

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 26 January, 2010

Attendees and Apologies

Present: John Carr, Andrew Chedburn, Billy Dargie (chair), Ian Duncan, Karen Hales, Stephen Hall, Jim Marshall, Ann Masson, Andrew Watt, Eric Wyness, Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary)

Attending: Councillors George Carr and Graeme Clark
Byron McKibben and Andy Thomson

Apologies: Phil Murray

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion that they be approved moved by Andrew Watt, seconded by Karen Hales.

Matters Arising

Councillor George Carr informed the CC that, despite some remedial work to the roads in Catterline, completed at the end of 2009, water still overflowed all the way to the bridge. At Denhead, alternative drainage was being investigated, whilst at Mill of Uras water was coming onto the road despite the drainage in the field. Gully clearing had been done in Kinneff, but the one opposite the Lodge kept filling up and flooding the road.

Road signs for Fernieflatt and Mill of Uras had been redone, and some new ones ordered.

With regard to Andrew Watt's concern about a landslide at Catterline harbour and the fact that the path above the harbour is still being used, George Carr pointed out that the repair work was not the Council's responsibility. It was a private matter. However, he noted that there might be different options available for funding, which needed investigation, if the Council remained noncommittal.

Ian Duncan wanted answers to a query he had brought up at an earlier meeting, namely 'what has happened to all the planning gains money?' George Carr undertook to contact the planning gains officer again on the matter.

Local Development Plan

Andrew Chedburn raised the matter of Bancon's renewed application for a distributor road at Stonehaven South. It was decided to oppose the application on the same grounds as stated in our letters of 7-10-09 and 30-4-09. The CC would review its position when the supermarket application had been dealt with.

Councillor George Carr reported on his day with Council officers, who were discussing Structure Plan policies. One such policy was the regeneration of the coastal area from Stonehaven South to St Cyrus, which had been designated an area of social need, especially the stretch from Inverbervie to Gourdon and Johnshaven. George Carr strongly opposed blanket development along the coastal strip; regeneration meant different things to different communities. Catterline was a good example of this as could be seen from the Catterline Working Group Report, which all the Councillors had a copy of. Karen Hales pointed out that, excellent though the document was, it did not completely represent the views of the CKD area.

Council officers would be revisiting the question of regeneration again on 9/10 March, now skewed towards environmental, social and transport improvements with a view to promoting more public/private partnerships. Development bids in the CKD area would be discussed at the same time too.

Financial Matters

The current account stands at £2.78, and the savings account at £844.27

The following requests for funding from the CC were received from:

- Kinneff Primary School, £ 45 for staging a Christmas party for the local community at Kinneff village Hall.
- Ceri Webster of the Canny Act Drama Group for any funding support toward 'capital expenditure items' and 'presenting a range of productions for the community'.

It was decided to postpone the deadline for submissions until 23 February and to advertise the matter on the CC website.

Planning Applications

REF	Date Valid	Site Address	Decision	Proposal
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APP/2009/3783	17/12/09	Bardspark, Stonehaven AB30 3XB	Pending	Conversion of Steading to form Dwellinghouse
APP/2009/4074	24/12/09	Plot 2 Hillhead of Glasslaw Steading AB39 2XP	Pending	Removal of Condition 5 (Prior to the construction of any of the dwellinghouses the agreed proposals to construct the access road between Glasslaw Home Farm and Hillhead Of Glasslaw Farm, the Permanent closure of the three central reserve gap sites and five field fence gates)
APP/2009/4057	24/12/09	Milton of Barras Farmhouse Barras Stonehaven AB39 2UH	Pending	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
APP/2010/0036	12/01/10	Land to the North of Whistleberry House Kinneff	Pending	Erection of Dwellinghouse
APP/2010/0046	13/01/10	5 Whisteleberry Kinneff DD10 0TJ	Pending	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
APP/2009/3225	18/01/10	Stonehaven Radio Station Stonehaven AB39 2TL	Pending	Change of Use to Class 4 (business)
APP/2010/0123	21/01/10	Donray Kinneff DD10 0TB	Pending	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse

Matters Arising from Planning Applications

Each planning application was considered. It was decided to object to the removal of Condition 5 regarding APP/2009/4074, plot 2 Hillhead of Glasslaw Steading Development, on the grounds of safety on and access onto the A90. As for APP/2010/0036, Erection of Dwellinghouse on land north of Whistleberry House, the Cllrs stressed the importance of keeping the house congruent with the surrounding stone buildings.
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Travelling People

Nothing to report.

Dunnottar Woods

Nothing to report.

Roads

John Carr informed the CC that the roads in the CKD area were in a bad state, as ever. There were serious potholes about. Briggs of Criggie was done two years ago, but now part of the road had subsided, not to mention the big potholes.

Andrew Chedburn revealed that the road to Dunnottar Nurseries would be repaired at the cost of £120,000.
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George Carr said there was a hotline for potholes and urged councillors to report any to the following number: 08456 081205.
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Ian Duncan observed that soil had been cleared from ditches and left on the roadside with the result that all the water washed the sand and rubbish back into the ditches. He suggested clearing the ditches in a dry season, so that vegetation could bind the sand and rubbish.

Correspondence

Letter from Karen McWilliam, 11 Jan 2010, re Implementation of the new Planning Act-Presentation to the K& M Community Council Forum.

From The Public Catalogue Foundation, 1 Dec 2009, re Oil Paintings in Public Ownership. The only ones in public ownership are on display at the Creel Inn.
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From Isobel Gordon, 4 Jan. 2010, re Hillhead of Auquhirie Wind Farm. It was decided to forward this letter to the relevant planning officer as CKDCC had already made its views known on the Wind Farm in question.

From Bancon, 20 Jan 2010, a copy to CKDCC of a letter sent to K A Melville in response to his objections to the application for a distributor road at Braehead.

From Les Allan, 12 Jan 2010, re planning training for community council members.

Any Other Business

George Carr told the CC that there was a new beat officer, and steps were taken to get communications set up.

The CCllrs supported Stephen Hall's suggestion to invite a representative from Halliday Fraser Munro to come and give a presentation on their plans for the Mill of Forest area at the next CC meeting.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 23rd February 2010