

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 27th November 2012

Attendees and Apologies

Present: Andrew Chedburn (chair), Tim Crabb, Billy Dargie, Karen Hales, Aileen Swarbrick, Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary)

Attending: PCs Neil Fraser and Jim Small, members of the public Julia Macauley and Dot Plummer

Apologies: Cllr George Carr, John Carr, Ann Masson, Phil Murray

Minutes of Last Meeting

The 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

There was a discussion of Eneco/Tullo wind farm fund and the associated criteria for allocating monies for community-based projects. It was agreed to have a look at these criteria and guidelines to help CKD formulate their own guidelines. Karen Hales welcomed the fact that K&M Area Partnership would be responsible for administering a community fund. Andrew Chedburn suggested that a reporter from the Leader should do a piece on a CKD fund when it was set up, with a view of establishing how local residents would prefer the monies to be used. The matter would be discussed further in the January meeting.

Karen Hales undertook to find out from St John's developers what was happening with regard to their community fund. The original developers had pledged £25,000 annually to the community.

Police Report

PC Jim Small from Stonehaven reported that there had been no crimes in the CKD area since the previous report. However, in Stonehaven and surrounding areas there had been an increase in break-ins and thefts, including car thefts. For example, cars had been left unlocked with the result that in the morning they were gone. Organised groups were known to operate in the area.

PC Small advised residents to take precautions by leaving some lights on in empty houses and carefully locking doors and windows, including those in cars.

Julia Macauley and Dot Plummer reported an increase in the volume of traffic and excessive speeds on the road from Catterline to the junction at Mill of Uras. PC Small suggested the installation of a black box to monitor the number and speed of vehicles on that stretch. Andrew Chedburn doubted whether there would be any funds left for that as all the money had gone on the crossing and lights at Green Den.

With regard to mud and manure on the roads, it was the duty of farmers to clear it off and put warning signs to alert drivers of hazards. If they failed to comply, they would be fined.

Financial Matters

The current account stood at £187.46 and the Savings Account at £241.24

Planning Applications

Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2012/3346	2012-10-25	Land South West of Castle of Fiddes Home Farm Barras Stonehaven AB39 2XX	Erection of 1 No 20kw (15 m to Hub, total 20 m) Wind Turbine
APP/2012/3706	2012-11-15	Carbisdale Stonehaven AB39 3WL	Alteration and Extension to Dwellinghouse

Matters Arising from Planning Applications

The CC discussed and approved of the applications.

Andrew Chedburn wanted the planning office to make sure that all the planning applications for the CKDCC area were sent for consultation to CKDCC instead of Stonehaven CC, as had happened in some cases.

Correspondence

- Scottish Water – consultation on water and waste services www.scottishwater.co.uk/yourviewscount
- Sir Robert Smith MP – Community Energy Switching and Bulk Buying
- NHS Grampian – Non-Executive Board Members Recruitment

Karen Hales undertook to find out whether her husband would be available to investigate and run bulk buying.

Roads

The state of roads was bad: plenty of potholes, blocked gullies and broken culverts.
Aileen Swarbrick would report a pothole near her house to the roads hotline.

Dunnottar Woods

Annual General Meeting to take place on 29th November.

Any Other Business

It was decided to write to Aberdeenshire Council for the attention of the budget meeting that the condition and maintenance of the roads in the CKD area needed urgent attention.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th January 2013