

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 30th April 2013

Attendees and Apologies

Present: Andrew Chedburn (chair), Tim Crabb, Billy Dargie, Peter Hales, Phil Murray, Aileen Swarbrick, Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary)

Attending: Cllr George Carr, Cllr David Stewart, David Evans

Apologies: John Carr, Karen Hales and Ann Masson

Minutes of the AGM

Minutes of the AGM were read and the motion that they be approved moved by Billy Dargie and seconded By Tim Crabb.

Matters Arising

Aileen Swarbrick pointed out that the minutes for the 2012 AGM were approved by John Carr and seconded by Tim Crabb.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and the motion that they be approved moved by Billy Dargie and seconded by Tim Crabb

Matters Arising

Phil Murray enquired whether there were any unused funds in the area budget, to which Cllr George Carr responded that the Council was planning to invest in an internet project. He pointed out that there was strict monitoring of funds.

Cllr Carr had passed on to Nicol Stephen a community fund template. The Chair suggested that Karen Hales should follow the matter up.

Cllr Carr undertook to check the boundaries of the CKDCC area since their precise delineation was unclear.

Aileen Swarbrick pointed out that the proposed closure of a bridge in Dunnottar Woods should be on a temporary basis only.

Police Report (electronically delivered)

Since last month's meeting, there had been over 190 incidents reported to the police service in the Kincardine area. One of them was a housebreaking in Kinneff, which took place in broad daylight. Various items of jewellery, a laptop and photographic equipment were stolen. Enquiries were continuing. Residents were urged to secure their houses and cars.

Increased police patrols to target road traffic problems and combat car thefts across K&M were confirmed.

The CC was informed about a recently formed Community Investigation Unit, the remit of which was to target the more recent housebreakings. In addition it would carry out high-visibility patrols in rural areas over the coming months (Operation Chime).

Any information on any illegal activity should be reported to Police Service of Scotland on 101 or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Financial Matters

The current account stood at £626.46 and the savings account £241.43

Planning Applications

Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2013/0594	2013-04-03	Site to South of Brackmuirhill Schoolhouse Stonehaven AB39 2TT	Erection of Hay Store and Menage (Flood Lit) including Change of Use of Land for Non-Commercial Equestrian Purposes
APP/2013/1067	2013-04-04	Land at Dunnottar Castle Lodge Stonehaven AB39 2TL	Erection of Signage (3 in Total)
APP/2013/1183	2013-04-15	Burnside of Barras Barras Stonehaven AB39 2TQ	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse

Matters Arising from Planning Applications

After discussing the applications, it was decided to notify the planners that, in regard to APP/2013/0594, the Flood Lighting should be directed in such a way that it would not affect drivers and that the use of the lights should be restricted to certain times.

Correspondence

- NHS Grampian – Public Awareness Campaign 'Walk to Work Week 2013'
- Stuart McFarlane (Roads) - response to query: work on Harbour Road Catterline starting on the second half of May; the risk of the landslip above the mill getting worse is fairly low; the clearing of the burn at Catterline is the landowner's responsibility and the location of the mess and the owner will be established

Roads

Cllr George Carr confirmed Phil Murray's assumption that road defects painted with yellow would

be repaired.

Peter Hales had reported some potholes in the roads and the work had been done in three days. He expressed his concerns about the slippage in the road above the mill- deemed less important- since there was a business involved.

Dunnottar Woods

Aileen Swarbrick reported that the litter pick in the woods on the 23rd was successful.

Community Fund

There was discussion on possible long-term projects facilitated by a community fund.

Peter Hales suggested the creation of a wireless broadband system in the area and the possibility of bringing mains gas to the CKD villages, adding that there might be grants available. Cllr

Carr responded that wireless broadband was on the Council agenda. He suggested writing to Stephen Archer, Head of Infrastructure Services, who might be able to help with the costing of gas mains.

The Chair invited ideas (for long-term projects) over the next few meetings.

Phil Murray suggested funding for the Catterline landslip.

Catterline Landslip

- The Landslip group had held a couple of meetings and were proposing to register themselves as a charity.
- A sub-group met Ian Craig of Gourdon for some advice as he had been propping up the slope behind his house for the past twenty years.
- Contact had been made with Bobby (Glasgow Caledonian University) who suggested two of his students might work on Catterline Brae over the summer.
- Harbour Road and a drain had been cleared. Water was coming from the hill.
- The drainage on the side of the road needed urgent attention in order to reduce further damage to the road.
- The Group would be looking at the drainage further up at the slope. It was hoped that the Council would be able to help in identifying the drains.
- A Coastal Protection Officer had been to meet the Group.

It was agreed to write a letter to Stuart McFarlane on behalf of the Group, with a view of having the drain on the side of the road cleared by the Council and getting help in identifying the drains.

Any Other Business

- Cllr Carr reported that the New Esk development at Edzell Base and the first phase (900 houses) at Elsick had been approved earlier on the day.
- David Evans was elected onto the committee (proposed by Tim Crabb, seconded by EK Arter).
- Karen Wood contacted the CC to announce her wish to step down because of increased work commitments. She would confirm this in writing.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 28th May 2013

