

Kingseat Community Council

Newsletter September 2023

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Open meeting at the Community Centre at 7pm on Monday 18th September 2023

Kingseat Community Council – This will be the last meeting of this Community Council. We are grateful for all the support over the years and for all the work of the local groups. Thank you to all the volunteers. The more people that get involved the better for all in the community.

Certain Age Club – Meets on the third Wednesday of the month – the first meeting is on **20th September** in the Community Centre from 2pm and will take the form of afternoon tea. There will be no speaker on that occasion but some speakers have been arranged for future months. On Wednesday **18th October** we plan to visit the Poppy Factory in Edinburgh. The bus is booked for 12noon and we will return to afternoon tea in Kingseat. There will be a cost of £5.00 per person. Numbers are limited to 34 so book your place on 20th September. Join us for tea/coffee and a chat - donation of £1.00 to costs.

Coffee and Cake – Wednesdays 2 – 3pm: 13th Sept; 11th Oct; 8th Nov; 13th Dec. Kingseat Church. Pop in for a hot drink, a sweet treat & a blether. No charge, donations are always very welcome.

Hobbies and Crafts – Mondays 2 – 4pm: 11th & 25th Sept; 9th & 23rd Oct; 13th & 27th Nov; 11th Dec. 2 – 4pm Kingseat Church Hall. Come along and enjoy your crafting, a chat and a cup of tea.

Bloom in Kingseat - The floral displays in the Village have given us all a great deal of pleasure this summer. The volunteers, who give up their free time to maintain and water them are to be congratulated for all their hard work. The coffee afternoon to raise funds for next year's displays will be held on **Saturday 11th November** in the Community Centre 1 – 3pm. Ticket price: Adults £2, children 50p, under '5s' free. There will be home baking for sale and a tombola stall. Please hand in any donations for the tombola to 91 Main Street by Saturday 28th October.

Frew Place Community Garden -

We are now in the middle of our growing season.

The shop is doing well. We take on average £40 on a weekend and we are most grateful for your support.

The weather has taken a toll on the garden, we are trying to keep on top of it but we could do with some help - general tidying, weeding etc . No big commitment, just some of your time would help us a lot. We have ideas for the coming year after the growing season. We will keep you up to speed on this in the near future.

Some of the equipment that was donated is now beginning to show wear and will need replacing.

The Bowling Club –
richard@fairburn.co.uk

Charity status has now been secured and therefore the process of applying for grant support to install a new sustainable heating system in the building has started. Over the next few months, working with Fife college, some repairs and reconfiguration of the toilets to incorporate a disabled toilet will take place. Once this work has been completed, we will then be in a position to start to use the building and invite individuals and groups who are interested in working with us to contact us with their plans.

National Pride – Much is taking place on the Loch Fitty/St Ninian's site subject to weather conditions. The old fishery car park has been exposed, dead trees removed and resurfaced with over 100 tonnes of pea gravel in a mixture of Olivine, an atmospheric carbon dioxide absorbing mineral discovered on the St Ninians site. In the area of the fishery the fish tanks have been removed including the concrete bases, and the whole area tidied up. The broken jetties/pontoons have been removed from the water and redundant Trout cages removed from around the causeway. Further redundant Trout cages have been identified along the northern shoreline and will also be disposed of.

Approximately 50 tyres were removed from the loch water which will be repurposed as planters around the fishery car park area boundary. Because of the increased guest numbers to St Ninians, quotes are being sought for catering and comfort facilities in the vicinity of the old fishery as a request has been made by paddle/sail boarders, runners and a local 'Wild Water Swimming Club' to use the loch.

The fishery car park will not be available for use by the public until the Council confirms that the current exit onto the B912 is deemed suitable. If the exit requires signage and /or alteration etc, this will be subject to agreement with the Council Planning Officers and the work undertaken accordingly.

Blooms of blue/green algae have been reported on the loch water in August. Information signs have been erected by the Council and St Ninians site security warning of the potential danger to human health. Dogs are particularly vulnerable to blue / green algae and may lead to death if ingested.

Reports of fly-tipping at the B914 layby have been promptly actioned by the Fife Council disposal team to remove items from the verge line. In addition, warning signs against such anti-social behaviour have been erected by the Council. The owners of St Ninians and the Council will work closely to keep the area tidy with the St Ninians team clearing the undergrowth from around the lay-by. A total of 18 bags of bottles / cans and other fly tipped items have been removed so far. This area will be cleared further and will be closely monitored by the site security team to deter further fly-tipping incidents.

A provisional Masterplan plan has been submitted to Fife Council for comment who, in turn, have provided guidance to the Developers on the strict parameters and requirements necessary to progress towards a Planning in Principle application in 2024. Extensive survey work will need to be undertaken in the interim by the Developer's team in support of the application. It is likely to be early next year before a full plan of the site development is available for Public Consultation