

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 24th November 2015

Attendees and Apologies

Present: Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary), John Carr, Andrew Chedburn, Tim Crabb, David Evans, Peter Hales, Phil Murray (chair), Linda Swan, Aileen Swarbrick

Attending: Councillor George Carr

Apologies: Billy Dargie, George Greiss, Dave Ramsay, 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 John Carr and seconded by Aileen Swarbrick.

Financial Matters

- The Treasurer reported that the annual accounts (2014-15) had been audited by John Watt, and a copy had been sent to every member. The figures were revisited and the motion that the audited accounts be approved was moved by Andrew Chedburn and seconded by Peter Hales.
- It was agreed to send a contribution of £30 to the local schools for a Christmas tree.

Community Funds

- Aileen Swarbrick reported that the KDP development worker had hoped to visit meetings of community councils before the end of her contract. Another temporary development worker, Jackie Niven was appointed to take over until April.
- Phil Murray had bumped into Nicol Stephen, who apologised for the delay in finalising a contract on the St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund. He went on to say that the matter was on top of his agenda and that his lawyers were working on the Heads of Terms accepted by him, including the new payment of £2500 per megawatt instead of £2000 and backdating the payments.
- Cllr George Carr had written to Nicol Stephen about the matter but had heard nothing so far.
- It was decided to write again to Nicol Stephen to confirm the content of the conversation with Phil Murray and to express the sincere hope of receiving the contract by the end of January.
- Aileen Swarbrick undertook to establish whether KDP had access to a lawyer who could vet the contract. It was thought that the legal fees could be met from the administration fees. She would also clarify the situation with regard to the KDP contract on the administration of the fund. Phil Murray would like to discuss the matter (contract on administering the fund) later with the CC.

Planning Applications			
Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2015/3583	2015-11-20	Land at Mill of Forest Stonehaven (about half of which lies in the CKD area)	Planning Permission in Principle for Mixed-Use Development including Residential (500), Employment and Retail land Uses with Landscaping, Formation of Bridge, Roads, Cycleways and Paths and All Other Associated Engineering Works

Matters Arising from Planning Applications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The planning application for the development at Mill of Forest was discussed. It was opposed on the following grounds: the area, in green belt land, is not included for development in the current or the forthcoming LDP. The development would divide the town in two, with the A90 running through it. In addition there would be environmental concerns. However, Cllr George Carr remarked that unmet demands were often favourably considered (by the planners), for example a need for a local supermarket. • Peter Hales briefed the CC on the second consultation on the Council proposal for consolidating its facilities (roads, waste etc) on a new depot at East Newtonleys, stretching from the horse towards the radio station. There was a feeling among community representatives at the consultation meeting that all the facilities could be housed at the existing Redcloak and adjacent fields, unlike the Council that considers the place too small and too far from roads. The Council was unaware of the forthcoming road from Redcloak to the AWPR. Peter Hales thought another consultation would be imminent, possibly in January. • John Carr had noticed that the old (50years), long unused quarry at Cotbank of Barras was in use again and was wondering whether a quarrying licence was needed. Cllr George Carr would report back on the matter.

Correspondence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from Aude Chabain, a planning officer re Slains Park anaerobic digester – it was the operator’s duty to monitor any noise levels as well as odour. Measures to address any legitimate complaints to be implemented by the operators at their own expense to the satisfaction of the planning authority.

Roads
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The pothole near Aileen Swarbrick’s house had still not been repaired. • Phil Murray brought up the frequency of road accidents on the A92 at the Stonehaven junction and the inadequate layout of the centre reservation there. The situation was made worse by cars coming down from the A90 at excessive speed, and often with the left indicator still on, although travelling straight on past the Stonehaven junction. Cllr George Carr informed the CC that there was a plan for a new roundabout near the horse, and the junction to Stonehaven would be closed at the top. • It was decided to write a letter about the problems to the Roads Department.

CBAG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Crabb told the CC about the successful planting day on 7th November, when 26 people turned up for the activity on the Braes. Cllr George Carr thought more publicity would contribute to resurrecting old skills.

AOB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aileen Swarbrick was wondering whether office bearers should be reimbursed for incurred

expenses. At the present they were happy with the status quo.

- In response to Andrew Chedburn's observations about the state in Dunnottar Woods where he had noted trees hanging down, branches on the road and the burn becoming a swamp, Cllr George Carr said that the Forestry Commission was responsible for Dunnottar Woods.
- There was a discussion on the school situation in Kinneff and Catterline with the school rolls of 14 and 53 respectively. The matter would be discussed further in January. It was decided to ask Piers Blaxter about the development of the approved sites in Kinneff with a view of gauging a possible increase in the population of Kinneff.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th January 2016