

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting

Catterline School, 28th April 2015

Attendees and Apologies

Present: Eeva-Kaisa Arter (secretary), John Carr, Tim Crabb, Billy Dargie, Dave Evans, Phil Murray, Dave Ramsay, Aileen Swarbrick (chairing)
Attending: Councillor George Carr, PC Steven McKenzie and Mrs Dorothy Ramsay (member of the public)
Apologies: Andrew Chedburn, George Greiss, Ruth Rooney, Linda Swan, 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 Billy Dargie and seconded by Phil Murray.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Dave Evans noted a correction in respect of the Dunecht proposal for Dunnottar Castle visitor centre. Whilst he welcomed the prospect of improvement to the facilities promised at Dunnottar Castle, he questioned whether Dunecht Estates had the expertise in the provision and management of successful and significant tourist attractions. Citing the National Trust for Scotland as an example of an organisation which provided excellent facilities at many castles, he pointed out that the latter managed to do this without the need to build houses in order to finance the operations, Mr Young from Dunecht Estates responded that whilst main business experience of Dunecht Estates lay elsewhere, the company was confident it could run the facilities profitably, which was an important consideration.
- Cllr George Carr pointed out any comments on the LDP 2016 first go to the Council, then to a Scottish Government Reporter.
- Phil Murray was confirmed as the new Chair of CKDCC.

Minutes of the AGM of 31st March 2015

Minutes of the AGM were read and the motion that they be approved moved by Billy Dargie and seconded by Phil Murray.

Police Report

PC McKenzie reported that the vast majority of the 274 recorded incidents in the Stonehaven area in the past month had not been criminal in nature. These included three in the Catterline area: one false call and the other two were not of criminal nature. The Kinneff and Dunnottar area had no reported cases.

- 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, it was important to lock 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.

Financial Matters

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

Community Fund/ KDP

- Phil Murray had written to ACC but had not received a response. The assumption was that they were in agreement with the CKD heads of terms.
- Aileen Swarbrick undertook to represent CKDCC also on the panel of Hillhead of Auquhirie fund.

Planning Applications

Ref.	Date	Address	Proposal
APP/2015/1183	2015-04-17	Land to South West of Slains Park Farm Roadside of Kinneff DD10 0SY	Erection of 1 No. 100kW (37m to Hub Height, 49.2 to Blade Tip) Wind Turbine with Associated Access Track, Hardstanding and Substation Building
APP/2015/1073	2015-04-15	3 Briggs of Criggie Steading Stonehaven AB39 2XS	Change of Use of Business Unit from Class 4 (Office) to class 7 (Holiday Let)

Matters Arising from Planning Applications

The applications were discussed and the CC decided to object to APP/2015/1183 (a wind turbine at Slains Park) A) because of the existing proliferation of turbines in the area and their cumulatively deleterious effect, B) because the economic benefits to the area were outweighed by the negative impact and C) a lack of policy guidelines on turbines in Aberdeenshire.

Correspondence

- from Police Scotland - new contact Donna Barclay
- from Inspiring Aberdeenshire Team – Dave Ramsay shortlisted for award

CBAG

Work was in progress on the Braes – subject to the weather.

AOB

- George Carr reported that the travellers' site at St Cyrus would be discussed on Thursday and also a site for a supermarket in Stonehaven.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th May 2015