

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 28 April, 2009

Attendees and Apologies

Present: John Carr (chairing), Ian Duncan, Karen Hales, Stephen Hall, Jim Marshall, Ann Masson, Eric Wyness, Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary)

Attending: Cllrs George Carr and Graeme Clark Andrew Chedburn and Andie Ritchie

Apologies: Bill Dargie, Phil Murray, Andrew Watt and cllr Wendy Agnew

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and they were approved by Ian Duncan and seconded by Karen Hales.

Matters Arising

George Carr explained that the 15 per cent growth rate guideline, now 20 per cent, in housing covers the duration of a structure plan/local development plan, in this case the next 10 – 15 years. Karen Hales wanted to know if it was documented.

Graeme Clark clarified the secretary's confusion about the Edzell Base stating that the planners had overlooked it as a possible inclusion in the LDP, though the area was excellent for a sizeable new settlement.

Minutes of the AGM on 31 March 2009

The minutes were read by John Carr, approved by Stephen Hall and seconded by Jim Marshall.

Planning Co-ordinator

Ian Duncan brought up the matter of a planning co-ordinator, who would liaise with the planners and keep an eye on planning applications in the CKD area. John Carr proposed Phil Murray, who had offered his services for the office for a year at the previous meeting, and this was seconded by Ann Masson. Karen Hales emphasised the importance of a planning co-ordinator, especially during the consultation period. George Carr stressed the need to engage the public in the consultation process, e.g. open days, public events.

Financial Matters

No change.

Planning Applications & the LDP

| REF | Date Valid | Site Address | Decision | Proposal |
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| KM/APP/2009/0493 | | Land South of Braehed Crescent, Stonehaven | Objection | Full pp for construction of distributor road |

John Carr explained that the proposed spine road would also include a new roundabout on the dual carriageway part of the A92, at the turn-off to Barras. Ian Duncan pointed out that the road would serve no purpose in the area, it was pre-emptive planning. It was not possible to apply for a planning permission for a purpose that did not exist nor had been applied for. Andrew Chedburn added that the proposed supermarket would have had a road included in the application if there was a need for a road. Jim Marshall was concerned about the possibility of a right of way being closed and also the proposed new road cutting access. Karen Hales stated that the new roundabout would make the dual carriageway dangerous as the roundabout would not be visible from the top of the hill in the south or coming from the north, from the A90. There would have to be a change to the speed limit from 60 and 70 to 30. In addition, it would cause a bottle neck in the morning and tea time rush hours. There were also concerns for Dunnottar Woods and the protected woods further south being affected by pollution, especially during the construction phase. The existing road would probably be closed eventually. Andie Ritchie regretted the effect of the road would have on the recreational value of the circular routes in the area between Dunnottar Castle and Stonehaven, which is very popular with walkers and cyclists.

George Carr reported that there were changes to area K59. He continued that the allocation of new houses for Stonehaven was 230, which was in addition to the approved development in Ury. There would be a need for a new school, and the pipelines round Stonehaven would limit development. Mill of Uras was amber in the LDP, which means it has not been totally ruled out for some development.

Ian Duncan queried whether the CC should take a new approach to newbuilds in the countryside. George Carr advised it was better to wait till the new LDP was out before changing the policy. Stephen Hall made it clear that the public should attend CC and consultation meetings to express their grievances regarding new developments. John Carr suggested having a meeting for local people to express their opinions on the LDP. George Carr emphasised the need (for the cllrs) to pay attention to policies.

There was some discussion on group, cluster and ribbon developments.

Travellers

Still in situ. Their presence still affects the recycling facilities, local business and the use of the lay-bys by motorists, particularly long distance lorry drivers.

Dunnottar Woods

Stephen Hall mentioned there would be a meeting the following week.

Roads

Ann Masson reported an accident at Denhead and was wondering at the cost it caused; diesel leaking into the burn, the involvement of the police, ambulance, Hydro Board, cranes. George Carr assured that there would be improvements on the A92, e.g. at Mill of Uras, and that the Denhead accident was recorded with the council.

George Carr mentioned that Muirton of Barras road, which was a through road, would be funded by the council by 50 per cent, and the locals would have to find the other half.

Correspondence

1. Woodhill House regional meeting for all CCllrs Saturday 16 May 2009.
2. Invitation to nominate a candidate for the Community Planning Executive.
3. Aberdeen Forward, Poynerook Road, Open Day Thursday 30 April, 12noon -7pm.
4. Invitation to extra K&M CC s Forum meeting at Viewmount, 14 May, at 18.30, to discuss the Development Plan Scheme and the Main Issues Report of the LDP.

Any Other business

John Carr reported about the meeting with Stonehaven CC, with special emphasis on development in Stonehaven South, which was not favoured. The Stonehaven CC were not keen to see more houses built in that area.

George Carr was delighted with the number of applicants for the post of a new head teacher at Catterline School. The interviews were in progress.

The CC agreed to have Gary Purves of Knight Frank give a presentation on developing area K147 in Catterline.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 26 May, 2009