

Catterline, Kinneff and Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 27 January 2009

Attendees & Apologies

Present: Cllrs I Duncan (chair), Anne Masson, Jim Marshall, Stephen Hall (sec), Eric Wyness, John Carr, Eeva-Kaisa Arter
Attending : Cllrs George Carr, Wendy Agnew, Graeme Clarke. Approx' 30 members of the public.
Apologies : Cllrs AndrewWatt and Bill Dargie.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read. They were approved by Jim Marshall and Anne Masson.

Matters Arising

- Secretary reported that the roads department had been contacted regarding the potholes in the village, and an assurance received that patching had been rearranged and that it was on the list for resurfacing in future years.
- It has been agreed to design and seek funding for a barrier at Denhead. In the mean time, improved signage will be erected to warn drivers on the hazard and Scottish Hydro will be approached to see if their poles can be relocated.

Financial Matters

Current account : £884.72
Cheque account : £ 7.78

Dunnottar Woods

No news.

Planning Applications

The planning applications in the agenda were read out. Ian Duncan corrected the description for the steading conversion at Cotbank of Barras, stating it was for 4 dwellings and not 5 as stated by Aberdeenshire Council.

There were no other comments on the applications.

Local Development Plan

Cllr George Carr outlined the process that will be used to create the next Local Development Plan (LDP), with developer and landowner bids being included in the Main Issues Report which to be published in May, at which point consultation and evaluation of the various bids will take place. Community Councils have the opportunity to add areas that they would like to see developed or protected from development, and the deadline for these submissions is the 4th of February, although an extension may be allowed.

Maps showing the bids in the CKDCC area were shown to the meeting, and there were many comments and questions from the floor.

John Carr said that the Scottish Executive should be put under pressure to give guidance on what is likely to be approved. Stephen Johnson said that it was not clear from the Structure Plan whether Catterline was in a "regeneration area", and that in any case the proposals didn't seem to fit very well with the structure plan.

There was great concern at the cumulative size of the proposals around Catterline, and in particular the development of The Reath (K92). A strong desire to maintain the existing Catterline Conservation Area was expressed.

Eeva-Kaisa Arter said that there were contrasting views in Kinneff on the proposals, and tremendous infrastructure problems to overcome. John Carr said that some development of low cost housing in Kinneff would help to protect Kinneff School, and that the areas identified as K82 and K116 would seem good locations for 20-30 houses. Jim Marshall said that it may be the case that we need to accept some development to allow regeneration.

Ian Duncan said that the area between Stonehaven and Montrose is very poorly served for supermarkets, and that development of a new supermarket in Stonehaven would be welcomed. Stephen Hall suggested working together with Stonehaven District Community Council on the preferred location for a supermarket.

Tom Roseweir said that there seemed to be a lot of new houses proposed, but no community benefit, such as sport centres, halls, etc. He asked where the councils commitment to provide community benefit was. Steph Roger questioned the timescale for provision of new schools.

It was agreed to;

1. Set up a working group to consider the communities response to the LDP bids. Stephen Johnson agreed to take this forward.
2. Request an extension on the 4th Feb deadline for CC contributions to the Main Issues Report.
3. Contact SDCC to explore the possibility of working jointly on the competing supermarket proposals for Stonehaven.

Roads

- Potholes on the A92/A957 junction and also on the south bound slip road from the A92 to the A90.
- Potholes between Upper Westtown and Ferniebrae
- Many potholes in Catterline Village.
- Catterline street lights out at end of Coastguards and outside number 18.
- Fence has come away near Catterline bridge and there is a gap underneath it.

Correspondence		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kinneff Primary School Ilan Duncan agreed to give a talk to the school on the role of the CC. The request for funding for the Xmas tree project would be deferred until the Project Grant determination in the February meeting. ● Proposed South Aberdeenshire Transport Forum Correspondence was noted. George Carr questioned the value of another transport forum. ● Dogs in Catterline Play Park The recent correspondence regarding the exercising of dogs at Catterline Play Park and the request to have the “No Dogs Allowed” sign re-instated was outlined to the meeting. Further concern was expressed about dogs being allowed off the leash adjacent to a childrens' play area. George Carr agreed to take up the matter to see if any progress could be made. John Carr suggested that the Community Council could erect a sign itself. <p>The following correspondence was intimated to the meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Planning Aid – information event on Feb 21st ● K&M Area Committee – 6 month trial of Public Question Time ● Community Council Forum dates for 2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thursday 26th February ○ Thursday 28th May ○ Thursday 24th September 		

Any Other Business		
<p>Stephen Hall and Ian Duncan both announced that they would not be standing for election as office bearers at the next AGM, although they would both be happy continue to serve on the CC.</p> <p>The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.</p>		

Date of Next Meeting		
<p>Tuesday 24 Feb 2009</p>		