

KINGSBARNS LOCAL PLACE PLAN STEERING GROUP: MEETING: 1, 29.09.22

MINUTES

ACTION

Present Frances Andrews, Jean Bell, James Erskine, Sue Jenkins, Sharon Makin, Robert Moodie, Andrew Pates, Fiona Ramsay, James Turnbull.

Introduction 1 Sue Jenkins chaired the meeting (KCC Chair) and reported that everyone on the Steering Group, had been invited to represent each of the main organisations in Kingsbarns. Jean suggested that the Wefare Organisation be invited to send a representative, as they could liaise with the older community in the village. **SJ**

2 Rob was invited to speak to his two Papers, which had been circulated for discussion.

3 It was noted that, following discussion of these papers, a decision would be taken on whether to prepare and submit a Local Place Plan for Kingsbarns, involving full engagement of the community. It was noted that this would require to be submitted to Fife Council by October 2023, to be taken into account in the preparation of the next Fife Development Plan.

Paper 1 SURVEY

PLACE Consideration was given to the boundary of the Local Place Plan Area and it was agreed that the **Community Council boundary** would be adopted. It was also noted that this could be changed if it seemed too restrictive

WORK It was noted that workers in local agriculture could no longer be recruited from Kingsbarns and that workers in Cambo, R&A and the Distillery could not afford housing in the village, which highlighted the need for affordable housing and transport, which could also attract other sources of work to the area.

FOLK It was agreed that information from the 2022 Scottish National Survey was vitally important and that Rob would find out when this would be available. **RM**

Paper 2 ISSUES

CLIMATE It was agreed that in the light of the Community Council Declaration, this was **EMERGENCY** vitally important.

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1.1 Building Insulation

It was agreed that draught proofing doors, windows & letter boxes were very important and could save around 20% of heat loss at a low cost and were more significant than triple glazing. St Andrews Environmental Network could help with information and displays of draughtproofing materials for village households to install. The KCC was in the process of organizing a day on this as before, but with the whole emphasis being on insulation

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Frances highlighted the local problem of getting planning permission for double glazing in listed property. It was noted that planning practice varied across Scotland, and that the Local Place Plan could highlight the need for change of Policy in Fife.

1.2 Power Generation

It was agreed that we should consider what scope there is for a local Power Sustainability Project. Rob reported that he had seen a Village Combined Heat & Power development in Denmark (1980s), fueled by local straw bales. When asked, James Turnbull said that he used all the products from his farm, suggesting that there was not a surplus of straw in the area, although if it

could be demonstrated that there was an income from such a fuel, as straw, this might make a difference.

Wind and Solar Power could be explored on a house by house basis or on a larger scale eg investment in a wind turbine/s to provide electricity to the village.

1.3 Transport

More frequent and cheaper Bus Services were considered and it was agreed that it would probably have to start at Scottish Government Policy level, as in France and Germany. It was, however, agreed that this would make a significant contribution to net zero carbon action.

The proposed Cycle Path between Crail and St Andrews will connect with Kingsbarns and James Erskine is working with the Pathways network on this.

It was agreed that consideration should be given to Electric Car Charge Points in The Square. This had been previously considered by the Community Council, but this might only be acceptable to Fife Council, if they control parking. Other places were suggested such as behind the Memorial Hall.

It was recognised that Back Stile is a dangerous single track road and was not a safe access road to the beach and that an alternative needed to be found, putting an additional car park away from the beach to a position to serve the overflow needs possibly via the access road to the golf course, with a path to the beach. This would need liaison with the Golf Links, Cambo, possibly the Distillery and the Fife Countryside Trust, who have now put in a charging scheme at the beach. Provision at the beach would still have to be made for those who are unable to walk.

It was agreed that a 20mph speed limit and school crossing would improve Road Safety in the village. It was noted that the KCC had already ascertained that funding was in place for this and work on the crossing would proceed as soon as Fife Council had found the safest location.

CONSERVATION The meeting ended before consideration could be given to Conservation
VILLAGE Improvement, apart from two items:
IMPROVEMENT

An update on the proposal to establish a Community Hub at The Inn, reported by Sue. It was noted that, If successful in the purchase, it would include a Shop, Cafe/Restaurant, Bar & Hotel rooms. James Erskine reported that the Cambo Heritage Trust could possibly help with landscape work on the Village Green.

Other Issues to be considered, would include WORK OPPORTUNITIES and EDUCATION.

Next Meeting It was agreed that the next meeting would take place in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on either Thursday 20th or 27th October, to be fixed following joint consultation.

The meeting closed at 9pm.