

## **MEETING OF KINGSEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

**PRESENT:** Forbes Stuart, Norman Woolley, Margaret Hall, Les Smith, Janet Reid and at the end of the meeting Cllr Pryde ( initially at another meeting )

**APOLOGIES:** Sheila Colville, Cllr Barrera

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None

**COMMUNITY POLICE:** Unable to attend but a written statement read – 4 crimes in Kingseat in month of August.

**FINANCE:** Discussion took place concerning the £500 due to be used for gymnastic equipment, but as the classes are no longer taking place it was decided to distribute it to the remaining groups – Certain Age Club, Bloom in Kingseat and the Community Garden.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**PLAYPARK** – Despite our concerns it would appear that there is little more we can do, other than wait and see if the improved drainage of the burn would solve the problem. The expectation was that the grating would be cleared regularly.

It was felt appropriate that as the meeting with Kevin O’Hare failed to take place, that the existing Community Council members should seek our Cllrs to arrange a further meeting to look at how the £45000 community gain was going to be spent on upgrading the park. ( GP / AB)

**COMMUNITY CENTRE UPGRADE** – Again despite the wishes of the community ( in the Community Action Plan Booklet) it is evident that Fife Council have no intention of spending further money on the Community Centre.

**LOCHWOOD PARK SIGN** – Still no sign of this being erected. Cllrs to be asked to take further action.

**CHURCH STREET PARKING** – Clear that no further parking spaces are to be made available. Concern was expressed over the parking of a caravan on the street and previously in the parking area at the park. Cllrs and Police to be asked if this is appropriate.

**BIN AREA AT TAYLOR WIMPEY SITE** – Still no evidence of the development of a safe bin area at Colin Smith Way. Cllrs to be asked to clarify the hold up.

**KASH** – This organisation no longer active. Their funds have been transferred to Kingseat Centre Ltd to upgrade the kitchen in the old Bowling Club.

**RAILWAY CROSSING** – Again the poor organisation of the meeting to discuss this issue was raised. Although all agreed it was unlikely that villagers’ views would change anything, it was felt that Fife Council should be asked to organise a further meeting.

**NATIONAL PRIDE** – Norman gave an update of the situation and we await the formal plans for the area.

**LASSODIE DRAINS** – Still no action to clear them. Cllrs to be asked to deal with.

**AOCB:**

**COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST** – It was agreed to support this organisation by writing to our MSP and to Joe Fitzpatrick, Minister for Local Government Empowerment and Planning – using the template letter – to object to the cut in their funding.

**RAISED GARDEN BED AT BOWLING CLUB PARK AREA** – Spiky plants have been replaced by Fife Council but not weeded, so agreed to fund 3 bags of bark chips to suppress weeds. ( FS )

**OVERGROWTH** – Concern about the overgrowth of bushes from Whitefield Road to Kingseat on the first hill causing traffic to move to centre of road. Also overgrowth on cycle/walkway. Cllrs to be asked to see if cutting back can be done.

**PRINTER** – Agreed to donate to local groups to allow distribution of information to the village

**DEFIBRILLATOR** – Ask Fife Council to take over ownership and upkeep

**LEGAL ADVICE** – Cllr Pryde asked to see if the Community Council could get legal advice about how to change the trusteeship of the Community Garden ( members of Community Council at moment )

**CLOSING REMARKS** – The chair thanked all the members of the Community Council for their invaluable input over the years and the Cllrs for their support. The chair was also thanked and members of the community offered thanks to all committee member. Disappointment at the lack of volunteers to continue the Community Council was expressed. It was noted that communication with Fife Council had been more difficult since Covid and there seemed little interest in the needs of small villages.

**List of actions required:**

Meeting re upgrade of park ( Cllrs – was passed on to Gordon Pryde )

Lochwood Park Sign - Cllrs

Bin area at Taylor Wimpey - Cllrs

Legal advice re trusteeship- Cllr Pryde

Deal with overgrowth of bushes on road and cycle path - Cllrs

Check if could keep Community Council Account open with ?£10.00 just in case a further Community Council comes along – due to the difficulty of setting up accounts. Cllr Pryde

Caravan – Cllrs and Police

Defibrillator - Cllrs