

Kinghorn Community Land Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
7.30, Thursday 14 August 2008
Sailing Club

Present: Chris Mitchell (Chair), Richard Brewster (Secretary), John Lancaster, Rosalind Ramage, Elspeth Killin

Apologies: Ewen Campbell, Julie Farr, Mick McMillan

Minutes: Two sets missing for previous meetings – RB and JL to try to locate. Minutes for 8 July meeting to be finalised/confirmed – MM/CM. RR asked to take minutes for next 6 months. RB to confirm distribution list.

Matters arising: Notes of meeting between KCC and Dualchas (Duncan Bryden) – copy of his report forwarded to KCC for comparison. A further meeting between them had been arranged. Also, meeting arranged between Steve Westbrook and KLUG.

Stage 2a Feasibility planning and funding: CM to prepare official letter of appointment for Dualchas for Stage 2a. Meanwhile, Steve pressing on. Reported a good meeting with Kinghorn Developments (Alan Farningham) – willing to sell K1 to KCLA/Ecology Centre, K2 to Council/KCLA. More discussions with landowners lined up, also meeting with Bereavement Services. (NB 2nd technical report recd – okay given for conventional/ woodland burials – but funding for capital projects is tight; priority given to short-term-future cemeteries – Kinghorn 4th in list [8 yrs] – so maybe happy for KCLA to take on. Exact legal position? Previously Richard Frew advised that a Council CPO would be an ‘exempt transfer’, overriding community right to buy.)

Report on Stage 2a will be completed in two weeks, in time for September meeting of Burntisland Development Trust (£3,000 promised from them for Stage 2a subject to receipt of report). CM to prepare letter for BDT.

Stage 2b: Now should be split in two parts – (i) opportunity to buy K1 and part K2 (1 major project) – lease arrangements; practicalities of helping EC and protecting community interests; and (ii) broad f/s for 17.5 plots – business development; financial strategy; based on 4/5 big projects. CM talked to Andrew Bauer (Lottery Reg Adviser for Community Land Unit) – advised against application for tech assistance grant. Instead two more modest applications to ‘Investing in Ideas’ to be prepared, based on drafts already done.

Ecology Centre and K1, K2: Copies circulated of JF’s ‘Anticipated timetable for EC new build’. Very helpful. Subject to consideration of our grant applications. Concern expressed – why has Council dropped ‘open space’ designation for K1? More info needed. Steve’s report will aid KCLA when speaking to EC re land. Discussion of ballot/funding carried over.

Request from DTA: Agreed that CM or JF (if free/willing) should accept invitation to give half-hour presentation at DTA event in Grantown-on-Spey on 23 Sept. Expenses plus fee of £200 offered – welcome income for KCLA.

Communications, consultations, website: More publicity needed – new Update – esp re proposed ballot. RM to draft. Communications strategy needed for whole process in conjunction with EC. Member with marketing experience to be approached for help by JL. Once Steve's report received (see above), plan for more consultations/communications – plan to include consultations re specific projects (what should these be?); K1/K2; site of EC; access/footpaths, etc. RB to circulate to Board copy of letter from Council re satisfaction with KCLA's consultations to date.

JL must be kept informed so that KCLA website can be regularly updated. RB reported that letter of complaint had been sent off to Standards Commission, Fife Council and Labour Party. Two letters confirming receipt received. RB to circulate to Board final version of letter.

Correspondence from DTA: speaker agreed (see above); invitation to AGM/Conference in Leeds – no; Climate Challenge Fund info – no immediate action but worth thinking about in future. No other correspondence.

Members: Elspeth Killin was warmly welcomed to the meeting. Not put off by her first taste of proceedings, she confirmed her willingness to join the Board. One letter of resignation had been received but this was in doubt. CM to follow up. No new applications received.

AOCB: CM reported that the Treasurer (EC) was applying to the Co-op Bank for telephone banking facilities. In accordance with the copy of the regulations he had provided, it was duly resolved that the Board agrees to the use of the Co-op Bank, Customer Services, subject to the terms and conditions on the registration form and the terms and conditions in the main business account relating to the use of the service. It was noted that in all other respects KCLA's mandate with the Bank remains unaffected.

Dates of future meetings: Thursday 4 September confirmed.

A change of day thereafter was proposed – TBC after everyone consulted. AGM date – RM to check.