

## MINUTES OF KINGSWELLS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2008  
**Time:** 8 pm  
**Venue:** Kingswells Community Centre  
**Chair:** Alex Carnie  
**Participants:** David Meiklejohn (Treasurer), Ian Cox (Secretary), Alan Stott, Stan McEwan,  
**Apologies:** David Lawson, Tom Straiton, John Gerrie, Councillor Wendy Stuart, Barrie Buchan (Chair), Meg Sands,  
**Representatives** Lord Provost Peter Stephen,  
**/ Observers:** Elaine Sinclair and David Steele of ACC  
 Reg Geddes of the Police  
 Sally Hind from Evening Express

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>Introduction by Chair</b>  |        |
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| <b>2</b>  | <b>Police Report</b>  |        |
|           | <p>The police report was distributed by email and is available online at <a href="http://kwells.org">http://kwells.org</a></p> <p>Reg the new Kingswells Community Police Officer introduced himself and spent some time chatting with KCC.</p> <p>Reg lives in Kingswells and would like to attend most KCC meetings even if this is in his own time. He has been community 'bobbie' in several other communities. He most recently worked in the control room and looks forward to getting back into the community. He anticipates working in Kingswells for some time to come.</p> <p>KCC criticised the existing police reports as they were too 'clinical' and contained stats and many police terms that were meaningless to the community. Overall the reports were not very informative, and the old style previously used by Richard was considered to be much better.</p> <p>Reg advised that a meeting with trading standards had been setup to discuss the topic of Cold Calling. Reg thought that setting up a No Cold Calling zone covering Kingswells would be impossible to implement, and that setting up signs at the periphery of Kingswells advising that the area was covered by a Cold Calling Watch Zone was a more practical concept.</p> |        |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Attendees and Apologies</b><br>As Above  |        |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Approval of Minutes</b>  |        |
|           | The minutes for previous meeting were approved.   |        |

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| <p><b>5 Questions to the Chair from Public Attendees</b></p>   |                               |
| <p>N/A</p>   |                               |
| <p><b>6 Matters Arising (not covered below)</b></p> <p><b>CCTV:</b> Stan advised that Alastair Henderson of Aberdein Considine may put in additional lighting and CCTV and will share the cost of £600 with the Coop.</p> <p>Stan also outlined the revised CCTV system for the centre and was given approval to proceed with the £3,795 project.</p>  |                               |
| <p><b>7 Elaine's Update</b></p> <p>Elaine introduced David Steele a Learning Development worker who was based at the Beacon.</p> <p>David described his previous role with Highland communities where successful projects were based on the concept of empowering the community to 'help' itself. By taking control of the project from the start a sense of ownership was created. Getting the 'kids' to apply for funding themselves was often more successful than when the applications were completed by adults.</p> <p>The existing and future work with the youth of Kingswells was discussed. A meeting with the P7-S3s has been setup for the 27<sup>th</sup> February.</p> |                               |
| <p><b>8 Councillors</b></p>  |                               |
| <p>Peter confirmed that there were no more proposed changes to the bus system other than those detailed at the public meeting.</p> <p>The facility to transfer between the 14 and 40 services has been setup.</p> <p>The question of the lack of footpath on both sides of Fairley Road was raised as a safety concern. Currently it is necessary to cross Fairley Road twice to access the bus shelter from the north of the village. Stan and Ian to investigate and write to Peter if further assessment is required by ACC.</p>  | <p>Peter<br/>Stan<br/>Ian</p> |
| <p>Peter was asked if the fence currently being build along the Westhill cycle track would obscure the view of the valley. Ian to contact the consultant or Rachel Sharp at ACC to obtain further information.</p>   | <p>Ian</p>                    |
| <p>Peter advised that modifications at Clinterty should be complete by the end of March</p>  |                               |
| <p><b>9 Treasurers Report</b></p>  |                               |
| <p>David advised the balance at the bank was £5,112 and that this included next year's money for community projects.</p>   |                               |

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| <b>10</b> | <b>AOCB</b>   |        |
|           | Ian to invite representatives of the residents associations and either John Low or Neil Skinner from Stewart Milne to the May meeting to discuss maintenance in Kingswells. | Ian    |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Date of Next meeting:</b>  |        |
|           | <b>Next meeting will be on 10th March, 2008 in coffee shop of Kingswells</b>  |        |