

Kingsbarns Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 4 November 2019 at

Kingsbarns Memorial Hall, Main Street, Kingsbarns

Present: Sue Jenkins (Acting Chair), Fiona Ramsay (Treasurer and Acting Minutes Secretary), Eileen Brown, Shona McIntosh, Ulrike Weiss & Ian Mayo

Councillors: Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Bill Porteous

- 1 **Apologies:** Kate Holy, Martin Dibbs, Cllr Linda Holt
- 2 **Community Policing Matters:** Community Police Officers were not present. Please see attached report.

A resident requested the Community Police Officer contact details be put on the KCC website.
- 3 **Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes were approved. Proposer: Eileen Brown, Seconder: Shona McIntosh
- 4 **Matters Arising:** No matters arising
- 5 **Treasurer's Report:** As of 28 October, the KCC has a balance of £5002.46 of which the garden group are allocated £293.47 and the play park is allocated £3167.65. This leaves a balance of £1541.34
- 6 **Planning Report:** There were no new planning matters
- 7 **Play Park Refurbishment Update:** The local community were asked to fundraise £3,125 towards the Playpark. The KCC donated £1,000 of this and within two months the members of the Playpark Group have raised £2,167.65 so in total we have £3,167.25. This total comprises nearly £1,000 raised at our Playpark Fundraising sale held on 28th September at the Hall, which was attended by our MP and MSP, a generous £500 donation from Max and Annette at the pub and many smaller individual donations and sell offs of remaining items at the Hall. Every person, adult and child, in the Playpark Fundraising group has made massive efforts and I have to say it has been a lot of fun.

We did not get our Lottery funding of £6,500 on the grounds that the number of children benefitting would be too small and we are not in an area of multi-deprivation, which you can absolutely understand but is not much help to us. So, I wrote to Art Dunkley, the owner of Kingsbarns Golf Links about our missing £6,500, had a meeting with Chief Executive Alan Hogg at the golf course and they have very kindly pledged a donation of £6,500 to cover the missing grant. I have a letter from them which I have been able to send to Fife Environmental Trust, our large grant funders who are due to meet next week and much prefer it if you have raised some

money to show that you are a worthy cause. Fingers crossed. The final £6,000 of grant application is due to be decided at North East Fife Planning Committee on 4 December and if those all go well we might have our playpark by April. If those don't go well the group has other possible strategies but let's hope they do. I have also had a meeting with Struan Erskine at Cambo and he has very kindly said that he would also like to support the project, which I have very gratefully accepted.

- 8 Kingsbarns Roads:** Concerns were raised about the amount of gravel and mud that was deposited on the road recently. Ian Mayo addressed the CC and residents regarding the mess of the road. The muddy flood was so deep on one occasion that cars could not get through (to the south of Kingsbarns). Ian has investigated the legislation and has discovered it is illegal to leave roads in this condition. Ian contacted Fife Council but had an unsatisfactory response from them. Emails went back and forth however and eventually a van came and removed mud from the drains, which helped the muddy water to soak away. Ian found stones in the road. Police confirmed to Ian they would talk to the local farmers. Ian feels more needs to be done regarding this and had an NFU factsheet (attached) which gives clear guidelines to farmers regarding this mud on the road issue. Cllr Porteous stated that this is a police and local council issue. Ian said he did not feel his complaint was taken seriously when he contacted Fife Council. Sue Jenkins asked Cllr Porteous to take up this complaint. Cllr Porteous agreed to deal with this.

9 Councillors' Reports:

9.1 Cllr Porteous Welcomed the OOHS service being opened again at the Community Hospital in St Andrews. He asked residents who use the service to keep in touch with him regarding the positives and negatives they find if/when using the service.

Regarding the play park, Cllr Porteous congratulated the Community Council and everyone associated with fundraising for the playpark, on the success of raising the funds.

He then mentioned the David Attenborough programme that has been on about the environment and asked the Community Council to consider putting a slot on the agenda for meetings regarding protecting the environment in and around Kingsbarns. In response to this, a resident raised the issue again of glass recycling. He asked if a solution could be looked into for Kingsbarns to have a glass recycling bank.

Rob Moodie mentioned that heating systems need to be updated and that a more eco friendly alternative to oil should be considered. He asked that this be on the KCC agenda for discussion.

Ian Mayo asked if the Community Council should consider declaring a climate emergency. Sue Jenkins suggested there be a climate emergency sub-committee. This received a positive response.

9.2 Cllr Docherty has been appointed 'Fife Centre for Equality Director'.

A resident asked Cllr Docherty about the traffic calming measures that had been promised during this financial year. He said he had organised a 'walkabout' by a

person from the council. He asked if KCC had heard anything. Cllr Docherty will chase up. The kerb at the end of Back Style was discussed again. Cllr Docherty asked people to take photos of road complaints as photos make it a legal complaint.

The issue of campervans was raised again. Cllr Porteous confirmed it is very difficult to enforce 'No Overnight Parking'. He asked all complaints to be minuted in future as it gives the case more substance to have the car park licensed. Struan Erskine said he had done nothing about having the car park licensed as he understood from the previous meeting that the Community Council did not want it licensed.

The issue of campervans in The Square was then brought up. Ian Mayo asked if a sign could be put in the square stating 'No Overnight Parking'. Cllr Docherty will arrange this.

Claire Wright mentioned the red pole in the sea which had an associated sign in the car park stating the danger around the red pole to warn bathers. The sign is no longer there. Claire thought a new sign should be erected. Cllr Porteous will action this.

A resident brought up the potholes in the beach car park and asked if they could be fixed.

- 10 Any Other Business:** Ian Mayo attended a meeting about 'Open Reach Gigabyte Vouchers'. This is an initiative to get better broadband into rural areas. A gigabyte voucher costs £1,500. He is looking more into it. He would like this on the next agenda and will investigate more before the next meeting.
- 11 Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Monday 6 January at 7pm. There will be a speaker from 'Self Directed Support Options Fife' which is an organisation for assisting and support. This meeting will also be a wine and cheese evening.

Fiona Ramsay
Treasurer, Acting Minutes Secretary