

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 25th February 2014

Attendees and Apologies

Present: John Carr, Andrew Chedburn (chair), Tim Crabb, Dave Evans, Aileen Swarbrick, Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary)

Attending: Cllr George Carr, PC Croall

Apologies: Billy Dargie, Karen Hales, Peter Hales, Ann Masson, Phil Murray, Cllr Dave Stewart

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. A correction was noted that the cutback Aberdeenshire would make in the next three years was £50m, not £500m. The motion that they then be approved moved by Tim Crabb and seconded by Andrew Chedburn.

Police Report

Since January five incidents had been reported in the area: two traffic incidents, one concern call, a child protection call and a silent 999.

There had been several thefts of vehicles in the K&M area as well as thefts from domestic properties. Many of these crimes had been facilitated by sloppy or non-existing security measures, eg. keys left in the ignition and unlocked house or vehicle doors.

Cold callers had been reported in the area. PC Croall urged residents to be mindful of these and notify the police on the 101 number, if they thought the callers' activities were suspicious.

Operation Ruby was ongoing Force wide, targeting car thieves.

The police were offering motorists winter weather roads advice.

Operation RAC was pursuing house-breaking offenders across Scotland and bringing them to justice.

PC Croall thought the 'Blue Light Hub' in Bervie was a good idea. Cllr Carr explained that it was hoped to bring together the police and various rescue services, which would share resources and work together. The Hub would be based at Bervie Fire Station.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

The cut Aberdeenshire would implement was £50m, not £500m, over the next three years.

Financial Matters

The Current Account stood £396.46 and the Savings Account at 241.62. A cheque for £18.00 was to go from the C/A.

Community Fund & KDP

The community Fund agreement between Nicol Stephen and the CC was at its final stages. John Carr agreed to attend the inaugural meeting of KDP.

Correspondence

Ann Masson – letter of resignation after 22 years as a community councillor
Aberdeenshire – consultation on Bervie Braes road (vehicle weight and speed restrictions)
“ “ - information on off-street parking

It was decided to write a letter to Ann Masson to thank her for the 22 years of dedicated service to the community.

Roads

Cllr Carr briefed the CC on **Burn of Glaslaw Bridge**. Aberdeenshire was going to close the bridge permanently and build a footbridge instead, at the estimated cost of £240 000. Insufficient provision had been made for water running down from the A92 and then coming off the A957, causing damage to the bank and the bridge. The CC's main concern about the closure was its impact on business. In addition, the roads in the woods had been badly neglected, and needed repairing.

The CC wanted the cause of the problem addressed and appropriate measures to be taken with the run-off of the water, so that the bridge could be re-instated. Repeated botching up measures would be more expensive in the long term.

Catterline Bridge. There was water running at the corners, which was undermining the structure. The Council had inspected the coping stones and found them safe. However, repair work would be done at a later date.

There were huge potholes at the **Mill of Uras junction** when coming from Catterline. Continuing to Barras, there were potholes and blocked culverts, eg. at East Mains Cottage and Lumgair junction.

All the above to be reported to the Roads.

Catterline Harbour

The coastal blocks were still scattered about and being corroded, thus increasing the erosion of the slopes. Joanna Cabbage, the coastal protection officer to be notified again.

Catterline Braes/CBAC

The braes were still holding on. There was a meeting the following day.

AOB

John Carr had a possible candidate to replace Ann Masson on the committee. He undertook to make enquiries.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th March 2014