

Minutes from KCLA Committee Meeting 8th July 2008

Held at - 9 Inchview, Kinghorn

Present: Chris Mitchell (Chair), Julie Farr, Ewen Campbell, Rosalind Ramage, Mick McMillan (Minutes), Richard Brewster

1. Apologies; John Lancaster

2. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting carried forward to next meeting.

3. Matters arising – all on the agenda

4. Stage 2a of Feasibility Study:

Two versions of notes from the meeting between the Feasibility Study Consultants Dualchas and KCC were circulated. It was sadly felt that KCC notes of this meeting expressed certain negativity whereas the Dualchas notes were more balanced. A copy of Duncan Bryden's report will be forwarded to KCC.

Concern and puzzlement was expressed at the extreme interest but lack of understanding shown by KCC and how the Assoc. must act within the Land Reform Act, There were concerns that misinformation is still being circulated among the Community by certain members of KCC.

Dualchas are next to meet with local landowners.

5. Stage 2b

Common Good Fund;

These have been successfully applied for and funds will be released by Fife Council in line with grant conditions set out in Council's letter of 20th May.

Burntisland Development Trust;

This group at its June meeting has suddenly committed all of its remaining funds, some £450k of the £1m originally granted by Alcan. No further applications will be received and the outstanding KCLA application, with BDT since mid-2007 will not be honoured beyond the initial £3,000 for consultation work it had finally approved in March.

National Lottery funding is still to be applied for and this should be progressed ASAP. The deadline for applications to GCA is the 1st of August. CM to consult Andrew Bauer. **MM to assist CM.**

6. Ecology Centre and K1 and K2

The offer of land to Kinghorn Community via the KCLA and the Ecology Centre, by Kinghorn Developments Trust (KDT) does not come under the legal obligations of the Land Reform Act and so some extra expenditure (e.g.

valuation) will be incurred in this more complex situation. Detailed estimates needed.

Grant applications should be copied to the Treasurer for record keeping.

Community Ballot

Although strictly not necessary, it was very strongly felt that a Ballot of the people of Kinghorn Community would do much to confirm support before the purchase of land presently being offered by KDT. The timing of this Ballot will depend on many factors, but it is hoped that it will be carried out as soon as is practicable. The Ecology Centre has expressed their wish that Community ownership of the land, with a secure long-term tenancy, would be greatly preferable to them.

7. Mediation offer

This kind offer did not look as if it would be successful

8. Follow up from Richard Frew meeting.

CM to forward correspondence to Directors

9. Consultations, communications and website.

a. Consultations:

Susan Muir, responsible for the National Standards for Community Engagement at Fife Council has completed her review of the Committee's activities on behalf of Fife Council and has concluded that our consultative methods are inclusive and "very good". Further efforts were thought necessary to involve even wider sections of the Community. **MM to follow up.** A social event inviting representatives of the wider Community could be organised, maybe with Fife Council assistance.

b. Communications:

RB was finalising an official complaint about an elected representative. Need to consider use of language about KCLA within broader communications strategy and help from KCLA member who has offered support.

c. Website:

JL not present but certain aspects of the website need to be updated. He relies on our vigilance to update – so tell him!

10. Members

Committee membership: invite Elspeth Killin to next meeting; other possibles to be identified by ALL

It was felt that an advertisement inviting members of the Community to become more involved could usefully be displayed at the Post Office. MM to draft for colleagues to consider.

Community Centre Accounts

These have now been resolved to everyone's complete satisfaction.

AOCB

It was felt that it could be useful to have a Fife-wide forum of Land Associations and Trusts. CM to suggest to Fife Rural Partnership.

Membership application forms – CM to circulate paper and e-versions

CM to respond positively to Comrie suggestion of discussions.

Write to Golf and Bowling Clubs re. the apparent review by Fife Council of sports land holdings. CM

MM to approach Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne re. mutual interests. Asked by JF, EC (Treasurer) said that updates on finances should be more regular now that the bank account is all organised.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday 14th August 2008 at the Sailing Club