

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 29th September 2015 at 7.30pm in Saline Community Centre

Present: David Chisholm, Marie Crane, John Crane, Irene Wardell, Muriel Phillips, Jim Hensman, Donald Murdoch, David Storey, Maureen Storey, Jean Alexander, Beth Shaw, Janet Murdoch, Jim Currie, Dan Peggie, Dave Watling, David Forbes, Scott Ferguson, Jacqueline Ferguson, Dorella Brodie, Bob White, Jacquie Mellon, Cllr Bobby Clelland, Cllr Kate Stewart, Alan Henderson

Apologies: Kay Jackson, Martin Cairns, Jane Shaw, Peter Ball, PC Kirsty Orrock, Morag Aitken, Jean Morris

Declarations of interest: None

1. Chair's introductory remarks: DC welcomed those present. He spoke of the death of Dave Quinney and his many contributions to the community. Those attending Dave's funeral had also noted how many other contributions that he had made. John Crane will be providing an article for the Community Bulletin to give more information on Dave's life

Action: JC

2. Guest Speaker: Alan Henderson attended to give an update on Kingdom Housing Association's proposed social housing off Oakley Road.

KHA has outline consent for 55 homes on the site and had hoped to have full consent by now but changed Scottish Water rules have necessitated changes to the layout. The association has also agreed with Allanwater to share SUDS facilities and pumping station subject to planning permission being granted for both developments. KHA has now submitted applications for full planning permission and to modify conditions attached to the outline consent to change the specification of the path to the play area. This was considered sensible by those present. Once planning permission is confirmed, the association anticipates being on site in April 2016. The original intention had been to develop in two phases but it has now been decided on a single phase being completed by the summer of 2017.

Development will consist of 6x1 bed cottages, 12 x 2 bed cottages, 2 amenity bungalows, 22 x 3 bed houses and 13 x 2 bed houses. 6 homes will let at below market rent, the remainder will be social rent. Allocations will be made according to priorities in the Fife Housing Register. Priority will be given to local applicants meeting these criteria. It was noted that many local people will not have requested a house in Saline as none were available. Cllr Clelland pointed out that the "homeless" priority included couples living with parents. It was therefore agreed that people should be advised of the need to amend applications via the Bulletin and web site

In response to questions about the felling of trees, Mr Henderson indicated that some had been removed as they posed a danger to houses but pointed out that the tree belt belonged to Mr Templeton. KHA would be prepared to plant new trees in the woodland strip but that is dependent on Mr Templeton's agreement.

DC expressed concerns about the decision that affordable homes were not to be provided on the Allanwater site. AH indicated that this had been taken by Fife Council and that KHA were not involved. As the lack of affordable homes was an issue in the

Community Action Plan, it was felt that the community council should investigate other options such as community self-build.

DC asked about the possibility of tender documents require the use of local labour as done elsewhere. Mr Henderson indicated that Champion Homes would be the contractor and, being Dunfermline based, met the local criteria. He also advised that KHA runs a training scheme for unemployed people. It was felt that details should be obtained and publicised

Action: DC/DM

- 3. Guest Speaker:** Jacquie Mellon from Fife Voluntary Action described their work and the help that they can give to local groups. FVA has 2000 groups on its database but is conscious that there are many more. It can help to find volunteers, provide training and work with unemployed in the 16-45 age group. Support is free and the meeting felt that the availability of this help should be publicised.

Action: DM

- 4. Additional items for the Agenda/Order of items:** None.

- 5. Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a correct record. Proposed by Janet Murdoch , seconded by Marie Crane

- 6. Matters arising from the minutes of previous meeting:** Apart from those covered by the agenda.

- a) Wind Turbines: DM advised that he had contacted Fife Council and an Enforcement Officer will be investigating

7. Reports

- a) Secretary:** see attached report

Decisions taken were;

- a) SESplan 2: recommendation agreed
- b) Fife Council Future of Scottish Planning survey: Supported and community to be encouraged to participate
- c) Fife Council LEADER Programme: local groups to be encouraged to be registered on Fife Council database
- d) Solar Farm: Insufficient information at present to permit community council to comment but it is essential that the community is made aware of the proposals. Fife Council to be asked to extend consultation period and article in Bulletin to raise awareness

Action DM

b) Treasurer

MC advised that the balance currently stands at £454.40

c) Councillor Clelland

Cllr Clelland indicated that much of the secretary's report had covered what he intended to cover. He had joined the Longannet Task Force and drew attention to the significant economic significance, not least the number of workers being made redundant and the 187 small Fife companies affected.

He has received complaints about the state of the cemetery access road and some present felt that hedges need trimmed. Others complained of dog fouling and Dorella Brodie agreed to submit an article to the Community Bulletin.

Action: D Brodie

d) Police: PC Orrock submitted an apology but had provided a written report. The speed camera van had been deployed several times in the locality in the last months and parking attendants had been on Oakley Road near the school to deal with inconsiderate parking at drop-off/pick-up times. There had been no serious crimes but PC Orrock asked residents to be vigilant and report suspicious vehicles and individuals in fields and on tracks as there has been occurrences of poaching and "lamping"

8. Main discussion items

- a) Kingdom HA Oakley Road Site: see above
- b) Turbines: see above Lockshaw Moss have still not been removed. Fife Council should be contacted
- c) Saline Playpark Group: After discussion on the need for facilities, it was agreed that investigation should be led by the group. Cllr Clelland indicated that he had advised them of possible funds from the Comrie Colliery Environmental Trust
- d) Flooding Problems: DC advised that he had contacted Scottish Water and advised them of the problem. It appears that Fife Council wishes to discharge the water to a Scottish Water sewer, which is the main reason for the hold up.
- e) Saline Glen: DC advised that SSCDT have appointed Duncan Bryden to carry out the investigation and that he would be consulting within the community
- f) Traffic Speeds/Road Safety: David Storey advised that welcome progress has been made with Fife Council committed to works to alleviate the problem. This was welcomed.
- g) Village Cars/ untaxed vehicles: It was noted that checks on the DVLA database identified a number of untaxed vehicles and that details had been passed to Police

9. AOCB

MC advised the the West Fife Villages Community Councils Forum would now be meeting quarterly and that the new officers were

chair: Donald Campbell (Kincardine)

secretary and treasurer: Robert Thomson (Limekilns and Charlestown)

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 27th October 2015