

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 25th September 2012

Attendees and Apologies

Present: John Carr, Andrew Chedburn (chair), Billy Dargie, Ann Masson, Aileen Swarbrick, Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary)

Attending: Cllr George Carr, PC Steven McKenzie, Lloyd Garvie of Hillhead of Auquhirie, Guy Johnston and Patrick Keogh of Blue Energy Co

Apologies: Tim Crabb, Karen Hales, Phil Murray, Karen Wood

Minutes of Last Meeting

Andrew Chedburn warmly welcomed members and visitors after the summer break.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and the motion that they be approved moved by Aileen Swarbrick and seconded by John Carr.

Matters Arising

Cllr George Carr confirmed that the extension to Cloak Farm Caravan Park (APP/2012/1445) was granted planning permission in the September 25th K&M Area Committee. There followed a discussion on the conditions to the planning permission. It was decided to write to the Council Infrastructure Services emphasising the importance of the implementation of the conditions. There should be effective screening to be planted round the site, the road verges cut regularly enough, a lay-by created to enhance road safety, waste water treatment efficiently to be taken care of, the occupancy rule of a maximum stay of six weeks to be enforced and a log book of occupants to be kept and available for inspection.

The committee was informed about the Scottish Government's change to the ruling about agricultural ties to planning permissions on agricultural land. It was possible to have these restrictions lifted now, and consequently farmers could build and sell a house on agricultural land over and over again. Following discussion on the matter, it was decided to write a letter of serious concern to Jim MacKinnon, director and chief planner in Directorate for the Built Environment, Scottish Government.

Financial Matters

The current account stood at £187.46 and the Savings Account at £241.24

Police Report

PC Steven McKenzie reported that the local crime scene was quiet, but urged residents to be extra vigilant with the nights drawing in. Any suspicious activity should be immediately reported to the police call centre or Crime Stoppers. It was equally important to report any doubtful vehicles and mention any distinguishing markers on them.

Planning Applications

Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2012/2145	2012-06-26	Whistleberry Radio Station Kinneff Inverbervie	Erection of Dwellinghouse and Detached Garage, Change of Use of Land to Domestic Garden Ground and Improvements of Existing Access
APP/2012/1568	2012-06-26	Briggs of Criggie Stonehaven AB39 2XS	Erection of Agricultural Building
APP/2012/2208	2012-06-29	Land North East of Fernibrae Barras Stonehaven AB39 2XU	Erection of 1 No 900kw Wind Turbine
APP/2012/1991	2012-07-09	Land South West of Castle of Fiddes, Home Farm Barras Stonehaven AB39 2XX	Erection of 20kw Wind Turbine
APP/2012/2360	2012-07-12	Land North of Stravaigin Barras Stonehaven AB39 2TU	Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage, Including Change of Use of Land from Agricultural to Domestic
APP/2012/2012	2012-07-20	Land North East of Fernibrae Barras Stonehaven AB39 2XU	Siting of 50 Metre Meteorological Mast
APP/2012/2007	2012-07-18	Lyndon Barras Stonehaven AB39 2XP	Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Form Enlarged Yard and Extension to Existing Workshop
APP/2012/2686	2012-08-09	Land at Cotbank of Barras Stonehaven AB39 2UH	Removal of Condition 5 (Occupancy) of Planning Permission Reference APP/2009/1753
APP/2012/2479	2012-08-17	Midtown of Barras Cottages 5 Barras Stonehaven AB39 2UD	Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Domestic Curtilage and Extension to Existing Garage
APP/2012/2787	2012-08-24	The Old Schoolhouse Catterline AB39 2UN	Alterations to Dwellinghouse
APP/2012/2874	2012-08-29	Site North of Whistleberry Kinneff DD10 0TJ	Refurbishment of 11kw Overhead Network Including Increase in Height of Pole
APP/2012/2977	2012-09-07	35 Braehead Crescent Stonehaven AB39 2PP	Erection of Summerhouse (Retrospective)
APP/2012/3090	2012-09-18	Cotbank of Barras AB39 2UH	Siting of Temporary Caravan
APP/2012/3129	2012-09-21	Land to North West of Hillside Croft Kinneff DD10 0TA	Erection of Additional Wooden Pole

Matters Arising from Planning Applications

The CC submitted its objection (1 st September) to the removal of the occupancy condition of planning permission APP/2012/2686 on land at Cotbank of Barras. The rest were not objected to.
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Hillhead of Auquhirie Wind Farm
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<p>The representatives of Blue Energy, Guy Johnston and Patrick Keogh, reported on the progress at Hillhead of Auquhirie: three turbines would be delivered on 2nd October; the connection to the power grid would take place in mid December and the opening of the Wind Farm would be early January. The Farm would contribute to local community funds circa £14,000 annually, totaling £345,000 in its duration. Hillhead is situated in the CKDCC area although the turbines are visible from other areas. George Carr informed members that there was a procedure affording areas weighting in relation to the distance from and visibility of the turbines. This weighting would be noted in the distribution of the money.</p>

<p>There followed a discussion on the income, its distribution, how the money would be managed and possible local projects that could benefit from it. Andrew Chedburn inquired about any guidelines for the distribution of the money. George Carr suggested that the CC should think of some prescriptive criteria for the distribution that it would want to follow. John Carr thought the money should be invested in a long-term project. It was decided to discuss the matter further and get back to the developer. In the meantime George Carr would inform the CC about developments in the way the money could be distributed amongst different areas.</p>
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Correspondence

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum – vacancy for community representative• Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan – Landscape Character Planning Advice for Small Scale Development• Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust – a vote of no confidence in the CC’s ability to deal with planning applications• Stuart McFarlane re the road layout Roadside of Catterline – survey to be conducted if new layout necessary• William Munro re Landslip at Catterline Brae above the Harbour Road – inability to support the stabilisation of the Brae financially but offer to discuss the matter with the Head of Roads and Landscape Services |
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Roads

It was reported that the gullies in the area were blocked again.
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John Carr stated that the Council policy on cutting road verges once a year was not acceptable. The cutbacks had been too severe, putting road users' safety at risk, especially as there was a considerable underspent sum. There should be more grass cutting more often, which would benefit everyone.

Dunnottar Woods

Litter picking took place in early summer.
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Work on Lady Kennedy's bath was still going on.

Any Other Business

Aileen Swarbrick thanked everyone for their support during her husband's illness.

John Carr had spoken to David Jarvis about representing Catterline village on the CC and the latter would be willing to attend meetings from time to time. It was suggested that he should be co-opted on the CC. John Carr would speak to him about the matter.
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Lastly, John thanked the chair and the secretary for their efforts during the summer break.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30 th October 2012
