

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 30th June 2015

Attendees and Apologies

Present: Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary), Andrew Chedburn, Tim Crabb, Billy Dargie, Dave Evans, George Greiss, Phil Murray, Aileen Swarbrick (chairing)

Attending: Councillor George Carr, PC Andy Adam

Apologies: John Carr, Dave Ramsay, Ruth Rooney, Linda Swan, Cllrs Christie, Clark and Stewart

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The motion that the minutes be approved was moved by Andrew Chedburn and seconded by Tim Crabb.

Matters Arising

- Cllr George Carr noted a correction: the planning application at Ury was not a Bancon application but a stand-alone one. Aileen Swarbrick pointed out that in the Community Funds section it should read St John's Hill instead of Hillhead.
- Dave Evans reported that the trailer filled with asbestos near the Crawton turn was still there. PC Adam had in fact reported it and done the required paper work after last month's CC meeting. Aberdeenshire Council had promised to remove the van by the end of that week. PC Adam undertook to do the same again.
- It was reported that Ruth Rooney had resigned from the CC because of work commitments.

Police Report

PC Andy Adam reported that there had been 254 recorded incidents in the wider Stonehaven area in the past month, five of which were linked to the CKD area. One of the latter was a vandalised portaloo in Dunnottar Car Park.

• The following Police Scotland Campaigns were still ongoing: Operation Redwall (programme against 'legal highs', new psychoactive substances) and Stay Safe Online (promoting internet safety in the 9-12 age group and among young teenagers). A new campaign against 'summer drink drive' had been launched.

• Cold-callers and a white van with Irish number plates were still around.

• High-visibility mobile patrols will continue to cruise around the area.

• There had been reported incidents in Kincardine and Mearns of hare coursing, which is a wildlife crime. Residents should report any such suspicious events.

• Dave Evans raised concern about roads being used as race-tracks particularly on Sundays between Easter and October when children are on them. This is potentially hazardous as some sections of the roads are part of the national cycle path grid. PC Adam promised to alert the traffic unit.

• PC Adam reported people going off-road in Dunnottar Woods and the Forestry Commission's land. He urged members of the public to note down car registration numbers and report the 'scramblers' to the police. George Carr said the scramblers made a lot of noise at weekends and

urged traffic patrols to come and monitor the situation. PC Adams said the noise made it hard to judge the speed.

- George Carr mentioned there had been a large explosion in Dunnottar Woods on Sunday 28th June while there were a number of dog walkers about.

Financial Matters

Treasurer not present.

Community Funds

- Andrew Chedburn informed the CC about his meeting with Arbuthnott Community Council. He did a presentation on the background to the community benefit from St John's Hill windfarm and also corrected errant information from Isabella Williamson. ACC was fully supportive of the two community councils' negotiations with Nicol Stephen of REV. Kevin Adam (ACC) was to contact Phil Murray, who in turn would get in touch with Nicol Stephen in order to finalise the contract. ACC was concerned about a clause that stipulated that funds were not to be used for religious or political purpose. However, applying for funds to repair the fabric of a church, for example, would regard the church as a building of architectural heritage and historical significance rather than a place of worship (religious purpose).
- Kevin Adam suggested that the heads of terms should be signed by CKDCC, ACC and KDP as ACC was happy to move forward. Phil Murray was to take action to get things moving.

Planning

There were no new applications in the area since the last meeting.

Two wind turbine applications had been turned down on the grounds of their cumulative effect and the second also had some environmental impact.

- George Carr informed the CC that if four councillors refuse an application, it would be looked at in Aberdeenshire Review Body, which normally backs the councillors' decision.
- He also pointed out that UK government had withdrawn feed-in tariffs, which would affect turbine applications in Aberdeenshire.

Correspondence

- to and from W Munro – re Catterline Harbour Erosion and re Catterline Concerns (untidy boatshed and dangerous garage)
- from Aberdeenshire - consultation on Aberdeenshire Special Landscape Areas (by Friday 10 July)

Roads

In response to Billy Dargie's query about why the verges of country roads had not been cut, George Carr said that they would be done at a later date. They were entitled to one annual cut. In addition the Council had the responsibility to maintain visibility at junctions over and above the one cut.

- To her astonishment, Aileen Swarbrick saw a council person repairing the pothole she had reported two hours earlier.

CBAG

Dave Evans reported on the progress made on Catterline Braes: plastic pipes had been laid in the slopes. Tim Crabb added that applications had been made for funding.

AOB

- George Carr confirmed that an outline application for a business/industrial park at Newtonleys had been approved in the area committee. Amongst other things, the application included a new roundabout at the horse, further south from the Stonehaven junction; detailed SUD system (sustainable urban drainage) as well as measures to divert water from going into Glasslaw. A detailed application would be coming up in due course.
- He advocated a master-plan rather than a piecemeal approach. This would be in the public interest outside the LDP and would comprise for example, a road going all the way to Stonehaven for the benefit of the school, rugby etc.
- There ensued a discussion relating to a degree of misrepresentation of CKDCC by SDCC. It was decided to communicate directly with them on the matter.

Date of Next MeetingTuesday 29th September 2015