

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 26th March 2013

Attendees and Apologies

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

Attending: Cllr George Carr

PCs McGhee and Bowser-Riley

Members of the Public: David Evans and Peter Hales

Apologies: Billy Dargie and Ann Masson

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

Cllr George Carr informed the CC that he had passed a template for a community fund to Nicol Stephen.

He also explained that comprehensive road repairs had not been started because of inclement weather conditions rather than lack of funds.

With regard to **Community Fund – St John’s Wind Farm** it should read ..’projects that COULD (not should) benefit from community funds..’.

The current account stood at £706.46.

Police Report

PC McGhee reported that his visit would be the last as a representative of Grampian Police; subsequent visits would be from Stonehaven and Lower Deeside under Police Scotland.

Since last month’s meeting, there had been over 180 incidents in and around Stonehaven. Over 50 investigations had been undertaken, though none in the CKD area.

Thefts of motor vehicles had continued in the wider K&M area, often committed by opportunistic gangs from Aberdeen. PC McGhee emphasised the importance of securing houses and cars, and utilising the crime prevention techniques that can be found at www.grampian.police.uk .

The police were prioritising the following matters in Stonehaven and Lower Deeside: anti-social behaviour, ‘community focus’ (that is, reassuring local communities by providing a visible presence), ‘community resilience (that is, responding effectively to emergency situations) and safer roads.

In response to John Carr's query about the investigation into the recent break-ins at Barras and Mill of Barras PC McGhee reported no result yet. John Car commented that, understandably, residents wanted to be reassured. The PC conceded that sometimes investigations could take time when DNA and finger print analysis were involved.

PC McGhee noted David Evans' concern about motor bikes racing on the Stonehaven – Inverbervie road. There is a non-emergency number 101 and 999 if a situation is deemed dangerous. He also indicated that there would be more traffic police in the area.

He added – in respect of Andrew Chedburn's query - that Stonehaven police station was staffed around the clock, and that the traffic police worked from there too. Extra force was provided from Laurencekirk and Portlethen.

Financial Matters

The current account stood at £626.46 and the savings account £241.43 (including 19 pence interest).

Community Council Small Grants

The money available for small grants was £440. It was agreed to allocate £400 as following:

- Catkins Rising Fives £100 (towards the purchase of new materials and the cost of a teacher)
- Catterline Landslip Group £170 (towards stabilising Catterline Brae)
- The Howe o' the Mearns Heritage Association £30 (to produce a revised folder of information)
- Kinneff Village Hall Committee £100 (to be used for the gravelling of the ground at the Hall car park)

Planning Applications

Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2013/0577	2013-02-27	Tullylumb Cottage Catterline Stonehaven AB39 2UN	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
APP/2013/0686	2013-03-08	Land North East of West Mains of Barras Stonehaven	Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage
APP/2013/0818	2013-03-18	Land South West of Castle of Fiddes, Home Farm Barras Stonehaven AB39 2XX	Erection of 1 No. 20kw (15m to Hub, Total Height 20m) Wind Turbine

Matters Arising from Planning Applications

After some discussion the CC approved of the applications.

Community Funds

There was discussion of wind-farm generated funds and how residents could be involved in proposing ways of dispensing them. It was important also to envisage long-term projects.

Cllr George Carr noted that wind-farm owners would contact the K&M Area Partnership and once a process for handling monies had been established and funds had become available, local groups could be invited to apply for funds. He emphasized the importance of identifying long-term projects as money could be available quite soon.

Correspondence

- Aberdeenshire Planners re Spring Cottage – CKDCC objection not valid
- Aberdeenshire Council/Arthur Ingram – assessment on unauthorized encampment at Catterline Kinneff lay-by

Roads

Cllr George Carr reported that the resurfacing of Trelong Road at Catterline and the road at the back of Kinneff Village Hall were on the agenda. He also indicated that it was hoped that the road in Dunnottar Woods would take less than 18 months to repair.

Dunnottar Woods

Aileen Swarbrick attended the last Committee meeting and reported that a suggestion had been lodged at Woodhill House to prohibit heavy vehicles using the bridge in Dunnottar Woods. Some work had been done on culverts. However, since Lady Kennedy's bath was of little importance, it would not be repaired any more but left in a state of *managed decay*.

Aileen Swarbrick queried CKDCC's presence at Dunnottar Woods meetings as the Woods appeared to be outside the CKD area.

Cllr George Carr referred to historical reasons for the CC's involvement but undertook to check if the boundaries had changed.

Catterline Landslip

Cllr George Carr reported that a coastal protection officer with an assistant would come and meet the Landslide group. The 'person from Gourdon who repaired slopes' would do likewise.

Cllr Carr had taken the matter up with Stuart McFarlane but it seems an 18-month timescale is necessary. Phil Murray questioned the rationale for an 18-month-timescale.

It was agreed to write a letter of inquiry to Stuart McFarlane querying timescale for repair work and requesting the latest update on the land next to the car park above the mill.

Any Other Business

The burn above the bridge was a mess with fallen trees and it was believed that Mr Marshall the farmer might be responsible for clearing it out.

It was decided to write to Stuart McFarlane about the matter.

Aileen Swarbrick was authorised to manage the CC web page.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30th April 2013