

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 29th May 2012

Attendees and Apologies

Present: John Carr, Andrew Chedburn (chair), Tim Crabb, Karen Hales, Ann Masson, Phil Murray, Aileen Swarbrick, Karen Wood, Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary)

Attending: Cllr George Carr, Fiona Stokes from the Mearns Leader

Members of the public: David Evans, George Grveiss(?), David Jarvis, Julia Macauley, ,Douglas Mowat, Dot Plummer, Kathryn Wilson

Apologies: Cllr Graeme Clark, Bill Dargie

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and the motion that they be approved moved by Karen Hales and seconded by Tim Crabb.

Matters Arising

None

Financial Matters

The treasurer confirmed that the small grants had been distributed.
The Current Account stood at £236.46 and the Savings Account at £241.24.

Planning Applications

Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2012/1256	2012-04-23	South Row 3,4 Catterline AB39 2UL	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouses (including partial demolition) to Form One Dwellinghouse
APP/2012/1488	2012-05-02	Whistleberry Radio Station Kinneff Inverbervie	Erection of Dwellinghouse and Upgrade of Access
APP/2012/1538	2012-05-08	Hallhill Farm Kinneff DD10 0 TH	Erection of Agricultural Building
APP/2012/1445	2012-05-10	Caravan Park at Cloak Farm Catterline AB39 2UN	Extension to Existing Caravan Park

APP/2012/1749	2012-05-23	3 Trelong Row Catterline AB39 2YF	Installation of Replacement Windows
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Matters Arising from Planning Applications

Cloak Farm Caravan Park Extension

There was a long discussion about the application to extend Cloak Farm Caravan Park. Cllr George Carr noted that the waste treatment in the above application was now adequate. Ann Massion was concerned about the extra traffic the extension would cause. Phil Murray saw the application as a creeping development and what was originally intended for holiday lets now enabled round- the- year occupancy.

Concerns from the floor included the following: the boundaries of the caravan park were not obvious; the possible addition of units in the caravan park would exceed the number of houses in the village, which was an essential part of the conservation area; the change in the 6-month licence for holidays and leisure to 12 months would allow greater occupancy; extra water would be going into the burn and could cause flooding; the roads to the caravan park were busy and increased traffic would be dangerous to school children walking to school, the number of accidents at the Mill of Uras junction had already increased; there had been no neighbourhood notification; there would be no social or economic benefits to the village.

Cllr Carr pointed out that neighbourhood notification was now Aberdeenshire Council's duty. Any traffic from the caravan park that might cause problems at the bridge should be directed to the Mill of Uras junction. If screening was a condition of an approval, it would have enforcement.

John Carr informed the audience that all the letters that submitted in connection with the previous caravan park application did not count any more. He suggested writing new letters and lobbying other councillors too.

Karen Hales stated that previous conditions had been ignored. It should be possible to enforce the applicant to comply with those conditions.

In response to some of the critical points raised, cllr Carr pointed out that proof was needed when making complaints. The screening was to be specified. Mr McCleod was the planning enforcement officer, in the event of complaints being made regarding planning matters.

It was decided to write a letter of objection to the Cloak Farm application.
It was also decided to write a holding letter re Whistleberry Radio Station application.

Roads

John Carr reported a serious accident at Roadside of Catterline the previous week. It was a matter of urgency to get a filter lane on the right hand side at Roadside of Catterline when travelling south. It was decided to write a letter of request to the roads department.

Phil Murray expressed his frustration at the totally inadequate parking facilities in Aberdeen, which affected people travelling to work in the city also from outside Aberdeen. The infrastructure serving businesses in Aberdeen, the oil capital of Europe, was not fit for purpose.

There ensued a lengthy discussion from the floor on traffic conditions, public transport, parking etc in Aberdeen and Shire.

Correspondence

- Mary Forbes of the Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club – a thank you letter for the grant
- Aberdeenshire Council - consultation on disabled persons' parking places
- Aberdeenshire Council – intention to adopt the proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan as modified
- RES UK & Ireland – Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Construction and a request for a representative of CKDCC for a Community Liaison Group

Any Other Business

- Withdrawal of the proposed MCS ban on fishing in the Catterline – Crawton waters
- Catterline Gala on 9th June and Karties Race on 10th
- Talk on Zero Waste by Karen Wood on 26th June
- Feedback on Planning Reform Consultation- 'Consultation on Development Plan Examinations' taken up by Karen Hales, to be sent by 22nd June by secretary
- Karen Hales informed the CC on the CCs' Forum meeting, which she had chaired, and ways to set up wind farm generated community funds.
- Andrew Chedburn, the chair, congratulated cllrs Geogr Carr and Graeme Clark on their re-election.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th June 2012