

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

## **Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting**

**Catterline School, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

### **Attendees and Apologies**

Present: John Carr, Andrew Chedburn (chair), Tim Crabb, David Evans, Karen Hales, Peter Hales, Ann Masson, Aileen Swarbrick, Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary)

Attending: Cllr George Carr, PC Greg Renzulli, member of the public Ross Foster with daughter

Apologies: Billy Dargie, Phil Murray

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and the motion that they be approved moved by Tim Crabb and seconded by Aileen Swarbrick.

### **Police Report**

PC Greg Renzulli informed the CC that no crimes had been reported in the area since the previous meeting. The secretary, however, had an update on this and referred to two recent break-ins; one at Spring Cottage, the other at Purley Knowe.

Operation Ruby, the aim of which is to catch car thieves, is on-going in the Kincardine and Mearns area. PC Renzulli emphasized the importance of securing vehicles.

He went on to elaborate the 'Get Ready for Winter Campaign', which is running from 21 October until 24 November and is designed to encourage motorists to prepare their vehicles ready for winter conditions.

He noted incidences of thefts from fuel tanks, and also that police are of the view that break-ins in Aberdeenshire are connected. One culprit had been caught.

### **Financial Matters**

The Current account stood at £396.46 and the Savings Account at 241.62.

### **Community Fund**

Karen Hales had sent a draft document for Nicol Stephen's consideration but had heard nothing yet.

KMAP was still in existence and was looking for a new format. There was £30,000 available from Aberdeenshire until April but this money might be withdrawn if there were no community projects.

John Carr suggested getting in touch with Hillhead of Auquhirie wind farmers in respect of a previously pledged community fund.

## Planning Applications and Wind Turbines

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
<a href="#">APP/2013/3368</a>	2013-10-16	Braefoot Kinneff DD10 0TJ	Full Planning Permission for erection of Replacement Dwellinghouse
<a href="#">APP/2013/3217</a>	2013-10-14	Land to North of Gallaton Farm Stonehaven AB39 2TN	Full Planning Permission for Erection of One Replacement Dwellinghouse and Erection of Three Dwellinghouses
<a href="#">APP/2013/3207</a>	2013-10-02	Land to North West of Bellfield Croft Kinneff DD10 0TQ	Full Planning Permission for Erection of 1 No 800kW (84m) Wind Turbine and Formation of Access Track
<a href="#">APP/2013/2986</a>	2013-09-27	9 & 10 Martin Terrace Kinneff Dd10 0TE	Full Planning Permission for Formation of Pitched Dormer over Existing Flat Roofed Dormers and Bay Windows
<a href="#">APP/2013/2431</a>	2013-09-17	Sunset Clouds at Little Barras Fordoun Laurencekirk AB30 1LQ	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse/Attic Conversion
<a href="#">APP/2013/2738</a>	2013-09-18	Land South West of West Town of Barras Barras AB39 2YJ	Erection of 1 No 800kW (55m to Hub, 79 to Blade Tip) Wind Turbine and Formation of Access Track

## Matters Arising from Planning Applications

Cllr George Carr reported that an application at Cowieswells was approved by Councillors on the basis of a rule that allows building within the cartilage of an existing house. This project had been turned down by the planners, since it was not a part of a cohesive group or a dwelling for a farm worker.

There was a discussion on the Purlie Knowe turbine application. It was felt that because of a lack of a policy on turbines in Aberdeenshire and, in view of central government pressure to approve applications, it was difficult to reach an objective decision. A vote was taken and four members were in favour, four abstained and one voted against.

It was suggested that the CCs' Forum should take up the time window allowed for commenting on applications.

## Local Development Plan

Cllr George Carr reminded the CC about the approaching deadline, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, for comments on the next LDP. He focused on the local school rolls; at the moment both Catterline and Kinneff schools were in no danger of closure, but by 2018 Catterline might not be safe with a considerable, predicted drop in numbers:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Catterline	62	52	50	46	42	39	41.7% capacity
Kinneff	32	33	33	36	36	35	73 % capacity

There was re-zoning exercise taking place with Elsick being built. Children living in a particular zone can attend schools in a different zone, though the Council can stop this practice.

Cllr Carr mentioned that the Scottish government had a moratorium on closing schools. There were some schools with no pupils, though sometimes two three schools were joined.

**Correspondence**

- To Stuart McFarlane/Stephen Archer/Willie Munroe – letter of complaint re grass cutting complaints
- To planners – holding letter about APP/2013/2738 Wind Turbine Application
- From Stuart McFarlane – response to the letter of complaints
- From Frances McFarlane – response to holding letter

**Roads**

Repair work was going on..

**Catterline Braes/CBAC**

Work was still in progress and the group was being constituted.  
Experts from Glasgow University were expected to revisit the Braes for further work.

**Any Other Business**

George Carr summarized the situation at the unauthorised encampment in St Cyrus: the planning application was being considered, consultees were being heard and the police were practising their non-harassment policy.

The following matters were put forward for discussion and introduction at the Council budget meeting: coastal protection, braes and the time scale of the planning window.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 26th November 2013