

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minute of Meeting held on Tuesday 29th Nov 2007

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| Present | Cllrs Stephen Hall, Ann Masson, Andrew Watt, Bill Dargie, Jim Marshall, John Carr |
| Attending | Cllrs Wendy Agnew, George Carr, Jean Dick |
| Meeting chaired by | Cllr Ian Duncan |

1) Apologies

None

2) Minutes of last meeting

Approved by Wendy Agnew and Andrew Watt

3) Matters arising from minutes

- Wendy Agnew reported that the line of shrubs/trees on the left when coming out of Bervie had not planted been planted by the council.
- Wendy Agnew reported that the planned garage at Glasslaw had not yet been considered by the planners, but that it is likely to be passed. More applications for garages are likely, and will probably be passed too.
- George Carr reported that retrospective planning application at East Mains of Barras (APP/2007/3587) had been refused. An appeal believed imminent.
- Bill Dargie reported that since the last meeting there have been three accidents in Roadside of Kinneff.
- Ann Masson highlighted the amount of rubbish and plastic bags being left at the recycling point. Stephen Hall reported that a request had been made for a rubbish bin to be placed next to the recycling point after the last meeting.
- Bill Dargie reported that the gully from Fawsyde Farm to the 50mph speed limit sign at Roadside of Kinneff is filling up with leaves as it does not appear to be being swept. George Carr will follow up.

4) Financial matters

No change.

5) Dunnottar Woods

The AGM of the Dunnottar Woodland Park Association will be held on Thursday 29th November at 7.00 pm in the Invercarron Resource Centre.

6) Planning

Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications to consider.

It was noted that a planning application has been submitted for a Supermarket at “Field 52”, to the North of Stonehaven (APP/2007/4190). Although no direct comment was made on the plans, it was noted that CKDCC would prefer a supermarket to be built at East Newtonleys as that would be more beneficial to the area to the south of Stonehaven, which is currently very poorly served.

Building Warrants

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| KM/BA/2007/5132 | East Mains of Barras | Amendment to approved building warrant BW/2005/2787 |
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Windfarms

St John’s Hill

No correspondence has been received, but George Carr presented letter stating appeal had been granted, subject to several conditions. There was some discussion about the distribution of the Planning Gain mentioned in the EIS. It is not clear how that will be handled.

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Wendy Agnew reported that BAA have withdrawn their objections to the proposal, and Aberdeenshire Council have followed suit. The Public Inquiry will go ahead as planned, although with no objections remaining it is likely to be quite short.

Catterline Rectory (APP/2007/2183)

George Carr reported that this application has received some objections and, although there are not enough to automatically trigger detailed consideration, he and Wendy Agnew have recommended that because of its sensitivity the proposal should be considered by KMAC.

7) Roads

Denhead of Catterline

George Carr reported that he has received a response from Mark Skilling regarding the request for a barrier on the A92 at Denhead of Catterline. A detailed report explained that the lack of notified accidents, the failure to meet any of the criteria for installing barriers and the significant cost of dealing with installed BT services meant that the request has been refused.

CKDCC was disappointed by this response, as the report seemed to focus on the bridge at Mill of Uras and the section of road running to the corner at Denhead, which is not the area where we feel the barrier is required. The hazard that needs to be protected is the gorge and plunge pool of the waterfalls at Denhead of Catterline, the top of which is some 5 or 6 metres from the road. This does not seem to have been addressed at all by the report.

Ann Masson reported that, contrary to Mark Skilling's figures, there have been 11 accidents on the bend at Denhead since 2001. In one year alone there were 7 accidents, 2 of which were fatal. Local residents are fully aware of the dangers of the corner and do not believe that the official figures accurately reflect the amount of accidents there have been.

George Carr will draft a response to Mark Skilling.

Kinneff Speed Limit

George Carr reported that the new national policy, which will be adopted by Aberdeenshire Council, is that the speed limit in villages will be 30mph. It was not clear if the definition of “a village” would include Kinneff.

8) Correspondence

- Aberdeenshire Council - Notification of temporary restriction of traffic from Catterline Road to Catterline Pier on Sunday 15th June 2008 for the Catterline Cartie Challenge.
- KMAC - Reports on Area Plan and Conversion of Former Portlethen public Library to Youth Facility
- Aberdeenshire Council - Weekly list for weeks ending 2 Nov, 9 Nov, 16 Nov and 23 Nov.
- Louise Reid -Request for volunteers to take part in study of Environmental Impact of Households
- Aberdeenshire Sports Council Newsletter
- Aberdeenshire Council - Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.
- Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership - New web site - www.outaberdeenshire.org.uk to be launched early 2008.
- Aberdeenshire Council - Harmonising Charges for use of Facilities
- KMAC - Agenda for 13th Nov and minutes of 9th October
- Aberdeenshire Council - Invitation to Community Council Forum and Annual Budget Briefing.
- Aberdeenshire Council - copy of A92 barrier report
- Aberdeen City Council - City and Shire structure plan
- Scottish Government - Decision letter on St John's Hill appeal

9) Any Other Business

- John Carr submitted a verbal request from the Catterline School Parent Group for money from project grant to help set up and After School Club. This will be considered next year when the project grant allocation is discussed.
- John Carr asked about Shell Small Grants Fund. Stephen Hall reported that an email had been received today with guidance notes and an application form. He will forward this to the CC and the Catterline School Parent Group at the earliest opportunity.
- Jim Marshall highlighted the shortage of instructors for swimming lessons, which makes it difficult to get children into classes. Wendy Agnew stated that it was difficult to attract instructors because of the low rates of pay. George Carr suggested they could bring it up at the Education committee. Jean Dick added that there is a questionnaire on sports centre usage on the Aberdeenshire web site.
- George Carr reported that he had attended presentation on AWPR last week. It is planned to start work in 2010, and it should be completed in 2012. The Stonehaven Fast Link is to be paid for entirely by the Scottish Executive.
- Stephen Hall asked if, to reduce the amount of paper used we could hold CC meetings in a classroom with a Smartboard to allow documents, plans, etc to be projected onto the board. Mrs Bradford has already agreed that we can do this. It was agreed to try this at the next meeting. George Carr also commended St Cyrus CC for their use the internet to publish all correspondence online. Stephen Hall said he had also been impressed by St Cyrus's web site and would investigate doing something similar on the CKDCC web site.

10) Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th January 2008