

**Kingsbarns Community Council**  
**PUBLIC MEETING – Saturday 24 March 2018**  
**Kingsbarns Memorial Hall 12 noon**

Dear Resident,

I am sure you are all aware that Phase 2 of the development on Station Road was granted on appeal to central government on December 12 2017. As part of the conditions the developer has to provide two affordable houses for rent or as shared equity (Government Help to Buy Scheme). This condition was made because two of the affordable houses on The School Park were sold by the developer on the open market with the agreement of Fife Council Housing Department after it appeared that no local people were interested and after Fife Council stated that it had emailed all 200 people on its waiting list but had no interest. The Community Council complained about this loss of affordable Housing and the matter was referred to Fife's Scrutiny Committee which felt that such a situation should not occur again.

The Community Council has noticed that the first email sent by the developer to Fife Council after the appeal relates to this condition and asks if it, the developer, is unable to sell these houses as affordable or find a housing association to take it on (the developer states the area is too remote for this) then they want to be able to sell the houses on the open market again no longer as affordable, unless Fife Council wish to buy them.

The Community Council feels that there is every danger of these affordable houses being lost to the village and, since on the previous occasion we were told that there is only a limited amount to spend on houses, that Fife might be unlikely to buy them. At the Community Council meeting on 5 March 2018, Kate Holy proposed that KCC should write to Fife Chief Executive reminding him of the events of the previous development, and asking that Fife buy these houses. She also proposed that, should local people not be interested in these houses, that they should be offered to two Syrian refugee families and that the Community Council should ask the Kingsbarns Community Development Trust to raise funds to furnish the houses. KCC felt that we could offer a warm welcome and support to these families. The proposal was supported by the Community Council but it was felt that an Open meeting should be held in order for residents to express their views before an approach was made to Fife Council and the Scottish government and any ensuing publicity. Kingsbarns Community Council therefore cordially invite you to a public meeting to hear the proposal in full, to listen to your views and to see if there is wider support in the village.

Martin Dibbs  
Secretary – Kingsbarns Community Council