

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 29th April 2014

Attendees and Apologies

Present: Andrew Chedburn (chair), Tim Crabb, Karen Hales, Peter Hales, Phil Murray, Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary)

Attending: Cllr George Carr, Reid Hutchison (Aberdeenshire Council), Elaine Cleary (Aberdeenshire Council), PC Craig Milne, Linda Swan

Apologies: John Carr, Billy Dargie, Dave Evans, Aileen Swarbrick, Cllr Dave Stewart, Cllr Raymond Christie, Cllr Graham Clark

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The motion that they then be approved was moved by Karen Hales and seconded by Tim Crabb.

Police Report

- Since the March meeting, no crimes have been reported in the area. However, residents should be vigilant and secure all doors and windows at all times.
- Operation Ruby, targeting car thieves, was continuing in Aberdeenshire.
- Mobile units were patrolling in the area trying to catch speeders.
- PC Milne warned householders of cold callers and bogus workmen after some incidents in rural areas.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr George Carr raised a question of the lack of funds to cover the repair work on the bridge in Dunnottar Woods as well as another in Luthermoor. Since Aberdeenshire was keen to project a positive image, the matter would be taken up for discussion again.

Financial Matters

- The Treasurer not present.

Community Fund

- Karen Hales attended the KMAP/KDP steering group meeting and subsequently met Reid Hutchison and Elaine Cleary to discuss a possibility of setting up a trust for administering community funds. The latter two also agreed to come and advise the CC on the different options for administering community funds.
- In the event of a trust, they undertook to involve the developer in negotiations with the community, assist with a plan of action and with operational details so as to get the best deal for the community. Elaine Cleary pointed out that Scottish government guidelines for funding contributions from developers was a minimum of £5000/mw, which was to be index-linked throughout the project.

- According to Reid Hutchison there are three options to CKDCC for the administration of a community fund. 1) a rural partnership (KMAP/KDP, KDP should be up and running in about six months); 2) a national organisation such as Communities Foundation of Scotland (which takes a cut) or 3) setting up a local trust. He favoured the last option which should have a simple legal structure and employ someone to administer the fund. He stressed the importance of the wording of the contract for the fund and the transparency of the decision- making process.
- In the ensuing conversation George Carr emphasised that administration costs needed to be built into the contract with the developer, community councils needed to be represented and that there should be unequivocal neutrality in dispensing monies from the fund. Reid Hutchison mentioned that the owners of turbines funded with CARES loans would pay communities £10,000/mw annually. Phil Murray did not see any point in negotiating when the developer had no obligation to give anything. Reid Hutchison said Aberdeenshire Council was going to publish of a map of turbines in its area, which would show how much income each turbine generated to communities. Karen Hales reminded the CC that REV had agreed in principle to pay £2000/mw to the community. Reid Hutchison was not convinced that CKDCC should go to MAP. Rural partnerships function as facilitators for rural communities in setting up funds, which should have a legalised agreement (Co Ltd) to protect individuals from liability. Members of rural partnerships should declare interests and the set –up should have transparency. George Carr saw the transition of KMAP into KDP happening smoothly. Karen Hales expected KMAP/KDP to be efficiently managed if CKDCC should participate in it.
- After a long discussion about which body should administer the CKD community fund, given that KDP might take around six months to be up and running, it was decided that the Community Council should explore the possibility of setting up its own trust with Arbuthnot. With this in mind, the chair proposed that Karen Hales should set up a working group of four; two from CKDCC and two from Arbuthnot CC. George Carr advised looking at the ENECO contract as an example.

Planning Applications

Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2014/1142	2014-03-14	Chapelton Farm Stonehaven AB39 2TS	Erection of Agricultural Building
APP/2014/1304	2014- 03-28	Damside Croft Kinneff DD10 0SZ	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse (Orangery)
APP/2014/1311	2014-03-28	Land Adjacent to Denside House Catterline AB29 2UN	Erection of Dwellinghouse (to Replace Redundant Store Associated with Smallholding)
APP/2014/1325	2014-03-31	Catterline	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse (Porch and Sunroom)
APP/2014/1398	2014-04-07	Land East of Cotbank of Hilton Catterline	Planning Permission in principle for Erection of Dwellinghouse
APP/2014/1397	2014-04-07	Land to West of Briggies Roadside of Catterline Stonehaven	Planning Permission in principle for Erection of Dwellinghouse
APP/2014/1507	2014-04-15	Kinneff School DD10 0SZ	Installation of Antenna (Retrospective permission – work completed 8 th Jan 2014)

Matters Arising

There were no objections to the above applications.

Roads

- **Catterline Bridge:** an inspection was promised to take place after extra damage to the bridge was reported to Mike Strathearn.

Any Other Business

- George Carr reported that a budget had been approved for coastal defence and protection.
- The co-opting of Linda Swan to the CC was favourably received.
- The secretary reported there had been no response from Guy Johnston (Blue Energy) with respect to community revenues from Hillhead of Auquhirie wind farm. Another approach to be made.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th May 2014