

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes of the Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 30 March, 2010

Attendees and Apologies

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

Attending: Tim Crabb and Stephen Johnson

Apologies: Andrew Chedburn, Phil Murray and Cllrs George Carr and Graeme Clark

Minutes of Last Meeting

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

Matters Arising

John Carr reported on the following matters on behalf of Cllr George Carr:

1. Local Development Plan

Councillors discussed the various settlements at their meeting on 10 March.

Catterline

No development is envisaged in the draft plan.

The reasons given relate to its conservation status, the tourism aspect, the unsuitability of sites, road access and the value of the village as a destination for artists.

Mill of Uras

No development

Kinneff

George Carr pressed Kinneff situation to a vote suggesting zero development, but lost by a small margin. Consequently, the area to the east of the A92 will be recommended for 30 houses.

Braehead

No development

General

The boundary of the Rural Housing Market Area is to be revised. George Carr has signalled his opposition to this extension south of Mill of Uras and would support it – embracing the Catterline Conservation area- only if it would give greater protection against development. However, more houses are required in the rural area to sustain schools so he would oppose any further extension.

2. Catterline Land Slip

George Carr is currently working on this. After the recent Infrastructure Services Committee meeting and the announcement from John Swinney on Bervie Braes, the Council has indicated it will act where Council assets are at risk! This will include Roads. George Carr will pursue that angle with Officers as the Catterline Road is at risk. However, he suspects that because the slip is unadopted property, the Community Council may need to take the lead in encouraging residents to identify a contractor, work up a tender and apply for financial assistance.

George Carr will however FIRST get advice from Officers on how best to pursue the matter and how much help the Council will give.

Stephen Johnson and Tim Crabb of Catterline raised their concerns about the land slippage at Catterline, the lack of a storm drain on the seaward side of the village, and the safety of the bridge. This was because water was running along the sides of it. They stressed the need for a long term solution to the problems, including storm drains down to the harbour road and an assessment of the safety of the bridge. Billy Dargie indicated that SEPA would need to be involved. He promised that the Roads Department would be informed about the concerns.

Local Development Plan

There ensued a discussion from the floor. With regard to the Spine Road, Billy Dargie said that it should go all the way down to the bottom. Jim Marshall said the road stopped half way because of a different landowner. Karen Hales reminded the cllrs that the supermarket was voted to be situated at Spurryhillock. According to George Carr, only 50 per cent of Spurryhillock business park is Council-owned. John Carr had discovered from a business owner at Spurryhillock that his business was not suited for relocation to Braehead. Stephen Hall pointed out that a spine road was a condition, adding that Bancon had not included it in the supermarket application, but submitted it as a separate item. Karen Hales reminded everyone that Bancon did not have a planning permission for a supermarket. However, they did for a business park, but there had been no action. John Carr agreed with Karen that the spine road application was just to facilitate more houses.

Financial Matters

The current account stands at £2.78, and the savings account at £390.58

Planning Applications

APP/2010/0480	Spring Cottage Kinneff DD10 0TJ	Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage
APP/2010/0737	South View East Mains of Barras AB39 2TR	Erection of Detached Garage
APP/2010/0838	Gallaton Stonehaven AB39 2TN	Change of Use from Agricultural Land to Domestic Demolition of Barn and Erection of Replacement

Dunnottar Woods

Stephen Hall mentioned that the Bodgers were running a course in woodturning over the Easter weekend.

Roads

The roads in the CKD area were as bad as ever, if not worse. There was a big hole in the road on the corner at Catterline Mains, which had caused a lot of concern, especially when in windy weather the barriers were blown down.

Correspondence

Bancon masterplan on Braehead; Aberdeenshire Parks and Open Spaces Strategy; Aberdeenshire Licensing Boards

Any Other Business

Karen Hales brought up the caravan site in Catterline and the way it was expanding exponentially. John Carr was aware they were supposed to screen the site off two years ago. Ian Duncan commented that in 2006 they proposed extension, admitting that at its present state it was an eyesore.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 27th April 2010