

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 25th March 2014

Attendees and Apologies

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

Attending: Cllr George Carr, PCs Gill Caull and Craig Milne

Apologies: Cllr Dave Stewart, Cllr Raymond Christie, Cllr Graham Clark

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. A correction was noted, namely that the agreement on a community fund from St John's Hill would be between Nicol Stephen and KMAP, not CKDCC. The motion that they then be approved was moved by Aileen Swarbrick and seconded by Tim Crabb.

Police Report

- Since the February meeting, no crimes have been reported in the area.
- Operation Ruby, targeting car thieves, was continuing in Aberdeenshire. The number of car thefts was slowing down in Shire but still numerous in Aberdeen. Around forty criminals were behind these thefts.
- David Evans noted the increased motor bike traffic on the A92 at weekends, and was particularly concerned about rat racing between Kinneff and Catterline on Sunday mornings. PC Milne said that Operation Zenith would start soon, the aim being to advise motor cyclists.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Catterline Bridge had not yet been repaired.

Financial Matters

- The Current Account stood £396.46 and the Savings Account at 241.62. .A cheque for £18.00 was to go from the C/A (hire of the village hall for LDP public event).
- The following were to be recipients of this year's small grants, £100 each: Catkins Rising Fives, Catterline Braes Action Group, Catterline Rowing Club and Kinneff Hall Committee. The two local primary schools get their Christmas tree money from the same sources.

Community Fund

- Karen Hales asked Keith McRae to go through Meikle Crew agreement, in which he found terms that would be detrimental to CKDCC; the developer for instance could discontinue the fund after two years. Keith was asked to draft the agreement between Nicol Stephen and KMAP/KDP. Karen thought it would be helpful to have some advice from the Council on the wording of the document. Nicol Stephen had informed Karen that money for the fund would be available on 31st March. He

agreed to a meeting between REV and KMAP/KDP, which Karen undertook to arrange.

- John Carr attended KMAP/KDP meeting mainly as an observer. It was felt that the steering committee was trying to move KMAP to KDP, and concerns remained about KDP's future performance based on the past track record (of KMAP). It was important that legal loopholes would be eliminated; there should be absolute transparency in administering and distributing monies and the communities involved should be democratically represented.

Planning Applications

Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2014/0254	2014-02-11	Brucklaywaird Farm Stonehaven AB39 2 XD	Full PP for Erection of 3 No 2.3MW (57m to Hub and 92.5 to Blade Tip) Wind Turbines and Formation of Access Tracks and Ancillary Infrastructure

Matters Arising

- The CC decided to object to the above application on the basis of proliferation, visual impact and the lack of policies in Aberdeenshire.
- David Argo's application for a wind turbine was withdrawn.
- The Area Committee granted full planning permission for a partial conversion of the Boat Shed to a dwelling house in Mill of Uras on condition it was for the sole use of the applicant.
- There followed a discussion on infrastructure, particularly transport, or rather the lack of it south of Aberdeen, and how it was becoming a real problem, especially for the business community. Cllr George Carr acknowledged it should pre-empt building work. To Billy Dargie's query about why roads were not built first, he answered there was lack of cash flow. George Carr added that tenders had been put out, and road work was expected to start this year.

Correspondence

- To Ann Masson – thank you letter for dedicated service on the CC over 22 years
- To Stuart McFarlane – re the colour of the outside of the road barrier at Bervie Braes
- To Joanna Cubbage – state of coastal defenses at Catterline harbour
- To Mike Strathearn – to support reinstating **Burn of Glaslaw Bridge** in Dunnottar Woodsh
- From Stuart McFarlane – re the colour on the outside of the barrier will stay
- From K&M Communities – invitation to a joint meeting 'Working together in Kincardine and Mearns'

Roads

- **Kinneff:** resurfacing and pavement work was being carried out.
- New tarmac on **Barras road** was already breaking.
- **Catterline Bridge:** the coping was further loosened by an agricultural machine bumping into the bridge .

Catterline Braes/CBAG

CBAG had applied to Scottish Charities for funding. A9Woodland Trust representative would come and advise the group on planting the right trees on the slopes.

Any Other Business

- George Carr updated the CC on the travellers' illegal site at St Cyrus: their retrospective planning application had been withdrawn, and the process for acquiring planning permission would start again.
- John Carr relayed the Gala Committee's request for a power point in the gala field.
- Andrew Chedburn proposed a vote of thanks to George Carr.
- It was agreed to send a 'get well' card to Cllr Graham Clark.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th April 2014