

Kinghorn Community Land Association 2005

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Register of Community Interest in Land (RCIL):

In June over 600 people, some 25% of the Kinghorn electorate (and well over double the 10% required), 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 the Loch. **Thanks to you all.** The application was submitted at the end of October and all 18 items are now listed on the Scottish Register of Community Interests. See <http://rcil.ros.gov.uk>

Before submitting the application, KCLA wrote to landowners, assuring them that the community wishes only to buy from a **willing** seller at a **time of their own choosing** and at a **fair market** price set by an independent valuer. Likewise, Kinghorn residents will at such time be able to choose, by public ballot, if they wish KCLA to buy a specific plot.

We await the formal decision of Ministers on each of the 18 applications, which should be made known to us by late December. Watch out for more news!

Key points about registering an interest in land at Kinghorn Loch:

1. Registration gives Kinghorn people first refusal when land comes on the market.
2. This only applies if a landowner **chooses** to sell. Make no mistake, as some appear to believe, the Land Reform Act, which gives communities a Right to Buy, is **not** about compulsory purchase or forced sales.
3. Kinghorn will face more development pressure. Registration gives Kinghorn people influence to secure the future the community wants for this land.
4. A formal community ballot is required before any and every purchase.
5. 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'.
6. We are starting a process. The plans are sound but not set in stone. We are starting detailed business, land management and financial planning to realise the community's vision over time. Consultation is central to that. We seek a partnership with others. We welcome the wish of the Chair of the Community Council to develop a spirit of partnership in such consultations.

You can read an outline of our plans and a summary of all our consultations in 'the Big Picture' available on the above website or from the Association.

Fund-raising:

Board member Clare Brown's fiendish anagram quiz was won by Mrs Jean Drummond. In total £135 was raised from the quiz and the children's bean-bag game at KCLA's stand at the Ecology Centre's Summer Festival. Many thanks to Clare and to all who took part.

New website: www.kcla.org.uk – enjoy – and soon be informed too!

Greetings cards: sets of four blank (all-occasion) greetings cards, showing beautiful views of/around the Loch, will shortly be available in time for Christmas. Tullis Russell Ltd has kindly donated the paper. To see and/or order the cards, please phone John Lancaster, 890027. Prices are: £1 each or £3 for four.

Join KCLA: Membership is **free**, it helps everyone to keep in touch and it shows your support for KCLA's work on behalf of the Kinghorn community. Application forms are at the Community Centre, Library, Co-op and McWhinnie's.