

Kingsbarns Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held

on

Monday, 6 May 2019

at

Kingsbarns Memorial Hall, Main Street, Kingsbarns

Present: Margaret Harkins (Chair), Shona McIntosh, Eileen Brown, Sue Jenkins, Ulrike Weiss, Kate Holy (Minutes Secretary), Martin Dibbs (Secretary)

Councillors: Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Bill Porteous

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllr Linda Holt, Fiona Ramsay (Treasurer),
- 2 **Community Policing Matters:** PC Gillian Tetlow has now left her post but her replacement was not present. No matters were raised for the police.
- 3 **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were approved. Proposer: Sue Jenkins, Seconder: Eileen Brown
- 4 **East Neuk Community Emergency Plan.** The Chair introduced Gillian Duncan from the East Neuk Community Emergency Plan. This was set up two years ago to deal with problems like those cause by The Beast from the East. It is now an independently constituted organisation working with Community Councils, First Responders, the RNLI and others to help in any community emergency. Each area has a bespoke plan. A single telephone number will be publicised (not for 999 emergencies) and there will be a response within two hours. Local CCs are advised to monitor problematic situations and only activate the plan if help is really needed. There will be two phone numbers held by the CC and if there is an emergency the CC should also contact Fife Council. The organisation has contact with local farmers too, for example, help clear snow blocked roads and they have some funds secured to keep equipment in local communities. Community Councils will also have an email contact.

Gillian took questions and confirmed that the Plan would certainly be able to help in the situation the village faced a few years ago of a day long power cut. The scheme will be publicised with posters and flyers which the Secretary offered to deliver within the village. The scheme will also advertise missing persons. Gillian was thanked very much for her presentation and KCC is very happy to cooperate in any way possible.
- 5 **Matters arising:**
 - a) Playpark – deferred to Item 6 on the agenda:
- 6 **Treasurer’s Report:** KCC has a clear balance of £2979.67 of which the garden group are allocated £227.88. When uncashed cheques are taken into account there is a balance of £2655 remaining.

7 Planning Report:

Phase 2: Kate, Martin and Margaret had a meeting with Kevin Stewart, Housing Minister at Holyrood arranged by Willie Rennie, our MSP, who also attended along with Alastair Dee, a civil servant concerned with affordable housing.

Willie had arranged the meeting to see if it was possible to ensure that when subsequent houses became available for rent on the RHfR scheme, that they should be let according to the original plan, via the local authority for people in housing need as it was public money that had built them. We felt, as did Willie Rennie, that very little was achieved by the meeting as the minister and civil servant were extremely resistant and defensive. However, the civil servant did agree to write to both the local authority and Cambo to remind them of the terms of agreement of the original grant for the houses and the need for annual monitoring forms to be completed. We were told that a formal nomination agreement was signed between the council and Cambo on 2nd May 2014 which Kate requested a copy of, but has only received an unsigned copy so she will press for the signed one.

There have been two planning applications that the KCC has commented upon after a meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee.

- a) Outline planning permission for two single story houses to be built in the gardens behind the church and pub. KCC has asked for conditions to be imposed relating to the size and design of the houses and tree preservation to be imposed together with a full consideration by Transportation to be made of traffic impact.
- b) A house to be built behind what is currently Calla's house. The KCC has asked for a full fence to be used to screen the house from Torrie House, which is the most affected house by this development.

Rob Moodie gave a small presentation on behalf of the Kirk asking for support from the CC to ask for part of the plot behind the church and pub to be used as a graveyard. Fife Council has been looking for an area to expand the graveyard and the Kirk hoped that this land could be used. He showed a diagram which showed that two houses could still be built. Kate Holy said that at present the CC had been asked to comment on an existing planning application, which had been done, but that she would pass the email address of the owners of the land to Rob, in order that he could contact them directly with his proposal.

- 8 Playpark Equipment** Kate reported that she had been in touch with Alan Bissett in the Parks Department regarding the (now) removal of the climbing frame that had been blocked off for months. Mr Bissett had offered to come and talk to parents and children about what they would like in the playpark to replace it – it had apparently been rotten and unsafe. Kate felt that she was unclear as to whether Fife Council would pay for this but she would contact the school and other parents of small children to see if anyone would like to

come to such a meeting and thereafter arrange it. If the community had to make a contribution, the CC had limited funds and Cllr Docherty also suggested applying to the National Lottery.

9 Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Porteous urged residents to take part in the Scottish government Second Home Consultation which is currently taking place. He also urged residents to support an increase in numbers on scheme for agricultural workers from abroad as many more are needed than suggested so far. He reported that all Fife Councillors had now had dementia-friendly training.

Cllr Docherty agreed in support required for migrant workers. He also stated that he had checked on road safety measures and these will be implemented soon. The Secretary apologised for not contacting Stewart Goodfellow for dates for this. A discussion ensued on whether it might be possible to have a 20 mph limit through the village because of the difficult bends in the road. The Secretary will pursue this and other traffic calming measures.

10 Out of Hours Service Margaret Harkins reported that she had been to meetings where Fife Health and Social Care Managers had seemed more positive about retaining services, however, a decision has again been deferred. She reported that there would be a public meeting on 12th June at the Students Union St Andrews and encouraged everyone to attend. Everything is a total shambles despite the fact that, as Cllr Docherty told us, there are more 90+ years olds in North East Fife than any other area of Scotland

11 Any other business

9.1 There was a question as to whether the pub was still for sale. It was apparently withdrawn over the winter but is now back on sale. The shop is apparently up for sale and the KCDT are looking at ways of purchasing it, although the current terms which indicate leasehold ownership only, would be unsustainable.

9.2 The KCC Noticeboard perspex is damaged and Robert Harkins has kindly offered to repair it and has made a first assessment.

9.3 Ian Smith pointed out that the R and A have still not repaired the pavement where services entered despite their extra car park spaces having been built. Martin will follow this up and Cllr Porteous will contact Fife Council about the state of the footpaths and pavements on Sea Road down to the Beach from the corner of Back Stile and Seagate.

12 Date and time of next meeting Monday 1st July 7pm Kingsbarns Memorial Hall. A summer cheese and wine party will be held for those attending, after the meeting.