

Kinghorn Loch - Community Ownership Key Facts

SHOULD THE KINGHORN COMMUNITY SEEK OWNERSHIP OF THE LOCHSIDE?

In June over 600 people signed the petition to accompany the application to the Scottish Executive to register an interest in the Right to Buy 18 separate land holdings around Kinghorn Loch. **Thanks to you all.** Rhona Brankin, the Minister, will make her decision on each Registration by late December. Watch out for more news!

KEY FACTS ABOUT THIS PROCESS

Registration gives Kinghorn people first refusal when land comes on the market.

Right to Buy only applies if and when a willing landowner chooses to sell.

An independent valuer ensures a fair market price for the seller.

The Land Reform Act, which gives communities a Right to Buy, is not about compulsory purchase or forced sales.

Kinghorn will face more development pressure. Registration gives Kinghorn people influence to secure the future that the community wants for this land.

You will have a vote in a community ballot before any purchase takes place.

KCLA would apply for the bulk of the costs to the Lottery 'Growing Community Assets Fund', created to 'fund local communities to buy land and buildings that will help them become stronger and more sustainable'.

We have done much consultation and we believe over 600 people understood and signed the petition with its clear map. We will consult a lot more.

KCLA has merely started a process. The proposals in the application are sound but not set in stone. They could change during the detailed business, land management and financial planning we will do next to realise the community's wishes over time.

Consultation is central to the next stage and we have asked the Community Council to work with us to ensure everyone in Kinghorn can take part.

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

Join us at the open meeting at 7.30pm, Thurs. 14th Dec. Kinghorn Community Centre.

If you can't make it contact the Community Council to express your views.

Tell Marilyn Livingstone, your local MSP that you support the application by KCLA on behalf of Kinghorn community and ask her to emphasise this to the Scottish Executive.

Email her at Marilyn.Livingstone.msp@scottish.parliament.uk or write to her at The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP, as a matter of urgency.

Join KCLA – membership is free; go to the public meeting; take part in discussions, find out more about your Land Association and the Land Reform Act on www.kcla.org.uk.

Please show your support. We will gladly answer any questions at the open meeting.

Remember, registration now lets Kinghorn people through the door to influence what happens to land put up for sale in future. Without registration, the Kinghorn community will be shut out from those decisions and in a much weaker position to safeguard a sustainable future for the Loch area.

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