

Catterline, Kinneff and Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 24 February 2009

Attendees & Apologies

Present: C Cllrs S Hall (sec), I Duncan (chair), J Marshall, E Arter, B Dargie, A Watt, J Carr
Attending : Cllr G Carr, D Evans, L Robertson, E Watt, L Fraser, C Franklin
Apologies : C Cllr A Masson and E Wyness. Cllrs Graeme Clark and W Agnew

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting were read. They were approved by J Marshall and B Dargie.

Matters Arising

- Eeva-Kaisa Arter asked if the Planning Group was "Catterline Only". Stephen Hall stated that that was certainly how the meeting developed, but it was regrettable that there was no involvement from Kinneff, Braehead, Barras, Mill of Uras, etc. David Evans stated that his understanding was that other groups would be set up to cover these areas. It was then decided, since the LDP is already an agenda item, that this discussion be continued later in the meeting.

Financial Matters

After the area topup grant of £100 and a returned cheque from last year, the total available for Community Project Grants is £520. This was divided up between the various applicants as follows;

- Kinneff School - £50
- Catterline School - £50
- Gardening Club - £50
- Kinneff Hall - £250
- Lunch Club - £50
- Catterline Harbour Trust - £50
- "Burns in the Mearns" - £30

Dunnottar Woods

Nothing to report

Planning Applications				
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<u>Ref</u>	<u>Date Valid</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
APP/2009/0111	30/01/2009	Land West of Mains of Hilton Catterline Stonehaven AB39 2UN	Pending	Erection of Dwellinghouse
APP/2009/0251	30/01/2009	Kinneff Stores and Post Office 7 Fawsyde Cottages Kinneff Inverbervie DD10 0TF	Pending	Partial Change of Use from Class 1 (Shop) to Class 9 (Housing)
APP/2009/0346	10/02/2009	Braehead Farm Stonehaven AB39 3XJ	Pending	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
Building Warrants				
<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date Valid</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
BA/2009/0604	23/02/2009	6 Trelong Row Catterline Stonehaven AB39 2UF	Pending	Amendment to Building Warrant Ref No BW/2006/5241 - Internal Layout Alterations
BW/2009/0522	16/02/2009	18 Braehead Crescent Stonehaven AB39 2PS	Pending	Conservatory installation to property rear
<p>Commenting on application APP/2009/0111, Stephen Hall stated that it was important that any new building should be in keeping with neighbouring buildings. Cllr George Carr said that it was important to pass such comments on to the planning department so they could be discussed when applications are determined. It was agreed to write to the planning department to express this view.</p>				

Local Development Plan
<p>David Evans outlined the working group meeting held on 2nd February 2009 (minutes attached). It was noted that there was no representation from Braehead.</p> <p>Eeva-Kaisa Arter added that there seemed to be overwhelming opposition in Kinneff to developments near the village. She asked for clarification on the overall number of houses to be allocated to the area in the Structure Plan and the proportion of affordable housing.</p>

Roads
<p>Bill Dargie commented that the quality of the patching work being carried out at present is very poor, with most of the potholes reappearing only days after they have been "repaired". George Carr said that more money in the budget had been allocated to road repairs.</p> <p>Current pothole list;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● East of East Mains of Barras ● Near Ferniebrae ● Catterline village patched, but failing again already at junction with Trelong Row ● Braidon Cottages to Bellfield

Any Other Business

Catterline Play Park

John Carr asked why, given that at the last meeting we had decided to put up our own sign asking dog owners to refrain from exercising dogs in Catterline Play Park, the council had erected a sign that starts with the sentence “Dog owners are most welcome to exercise their dogs in this park”.

George Carr stated that unfortunately this was the only sign that the Council Dog Warden had available. He added that dog owners are required to keep their dogs under control and in their immediate vicinity, and have no right to block access to the park or allow their dogs to run freely. He pointed out that, although CKDCC cannot create new bylaws, they could erect a “coutersy” sign.

Stephen Hall suggested that a way forward would be for the Community Council to remove and return the existing sign and replace it with a sign requesting dog owners to refrain from exercising their dogs in Catterline Play Park. This was agreed – John Carr to take forward.

Renewable Power Generation

Lynne Fraser gave a brief outline of a plan to set up a community based project to generate renewable energy.

Catterline and Kinneff Schools

Stephen Hall asked about recent press reports that Catterline and Kinneff schools were considered “beyond economic repair” by the council. He asked for an assurance that neither of these excellent schools would be earmarked for closure. Lesley Robertson added that this had also been discussed at a recent meeting of the Catterline School Parent Group, and that the reason the schools had been downgraded was because of the portacabins. George Carr said there were no plans to close either school, but emphasised the need for a healthy school roll to ensure the schools' survival.

AGM

Stephen Hall reminded everyone that next month's meeting would be followed by the AGM. Cllrs A Watt, A Masson and B Dargie are at the end of their three year term, so their seats are due for election. The Community Council was also reminded that, as intimated at the previous meeting, Stephen Hall and Ian Duncan would not be seeking re-election as office bearers, so candidates for the roles of Secretary and Chairperson would be required.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 31 March 2009, followed immediately by the AGM.