

# **Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council**

## **Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting**

**Catterline School, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

### **Attendees and Apologies**

Present: Andrew Chedburn, Tim Crabb, Bill Dargie (chair), Karen Hales, Jim Marshall, Phil Murray, Aileen Swarbrick, Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary)

Attending: Cllr George Carr, PC David Malcolm

David Evans and David Jarvis from Catterline

Apologies: John Carr, Ann Masson and Andrew Watt

### **PC David Malcolm**

The representative of the police reported that there had been a car theft linked with a break-in in Kinneff. Two of the four perpetrators had already been captured. Car-related crimes, often opportunist, were on the increase in Aberdeenshire with preference for high-powered vehicles. The thieves tended to be from other areas, including a gang from Aberdeen City. Keys were often picked up in kitchens and access gained via insecure house doors or by breaking windows. The public were urged to secure all doors, windows, cars and sheds.

A campaign against illegal drugs was on-going. A significant seizure of drugs was made with four people to appear in court.

Patrols were operating to catch anti-social drivers. The police would start an anti-social behaviour campaign in mid March.

Diesel thefts were still a problem as well as thefts of scrap metal from farm yards.

David Evans was concerned with the increased number of bikers that the recent good weather had brought on the A92. PC Malcolm assured that the police were aware of this and in addition they were running the annual operation Zenith to check the roadworthiness of motor bikes and bikes.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and the motion that they be approved moved by Karen Hales and seconded by Aileen Swarbrick

**Matters Arising**

Cllr George Carr pointed out that the site found for Travelling People was adjacent to Stonehaven, not three miles south of it.

He, true to his word, also produced the following information on Catterline and Kinneff school estates:

	CATTERLINE	KINNEFF
Percentage of Full Capacity:	57 %	64 %
Condition of School Estate:	Category B (=satisfactory)	Category B
Suitability of School:	Category B (=performing well with minor problems)	Category C (=not operating optimally, not fit for purpose, major problems)
Total Capacity:	96	47
School roll end of 2010:	55	30
Predicted school roll 2016:	51	21

At the moment Catterline and Kinneff schools are not in danger of being closed down, but Kinneff school building needs investment and an access road. It is hoped that new development in Kinneff will increase the school roll and enable an access road to be built.

The dropping school rolls in secondary education in for example Stonehaven, Portlethen and Laurencekirk are a major concern. However, the phasing of house building has a huge impact on school estates and rolls and can change the trend.

**Financial Matters**

The treasurer not present.

## Planning Applications

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Valid from</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
APP/2012/0345	2012-02-06	Hilton Cottage Catterline AB39 2UN	Demolition of Lean-To and Outhouse
APP/2012/0196	2012-02-06	Hilton Cottage Catterline AB39 2UN	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse and Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Domestic Garden Ground
APP/2012/0142	2012-02-21	Land Adjacent to Chapelton Stonehaven AB39 2TS	Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage

## Matters Arising from Planning Applications

There were no objections to the above planning applications.

## Correspondence

From Aberdeenshire Council: Invitation to Kincardine and Mearns Area Bus Forum  
“ “ “ Street Lighting Fault Reporting  
From Kinneff Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club: application for a small grant  
From Scottish Water  
From Aberdeenshire Council: questionnaire about consultation on planning applications

In respect of the questionnaire, the CC made the following points:

- 1 the process is fundamentally flawed: too little time to respond to consultations, as CC meetings once a month
- 2 nearly impossible to organise a public consultation in the allowed time
- 3 difficult to find information on applications: drop-down menu too complicated
- 4 the drop-down menu has no link to CC areas, which would enable planning applications to be found more easily
- 5 neighbouring people to new developments not informed outside a 20 metre radius; previously it was the developer's duty, now the Council does it
- 6 notification of application often published in wrong areas

## Travelling People

Cllr George Carr mentioned that the site that been found for Travellers adjacent to Stonehaven had fallen through, and now a search for a new site was ongoing. He mentioned that the Council will not reinforce any rules on the sites, but it was up to the management of the sites. There was an excellently run site in Inverbervie, where the managers kept everyone under strict control.

## Dunnottar Woods

Cllr George Carr informed the CC that the project to restore Lady Kennedy's bath had been started.

**Any Other Business**

There was a discussion on a proposed fishing ban by Marine Conservation Society, a registered charity. The proposal would cover an area of two square kilometres from Catterline to Crawton. Opposition to the ban was strong: the local area depended on fishing and a ban would have detrimental effects on local restaurants and tourism. Besides, there had been no prior notification of or consultation on the matter. Further, there was no evidence of diminishing fish stocks. It was concluded that as a community council we were in a position to object. Karen Hales undertook to contact the Society for more information.

**Date of Next Meeting**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012