

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 28th January 2014

Attendees and Apologies

Present: Andrew Chedburn (chair), Tim Crabb, Peter Hales, Billy Dargie, Karen Hales (ad hoc secretary)

Attending: Cllr George Carr, Cllr Raymond Christie, Patrick Keogh Blue Energy, Eric Duncan

Apologies: David Evans, John Carr, Phil Murray, Aileen Swarbrick, Ann Masson, Eeva-Kaisa Arter

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. A correction was noted that the coping stones at Catterline bridge had not been knocked down but had become loosened and still need to be checked. The motion that they then be approved moved by Billy Dargie and seconded by Tim Crabb.

Police Report

No Police present.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Correspondence exchanged about Catterline bridge. Other matters under agenda items below.

Financial Matters

Treasurer not present - update next month

Community Fund

Final contract still to have legal check completed. KMAP aware and ready to assist. Nicol Stephen contacted. KMAP advised that Meikle Carewe Fund first round almost completed with £70,000 of applications for £20,500 fund so some disappointed groups.

LDP 2016

Peter Hales advised that the Public Consultation Meeting on 12 January had almost 40 attendees and was well received. He pulled together a summary of views expressed which were circulated in advance of this meeting. Those present endorsed them as an accurate reflection of local views and they will be formally submitted next day from CKDCC to meet deadline.

Cllr Carr advised that Mearns CC have run a series of road shows which were well attended. Next stage of consultation is Area Committee 6/7 May with Draft LDP available in October. He welcomed the emphasis in the draft LDP upon policies as well as development. He noted that the Kinneff proposed development rejected by Scottish Reporter in last LDP has been resubmitted but he felt that councillors were unlikely to overturn a Reporter review.

Planning Applications			
Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2013/3706	2013-11-26	Land to South West of West Town of Barras AB39 2UJ	Full PP for Erection of 1 No 800kW Wind Turbine, Formation of Access Track, Substation and Associated Infrastructure
APP/2013/3780	2013-12-13	Land East of Cotbank of Hilton Cottage Catterline Stonehaven	Full PP for erection of 1.2 Metre High Fence
APP/2013/4000	2013-12-17	Upper Toucks Stonehaven AB39 3XB	Full PP for Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
APP/2013/3941	2013-12-11	The Boat Shed Kriek House Mill of Uras AB39 2TQ	Full PP for Partial Change of Use of Boat Shed to Dwellinghouse

- 1) APP/2013/3706 - CKDCC were granted extension for submission of response as details not available at last meeting in November. Patrick Keogh Project Manager of Blue Energy explained background to application wishing to clarify that it was separate to submission 2013/2738 from Stern Wind Enveco though for same size and description it is opposite side of hedge on Eric Duncan's land. Enveco had originally approached Mr Duncan but he declined their proposal. Only one proposal can possibly go forward. No objections from immediate neighbours. Blue Energy propose to make donations to local Primary schools. Members discussed application and given the strong feeling against further wind farm development shown at the recent consultation, the lack of Council Policy, the wish to be consistent as 2013/2738 was objected to, and the concern at prospect of possible infilling of St John's Hill project, it was voted that CKDCC will submit an objection on the grounds of proliferation.
- 2) APP/2013/3941 – after discussion it was decided to submit an objection on the grounds that the change of use to housing would be in addition to those already allowed under organic growth of this cohesive group of houses at Mill of Uras, and as such it is against the Policy of the Council.
- 3) No objections to 3780 and 4000.

Roads
Recent weather has caused more road damage. Problems to be reported online. Although gullies emptied they are blocked again and Council urged to inspect pipes for blockages. Cllr Carr indicated that £2million extra has been put into the Roads Budget but there is a massive backlog of damage to be repaired.

Catterline Braes/CBAC
The last meeting agreed that the research connection with Glasgow University will continue in the future. CBAC will be formalised, apply for funds and start work again when weather improves. Cllr Carr indicated that in other local coastal areas there is clearly a big connection between field drains and land slippage and water tracks must be reinstated. He reminded that funds are set aside by

Council for Coastal Areas and to apply for it before it is lost. He added that cuts of £500 million in Council spending are to come over the next four years.

AOB

Grass cutting of verges at road junctions - Peter Hales reminded of our plea that a change of Policy is required of the Council to revert to at least twice yearly the grass cutting of verges to ensure safe visibility at junctions. This must be a priority obligation not an area for budget reduction.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 25th February 2014