Martin Dibbs to write to Stewart Goodfellow to follow up on the traffic calming measures already promised to see when they may be installed.

Cllr Docherty raised the issue of Parking and many people felt there needed to be parking markings in the square and the area in front of the water pump designated as a no-parking zone.

A member of the public asked if KCC can contact PC Tetlow regarding the raceway traffic. It is hoped the traffic calming measures, if put in place, will take care of this issue on Sundays.

Out of Hours: Cllr Porteous asked if anyone had actually been to a KCC meeting to talk about the Out of Hours issue. Margaret Harkins said the dates for visits had passed before the email came. She advised there is a meeting soon in St Andrews with some Community Councils and some student representatives.

Cllr Porteous informed everyone there was a meeting at Bowhouse about 2020 being 'Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters'. He said businesses in the East Neuk may be able to get funding to help promote and enhance attractions.

Cllr Docherty is a trained 'Dementia Friend' and is happy to help if anyone needs advice or to talk.

9 Any other business

9.1 New bin collection dates; the new day of collection is now TUESDAY. Calendar can be downloaded from https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/env_bins/index.cfm (just put in your postcode). A calendar has been put on the CC noticeboard.

9.2 The KCC Noticeboard perspex is damaged and it is difficult to read the notices in there. Margaret Harkins will ask Martin Dibbs to investigate this and what to do about it.

9.3 There were complaints about the lack of brown bin emptying. Margaret Harkins asked if individuals could all email Fife Council about this. The

question was raised by Margaret Harkins about recycling. The new recycling system is very complicated and it seems less and less can be put in the green bins. There is a website called Transcycle which details collection points that can accept a wider range of materials. Sue Jenkins asked if the school could become a Transcycle point. Fiona Ramsay said she would look into this but it is unlikely Fife Council would approve this in a school playground. It was discussed where else in Kingsbarns this could go, along with glass recycling bins. It was reported that the Hall Committee for various reasons did not want a glass recycling facility in the hall car park. Cllr Porteous said there was the same problem in Crail. Fife Council are happy to supply and empty these, but there is nowhere to put one.

9.4 Cllr Porteous advised there is a Radio 4, *Any Questions* meeting on Friday 15th March at Madras College at 6.30pm.

9.5 There is a 'Women & Inclusion in Politics' Celebration Event on Saturday 16th March from noon – 4pm at CISWO, North Street Glenrothes

9.6 A resident asked if the KCC meetings could be better advertised (on facebook and leaflets through doors). Fiona Ramsay said she would put future meetings on the Kingsbarns Community facebook page.

9.7 A resident asked if the damaged kerb at the corner of Back Stile and Main Street could be repaired. Cllr Porteous will investigate this.

9.8 A resident asked the councillors if Leuchars Station carparks could be gritted, as never seem to be gritted in icy weather. Cllr Porteous will check this out.

9.9 Cllr Porteous has asked if we can perhaps liase with Elie & Earlsferry CC to have meetings on different nights as they are always on the same night, so the councillors cannot attend both.

10 **Date and time of next meeting** Monday, 6 May.

Fiona Ramsay
Treasurer
Acting Minutes Secretary

1 Phase 2

The meeting will recall that Kate had reported to John Mills, Head of Housing, that the 2 Fife Council properties were being displayed as Kingdom Housing Association houses on Ogilvie's website. It took several efforts from the Housing Department to get Ogilvie to change this to Fife Council. However, I recently checked Ogilvie's website and it now simply marks these houses as '3 bedroomed house – sold'. This is not untrue, so difficult to complain. At the date of writing this report, only one other house is marked as sold.

2 Other local planning applications

There have been a number of other individual planning applications made, for example outline planning permission (planning permission in principle) for a one storey infill house in a garden in Seagate and extensions and or/dormer windows. It is not the Community Council's practice to comment on individual planning applications unless they affect the Conservation Area regulations or contravene other residents' amenity. If this happens, it would be helpful if those affected contacted the KCC. All neighbours should receive neighbour notification notices from Fife Council Planning Department but we have already reported a lapse in this (with no response from the relevant planning officer).

3 Tree Lopping and Pruning

A local resident reported some tree lopping and pruning within the village and asked whether planning permission had been given. It appears from Fife Council's guidance that not all trees are protected in a Conservation Area, although notification (not necessarily planning permission) 6 weeks ahead must be obtained for all works on trees in a Conservation Area. According to Fife's website there is only one tree with an actual Tree Preservation Order in the village. Whether permission was given 6 weeks ahead or not is unknown. The Secretary wrote to ask but it appears that the Tree Protection Officer is currently away. It is unusual for a tree surgeon to proceed without the correct permissions, so permission may have been given through the six week application.

Kate Holy 26.02.19