

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 27th March 2012

Attendees and Apologies

Present: John Carr , Andrew Chedburn, Tim Crabb, Bill Dargie (chair), Jim Marshall, Phil Murray, Andrew Watt, Aileen Swarbrick (acting secretary)

Attending: Cllr George Carr, PC Alan Paxton

Apologies: Karen Hales, Ann Masson, Eeva-Kaisa Arter

Police Report

PC Alan Paxton attended the first part of the meeting to give a report on recent police activity in the area.

The current crime level is very low, nothing is happening locally. Operation Zenith is ongoing, monitoring motorcyclists for speed and roadworthiness of motorcycles.

Another operation has commenced to monitor youth activity, in particular anti-social behaviour. More uniformed police will be in evidence.

No update was available on the previously reported spate of car thefts in the area.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and the motion that they be approved moved by Phil Murray and seconded by Andrew Watt.

Matters Arising

Kinneff School Rating

At the previous month's CC meeting, Cllr George Carr was requested to source more detail on why Kinneff School has been rated C in the Suitability category. At this month's meeting, he relayed a significant amount of information on this matter. The Suitability category covers functionality, accessibility, environmental conditions, safety and security, fixed furniture and fittings and is applied to general learning and teaching areas, internal and external social areas and external facilities. The individual components of the assessment are as follows -

- Classrooms (B) Good size and proportion. Temperature control/ventilation problematic. Only disabled access through rear fire escape.
- Group/General Purpose Rooms (D) There are none.
- Private Study Areas (D) There are none.
- PE Internal (C) Located in separate building, very small. No disabled access. No changing facilities. Doubles as dining space.
- PE External (C) No changing facilities. No all weather facilities. No grass area large enough for sports activities.
- Social Areas (C) Corridor area only.
- Reception (D) School office is regarded as reception. Very tight space in corridor. Admin staff and Head Teacher share office. No reception desk/window.
- Playgrounds (B) OK. Farm land adjacent can have rape crop up to boundary with school.
- Car Parking (B) OK but also access to private house.

Cllr Carr reiterated that there is no prospect of Kinneff School closing but school rolls need to be watched carefully.

Proposed Fishing Ban Catterline to Crawton

Cllr George Carr reported that there is much support from local fishermen for the CC's objection to the proposed ban. Karen Hales had received a response from the Marine Conservation Society explaining their stance and offering to come along and address the CC. It was agreed that this offer should be accepted.

Financial Matters

The Current Account stands at £706.46 and the Savings Account at £241.24. The Community Council grant is £510. Allowing for outstanding commitments to be met, the amount available for project grants is £400.

Annual Grants

After some discussion, it was agreed that the following grants would be awarded –

- Catterline Rowing Club – £50
- Kinneff Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club – £50
- Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust – £150
- Kinneff Hall – £150

Planning Applications

Ref.	Valid from	Address	Proposal
APP/2012/0561	2012-02-27	Harbourshields Farm Steading Kinneff Montrose DD10 0 TA	Conversion of Steading to Form Two Residential Units and Erection of Detached Garage Incorporating Business Unit
APP/2012/0797	2012-03-12	Land to North of Cotbank of Barras Barras Stonehaven AB39 2 UH	Erection of Dwellinghouse Formation of Access
APP/2012/0698	2012-03-12	Chapelton Stonehaven AB39 2 TS	Extension to Existing Agricultural Building
APP/2012/0765	2012-03-16	Mitton Of Barras Cottage Barras Stonehaven AB39 2 UH	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse (Conservatory)
APP/2012/0889	2012-03-19	Druidsdale Farm Barras Stonehaven AB39 2 UD	Erection of Agricultural Building (Dutch Barn)

Matters Arising from Planning Applications

There were no objections to the above planning applications. Cllr George Carr noted that the Harbourshields application had previously been rejected but that new policy would be more sympathetic to development.

Roads

John Carr reported that there had been an excessive and unnecessary amount of tarring on the bridge on the Smiddy Road, resulting in a waste of council money.

Correspondence

- Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum – request for someone to fill vacancy for community representative. No takers.
- Association of Scottish Community Councils – ‘Learning from the Past, Preparing for the Future Conference’ on Wednesday 18th April 2012 in Dunblane. No takers.
- Aberdeenshire Citizens’ Panel Newsletter – community safety.
- Planning Democracy – Conference on Saturday 21st April 2012 in Edinburgh. No takers.
- Scottish Government – report now available on examination into unresolved issues raised in representations to the proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan.

Dunnottar Woods

Meeting scheduled for Thursday 29th March 2012.

Travelling People

No discussion.

Any Other Business**LDP**

Cllr George Carr reported that the proposed LDP had been reviewed and recommendations for amendments made, in particular, the proposed site M1 at Kinneff to be replaced by the alternative site K116 to the west of the A92. This amendment was proposed mainly because of the feedback received from locals and the CC. The amendment also suggests that the employment allocation should be removed and the site used for housing only, although there is still the possibility of inclusion of a village shop. Any housing allocation in Catterline is opposed. In relation to wind farms/wind turbines the Reporters found that the council's current approach is confusing. The council will have to consult the public again and produce a new policy.

Coastal Communities Fund

Karen Hales had followed this up with a view to obtaining some monies towards repairs of the landslip at Catterline. It transpired that the minimum amount that can be applied for is £50,000 and it was felt that it would be difficult to justify an application for this sum.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th April 2012