

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 24th September 2013

Attendees and Apologies

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

Attending: Cllr George Carr

Apologies: Cllr Dave Stuart, 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 Peter Hales and seconded by Tim Crabb

Matters Arising

Karen Hales and David Evans were not included in the attendees' list for June.

Karen Hales pointed out –for the sake of clarity- that the fee of administering community funds would be ten per cent and would be met by the developer.

Cllr George Carr reported that there had been frequent complaints about the lack of grass cutting and that he had asked the Council to set more money aside for this purpose in rural areas as a road safety measure.

John Carr had contacted the Council website about the disgracefully overgrown state of the verges at Gallaton and Roadside of Catterline. He had rung the Council at Viewmount about the matter and even taken photographs of a local junction from his car and sent them to the Council. Appallingly, he had never even received an acknowledgement.

As a consequence of the long grass on the A92 verges, Aileen Swarbrick had been unable to see anything either way when joining the road from her junction. She noted that reported cases on the Council website were removed after some time even if no action had been taken.

It was decided to write a letter of complaint to the Council about not responding to residents' concerns or even acknowledging the communications. Copies were to be sent to Stuart McFarlane, Stephen Archer and Willie Munroe.

Financial Matters

The Current account stood at £396.46. There was no update on the Savings Account.

Community Funds

Karen Hales reported on her correspondence with Nicol Stephen, who had agreed to the CF being index-linked, and to the developer paying the 10 % administration fee. The next step would be making a formal agreement with REV/Nicol Stephen. Karen had already created drafts for this. It was thought appropriate that NS should be involved in the rule making process for CFs. Karen had attended a steering committee meeting of KMAP, which was still in existence, and also contacted Willie Munroe, whose advice was to 'carry on'. The CC decided that the afore-mentioned index-linking should be to the wholesale electricity index.

There ensued a discussion on community funds: who should benefit; visibility of turbines and their geographical spread; transparency in allocating funds; who should be on the selection panel; KMAP and MAP should be more representative; criteria for projects eligible inside the CC area and the proximity of projects to turbines. George Carr warned about being too prescriptive. He regarded Tullo as a good template, because several organisations had been involved in setting up the rules. Peter Hales pointed out that the REV CF for the area was minimal in reality. John Carr suggested creating a structure that would benefit the CKDCC area. Andrew Chedburn thought that the same philosophy should be followed by all areas. John Carr noted that Hillhead had gone very quiet; nothing had been heard about monies.

George Carr reminded the CC that KMAP should take the lead in the administrative matters and the CC should make decisions.

Planning Applications

Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2013/2131	2013-07-04	Gruinart Catterline Rd Catterline AB39 2UL	Installation of Replacement Windows
APP/2013/2104	2013-07-15	MillCottage Mill of Uras Stonehaven AB39 2TQ	Installation of Air Source Heat Pump
APP/2013/2057	2013-07-16	Cowieswells Stonehaven AB39 2TP	Erection of Dwellinghouse and Formation of New Vehicular Access
APP/2013/2043	2013-07-23	Land north of Stravaigin Barras AB39 2TU	Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage, Including Change of Use of Land From Woodland to Domestic and Construction of Vehicular Access
APP/2013/2418	2013-07-25	Broomhill Kinneff DD10 0TD	Demolition of Existing Dwellinghouse, Workshop and Store, Erection of Replacement Dwellinghouse and Erection of Dwellinghouse and Domestic Garage with Ancillary Accommodation
APP/2013/2445	2013-07-26	Lannitair, Easr Mains of Barras Barras Stonehaven AB39 2TR	Discharge of Obligation in Respect of a Minute of Agreement in Terms of S75 (Agricultural Occupancy Condition, Clause 2)Relating to 01-94-0493
APP/2013/2576	2013-08-08	As above	Removal of Condition No 2 as above
APP/2013/2822	2013-08-29	Office at Mansfield Kinneff Inverbervie	Change of Use from Class 2 (Financial, Professional and Other Services) to Class 9 (Dwellinghouse) Including Alterations and Extension
APP/2013/2780	2013-08-30	Whistleberry Cottage Kinneff DD10 0TJ	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
APP/2013/2937	2013-09-09	Land to North East South East of Boggartyhead Stonehaven AB39 2TJ	Formation of Path
APP/2013/2431	2013-09-17	Sunset Clouds at Little Barras Fordoun Laurencekirk AB30 1LQ	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
APP/2013/2738	2013-09-18	Land South West of West Town of Barras Barras AB39 2YJ	Erection of 1 No 800kW (55m to Hub, 79 to Blade Tip) Wind Turbine and Formation of Access Track

Matters Arising from Planning Applications

There were no objections to the above applications apart from APP/2013/2738, which could not be discussed since there were no details available. It was decided to write a holding letter to the planners and discuss the turbine application at the next meeting.

Wind Turbines

According to Cllr George Carr an update on turbines and landscape advice were in the pipeline. More rock-solid guidelines were badly needed in order to make objective decisions. Angus had policies, which made it easier for them to turn down turbine applications. John Carr suggested having a discussion on a moratorium on turbines. George Carr pointed out that the CC would not be able to effect a moratorium for legal reasons. Peter Hales suggested objecting to all turbine applications. Andrew Chedburn remarked it was important to differentiate between (farmers') single turbines and huge developments. George Carr said guidelines came from the central government.

Correspondence

- To Stuart McFarlane- Catterline Braes matters; grass cutting; power socket in the Gala field
- To Coastal protection Officer re gabions and concrete blocks at Catterline Harbour
- From Stuart McFarlane re above
- Aberdeenshire Council – report on travellers in Catterline Kinneff layby
- Police Scotland-review of traffic warden provision and public service and opening hours at police offices
- Aberdeenshire Council- Public Entertainment Licence Conditions, variation of licence conditions for halls

Roads

George Carr reported that the Council had an extra £2m on road repairs, which would start in the near future. The yellow markings on roads indicated defects, which would be repaired and resurfaced. There was a huge pothole in the northbound lane outside Gallaton Farm, which was half-repaired, and would be restarted soon.

Catterline Braes/CBAC

Re-ditching and piping were in progress. George Carr urged the CBAC to keep up the pressure on the Council and monitor the situation on the Braes.

Any Other Business

George Carr informed the CC about an unauthorised travellers' encampment in St Cyrus, on a four-acre site. It had been cleared, water and electricity installed and a planning application had been put in. The Council had stopped all activity on the site. Billy Dargie thought the only danger was the traffic turning from the camp onto the main road.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th October 2013