

Kingseat Community Council
Newsletter November/ December 2020

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KINGSEAT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Community Council has continued to meet monthly during this difficult time but all meetings have been online. If there are any problems or issues that affect the village and you wish us to look into then please speak to any member of the Community Council or email to our website using the guest page, or peter_colville@hotmail.com (Sheila the CC secretary). Remember all our names and telephone numbers are on the website and the notice board at the Community Centre, and in these unusual times, particularly with winter coming our Winterwatch helping hands are available. Do keep an eye on your neighbours and stay safe.

On behalf of the Community Council can I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hopefully a much better new year. Please stay safe and follow the rules. Remember FACTS.

FREW PLACE AND CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

The raised beds for children are now complete and the community bed is almost ready. The polytunnel has been constructed. Work has been done on clearing the site and some of the 420 trees have been planted – the rest will be planted by March. A big thank you to all those who turned up to move soil and hardcore and for all the continued work taking place. Look at the notice board for further details and dates. Remember to remain safe by keeping social distancing measures when you come round to work or visit.

The children's raised beds will not be used until next year but there is an opportunity to get involved by entering our competition to design the sides of the raised beds. They are roughly 8' by 4' and there are 3 of them – come round and see. To enter the competition, design all 4 sides and put it on an A4 sheet of paper with your name and address and age and hand it in to Forbes Stuart at 23 Keirsbeath Court by February 28th 2021. There will be 3 prizes – under age 7's, 7-12yrs and 12-16yrs. Use your imagination – the theme is **Our Environment**. We will endeavor to get the raised bed painted to your design.

KINGSEAT CHURCH

The minister and congregation would like to wish all the residents a Merry Christmas. Due to the Coronavirus there will not be a Christmas Eve service in Kingseat Church this year.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

We are hoping that Fife Council will manage to put an outside power point at the Community Centre. If not, we will have to use our solar lights on the Christmas tree again!! If you can help with putting up the tree at 9am and lights at 11am on 12th December, get in touch with Janet Reid, Carol-Ann Fraser or Les Smith.

CERTAIN AGE CLUB

Usually the Community Council holds an afternoon tea for this group but clearly this may be difficult. If the rules change and the Community Centre opens, we will ensure that we hold a safe afternoon tea but as a fall back we will arrange to deliver afternoon tea to you at your doorstep on **Wednesday 17th February 2021**. This will be an entirely safe process. If you fall into the group of 'old' retired individuals and would be interested in this, please fill in the slip at the bottom of the page and return to Sheila Colville at 91 Main Street or by emailing her at peter_colville@hotmail.uk by January 17th. There will be a reminder in the next newsletter. **(This is the only way of being sure that you get your afternoon tea)**

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Certain Age Club Afternoon Tea

Name

Address

No. of residents in household wanting afternoon tea ()

Email address if possible

Return this slip to 91 Main Street, Kingseat

HELP MAKE KINGSEAT AMENITIES SOCIAL HUB HAPPEN

In 2019 people in Kingseat voted overwhelmingly for the old Bowling Club to be transformed into a Social Hub. Since then a lot of work has been taking place behind the scenes: a company has been set up, some funding for refurbishment has been secured and we have been working with Fife Council to secure a lease on the building.

While the Council is minded to grant a lease, it has expressed two concerns. Firstly, can interest in the Social Hub be maintained to fund activities long term and secondly, does a village the size of Kingseat need two community facilities? Remember we already have the community centre. Life in Kingseat has changed hugely since the idea of a Social Hub was first explored. The Coronavirus Pandemic has shown up the need within the village for a place where we can come together, meet each other and gain that much valued sense of community.

Kingseat has great community spirit. Look at all the fantastic things that have happened over the past eight months: the Rainbow Fairy and the Marvel characters that brought so much joy during Lockdown, the Community Council's transformation of Frew Place and Bloom in Kingseat, which has lightened all our hearts with its wonderful flower displays. One thing that has been missed though is a shop and the idea of starting the Social Hub with a community shop and café has been suggested as a first step in opening up the building. This would immediately address Fife Council's concerns and give us an opportunity to prove the Kingseat community's commitment to the Social Hub. We would love to hear your thoughts about this proposal. Would you use a community shop? What would it sell? Will you come for a coffee in the café?

Before any of this can happen however, we need people to help us to realise this great idea. People who can volunteer their time to help us with the following:

- Volunteer to be part of a strong managing committee
- Volunteer to fundraising for better refurbishment of the building
- Volunteer to oversee the refurbishment itself
- Volunteer to help run the café and help develop social activities

We need to prove to the Council that Kingseat community wants a Social Hub and will go on using it for the foreseeable future. Please consider getting involved, if you have the time and capacity contact josie.crockett@me.com without delay!

KINGSEAT KIDZ KLUB

Unfortunately, due to Coronavirus, all plans we had for events and fundraising have had to be cancelled.

However, the good news is that Santa Claus is a keyworker, so he will still be able to visit Kingseat! He will be coming round the village on Sunday 20th December around 2pm. As social distancing must be followed, no children will be allowed in or near the sleigh but may still take photos from a distance.

We have also had a Christmas Tree donated to the village by the lovely people of Casa Mia Restaurant. It would be fantastic if children, big and small could make decorations to put on the tree. There are no rules so please let your imaginations go wild and let's make it magical!

The adults in the group have decided that the Christmas parties will not be able to go ahead. We would still like to distribute a gift to all village children. We need your help for this. If you have children under nursery age, children who do not attend Townhill Nursery or Primary school, do not attend Queen Anne High School or have left but are still under 18 can you please email or text me asap.

Finally, we are also hoping to set up an online fundraising page. This is solely to try and support us for future events as we are unable to carry the donation buckets.

Please if you haven't already, join the Kingseat Community Page on Facebook. This is where the route for Santa and all other things will be updated frequently.

Thank you for all your support and on behalf of all the adults in the kidz klub group, have a lovely Christmas!

Carol-Ann 07786817762 cfraser28@sky.com

POSTMAN

As Alan is sadly moving on and especially after everything he kindly does for us all could everyone take 2 mins to fill this in please?

<https://www.notonthestreet.com/campaign/thank-your-postie>

Please Note. Josie's email address on the Newsletters delivered to the village is wrong. The correct one is above.