

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 24th April 2012

Attendees and Apologies

Present: John Carr, Andrew Chedburn (chair), Tim Crabb, Karen Hales, Ann Masson, Aileen Swarbrick, Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary)

Attending: Cllr George Carr, PC Croall, Karen Wood, Dave Ramsay

Apologies: Cllr Graeme Clark, Bill Dargie

Police Report

PC Croall attended the first part of the meeting to give a report on recent police activity in the area. The current crime rate was remained low. No incidents of anti-social behaviour had been reported to police. However, a male was in custody for a recent car theft locally. PC Croall noted that rural residents were not always locking their cars and sometimes leaving the keys in the ignition. He emphasised the need to lock up cars as well as secure house doors and windows. There had been break-ins in the Arbuthnott area, and a male was in custody at the moment.

PC Ian Edwards has been named as a new community focus officer and part of his remit is to interact with young people in order to discourage anti-social behaviour. In addition, there would be more uniformed officers patrolling the local areas.

PC Croall reminded the CC about the forthcoming Olympic Torch Relay on 10-11 June and its implications for the local traffic.

He described the latest phase of Operation Hotspur, which is a multi-agency approach to tackling illegal drugs in Aberdeenshire. So far 60 people had been arrested and £15,000 worth of drugs seized. One of the agencies involved was Turning Point, which gives support to drug and alcohol users.

John Carr enquired about some recent incidents in Inverbervie, a car theft in Kinneff and a break-in in Mill of Uras. PC Croall informed him that a man was in custody for the car theft. John pointed out that the crimes were very serious and a large number of police should have been allocated to catch the perpetrators. PC Croal confirmed that one offender had been caught and emphasised that police needed firm evidence before arresting someone and also that police did not have enough resources.

The chair thanked PC Croall for his crime report.

David Ramsay on the Heritage Project

David Ramsay attended to give a talk on the Heritage Project, the aim of which is to preserve both rural and coastal heritage of the Howe o' Mearns. NESTA, a funder of the project, are seeking people, principally those over 55, who have ideas that would benefit local communities. The Heritage Project is an innovative Social Enterprise Project, which aims to involve people able to sustain a self-supporting project in Kincardine and Mearns. The Project works in partnership with Lathallan School and operates as an umbrella organisation embracing community projects from St Cyrus to Stonehaven. The goal now is to integrate existing initiatives to form a Heritage Project with its own website whilst retaining the identity of individual initiatives. Examples of these individual initiatives under the umbrella include Kinneff Old Kirk Preservation Trust, Catterline Rowing Club and Maggie Law Museum in Gourdon.

Mr Ramsay has retired from the Heritage Project but will continue to participate on a voluntary basis.

David Ramsay was thanked for his input and his contribution to the Project was duly noted.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and the motion that they be approved moved by Tim Crabb and seconded by John Carr.

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Matters Arising

The Marine Conservation Society's Proposed Fishing Ban from Catterline to Crawton

Karen Hales undertook to arrange a visit from the Marine Conservation Society for the June meeting. Cllr Carr emphasised the importance of finding out about the process (of consultation) from the representative of the MCS.

Financial Matters

The treasurer informed the committee that the Current Account stood at £706.46 and the Savings Account at £241.24. Project grant cheques would go out in the near future.

Planning Applications			
Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2012/1207	2012-04-11	Land adjacent to Dunnottar Castle Lodge Stonehaven AB39 2TL	Siting of Catering Van
APP/2012-1254	2012-04-16	South Row , 3 4 Catterline Stonehaven AB39 2UL	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouses to Form One Dwellinghouse
APP/2007/2015	2012-04-19	Land around the North Lodge Ury Estate	Major Development- around 100 houses
ditto	ditto	Land around the East Lodge	ditto

Matters Arising from Planning Applications
<p>There were no objections to the above planning applications. It was agreed to send a letter in support of siting a catering van at Dunnottar Castle Lodge whilst at the same time emphasising that the appearance of the van should be in keeping with the historic surroundings. In addition, every effort should be made to prevent a litter problem.</p> <p>With regard to the application for a major development at Ury Estate (approved in principle in December 2011), Cllr Carr urged the CC to consider what facilities, financed by the planning gain from Ury Estate, the community would like to see in Stonehaven. A comment would be submitted once the deadline was established. Public consultation will be held in Stonehaven in June (venue TBC).</p> <p>Cllr Carr mentioned that a number of houses planned for Stonehaven had been incorporated into the Elsieck development and land south-east of Braehead had been allocated for community use.</p>

Roads
George Carr reported that work on gullies on the A92 was in hand. Any road defects, eg the big hole at the junction on Crawton road should be reported to the roads hotline on 0845 6081205.

Correspondence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberdeenshire City and Shire SDPA; Publication of Development Plan Scheme 2012-13 • Abedeenshire Community Planning Partnership:our representative – Ruth Simms • Volunteer Centre Aberdeen: Training Sessions in Volunteering in Stonehaven

Dunnottar Woods

Litter picking in the woods tonight.

Any Other Business

Karen Hales volunteered to chair **the Community Councils' Forum** meeting in Viewmount on 24 May.

George Carr's announcement that the **wind turbine application at Wardhead** had been successful was met with a mixed reaction. The KM area committee voted by 7-6 in favour of the application. The decisive factors in the approval were the prospect of economic development and a reduction in pollution. Cllr George Carr admitted that there were hurdles put on planning but they were there in order to maintain quality. In depth discussions on applications took place and the LDP allowed flexibility. Karen Hales reiterated that Aberdeenshire lacked a policy on wind turbines.

It was decided to split the five areas of **Consultation on Planning Reform** among CCllrs.

Election of a New Community Councillor

Karen Wood was duly elected as a member for Dunnottar. The election of Karen was proposed by John Carr and seconded by Aileen Swarbrick.

Karen undertook to talk about Zero Waste in the next meeting on 29th May.

Date of Next MeetingTuesday 29th May 2012