

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 26th May 2015

Attendees and Apologies

Present: Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary), John Carr, Andrew Chedburn, Tim Crabb, Dave Evans, George Greiss, Linda Swan, Aileen Swarbrick (chairing)
Attending: Councillor George Carr, PCs Andy Adam and Colin Logan
Apologies: Billy Dargie, Phil Murray, Dave Ramsay, Ruth Rooney, Cllrs Christie, Clark and Stewart

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The motion that the minutes be approved was moved by Tim Crabb and seconded by John Carr.

Matters Arising

- To Andrew Chedburn's query about an update on the travellers' site at St Cyrus and the location of a supermarket in the Stonehaven area, George Carr said that the travellers were appealing against the rejection of their retrospective application for the camp. It had been turned down on grounds of flooding. The Council was adhering to the letter of the planning process. As for the supermarket applications, all had been turned down by the Area Committee as well as the full Council. The Bancon application at Ury (without houses) will go to appeal and the Scottish Government will adjudicate.
- In response to John Carr's question about whether the site for a supermarket at Spurryhillock was being considered, George Carr confirmed that this was the case since it was in the LDP.
- George Carr mentioned that coastal erosion was beyond the remit of the Government's Scotland-wide survey. The problem of erosion was the responsibility of the Council which had a backlog of work.
- The situation in Catterline had deteriorated over the past six months and the extent of erosion had been significant. The gabions and concrete blocks needed replacing as well as measures taken to stabilise the slopes. It was decided to write to Joanna Cabbage (cc W Munro).

Police Report

PC Andy Adam reported that the vast majority of the 195 recorded incidents in the wider Stonehaven area in the past month had been road traffic matters although there were some cases of anti-social behaviour. These included two in the Catterline area: youths riding scramblers in the woods at Dunnottar and males trying to sell goods in Catterline. Kinneff had no reported cases.

- There had been several house break-ins in Stonehaven combined with thefts of vehicles. Two males had been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for this crime series.

- He reminded residents to keep houses and outbuildings as well as vehicles well secured.
- The following Police Scotland Campaigns were highlighted: Operation Redwall (programme against ‘legal highs’, new psychoactive substances) and Stay Safe Online (promoting internet safety in the 9-12 age group and among young teenagers).
- There had been fewer thefts of vehicles in the Kincardine area since some perpetrators had been apprehended. Nonetheless, there was no room for complacency. It was important to keep locking vehicles at all times and keep the keys out of reach of car thieves.
- Door-to-door salespeople and bogus workmen had been targeting elderly people in particular. Any suspicious activity should be reported and vehicle registration taken down when possible. A white transit van with Irish number plates had been spotted in the Catterline area at the beginning of May.
- High-visibility mobile patrols will continue to cruise around the area.
- In response to Dave Evans’ report of an abandoned trailer loaded with asbestos which was spotted between Catterline Roadside and Mill of Uras, the police undertook to investigate.
- To John Carr’s concerns about the copious amounts of litter strewn on side roads. PC Adam commented that even if one witnessed litter being thrown down, it would be difficult to identify the culprit(s). One could pick up the litter, but fingerprinting it would be very costly.

Financial Matters

The Current Account stood at £308.46 and the Savings Account at £241.81.

Community Funds

- Aileen Swarbrick had spoken to Isabella Williamson about the Hillhead contract at a KDP meeting, but the latter had pointed out that CKD had no mandate to negotiate with REV; it was KDP’s task. It seemed as if all the hard work done by Karen Hales, Phil Murray and Andrew Chedburn had come to nothing.
- George Carr pointed out that the contract would be between the developer and KDP. The latter managed the fund, which had been negotiated with the developer by CKD and ACC. Andrew Chedburn stated that ACC was mostly in agreement on the heads of terms, which now needed the final acceptance before the developer would draw up the contract. It was decided to work through Andrew, the-ex chair of ACC, who had taken part in discussions with CKDCC. Andrew Chedburn would accompany Phil Murray to a meeting with ACC representatives.

Planning Applications

Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2015/1225	2015-04-22	4 Muirton of Barras Stonehaven AB39 2XT	Alteration and Extension to Existing Garage to Form Workshop and Greenhouse
APP/2015/1185	2015-04-17	Wardhead Kinneff Aberdeenshire DD10 0AY	Erection of Anaerobic Digestion Facility (Digester Tanks, Combined Heat and Power Unit, Silage Clamps, Weighbridge, Dry store Building, Office and Bunded Wall/Fence)

Matters Arising from Planning Applications

The applications were discussed, the second at length. There were no objections and it was decided to write a letter in support of APP/2015/1185 (an anaerobic digester at Warhead) because of the overwhelming advantages of the facility. These were environmental benefits (increase in

sustainability of farming practices; energy and fertilizers from renewable sources; reduction in climate pollution; reduction of farm waste going to landfills etc), economic benefits (new employment and support to existing jobs), and the infrastructure was already in place (existing road and proximity to connection to the electricity grid). It was suggested that the outside of the facility should be painted in colours blending into the background.

- Aileen Swarbrick had noted the same wording in several letters of objection or of support in planning applications. However, there did not appear to be any rule with regard to the origin of the wording.

Correspondence

- from William Munro – K&M Safety Group (rep wanted)
- from Ian Rogan – 2nd Phase of Review of the CC Scheme of Establishment (role & function of CCs + rep wanted)
- from Frances Crabb – Flood Act consultation 2015
- from George Burger – re APP/2015/1183
- Phil Mills-Bishop – re Newtonleys

CBAG

Dave Evans reported that CBAG had had a meeting the previous week. Equipment for drainage had been ordered and a system of ‘ground anchoring’ was being piloted. George Carr complimented CBAG on their initiative and continuous efforts as a great example of community resilience.

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- It was felt that a garage/boatshed next to the school looked like an abandoned builder’s yard and should be tidied up. In addition there was a derelict shed/garage by the bridge, which was hazardous and an eye-sore. Willie Munro was to be notified about both instances for further action.
- George Carr anticipated unstable times for Aberdeenshire Council, which was in turmoil at present.
- Dave Evans voiced everyone’s frustration about broadband problems. He informed the CC that superfast broadband would arrive along the road from Stonehaven to Inverbervie within the next two months. However, it would not cover Catterline without a broadband ‘box’ and residents would need to club together in order to get one.
- Catterline Gala would be held on 13th June.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30th June 2015