

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council
Minutes for Monthly Public Meeting held at Catterline School,
Tuesday 28th June 2016

1. Attendees and Apologies

Present: Debbie Murray (secretary), John Carr, George Greiss, Peter Hales, Phil Murray (chair), Dave Ramsay, Andrew Chedburn, Councillor George Carr, Bill Dargie, EAK,
Apologies: Cllr Stewart, L Swan,

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

approved: George Greiss
seconded: Dave Ramsay

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

- (a) George Greiss gave an update regarding his new role as the CKDCC representative at the latest KDP meeting – slow progress and unsure of its exact purpose.
- (b) Noted that there has not been a police officer present for a number of CKDCC monthly meetings
- (c) Community funding see below

4. Police Report

No police officers were present at the meeting

5. Financial Matters

John Carr (treasurer) reported:

- Bank balance is unchanged.

6. Community Funding

St. Johns Hill - Leading on from the last CKDCC meeting and the concerns arising from the community fund and its distribution.

Phil Murray meet with John Forbes in the hope to clarify fact and gather facts.

Phil Murray in his capacity of chairman of CKDCC advised Mr Forbes of the following:

- there had been ongoing discussions between the two benefiting Communities Councils (ACC and CKDCC) and Nicol Stephens Solicitors with the sole purpose of arranging the fair and equal distribution of the “annual community fund” between the two CC’s.
- a contract had been agreed (in principle) with Nicol Stephen which allowed the annual community fund, of approx. £18k per annum, for the period of 25 years, to be split 50/50 between ACC and CKDCC. The distribution of such funds to be administered by an independent KPD.

Mr Forbes advised:

- he was the spokesperson for the landowners of St John Hill windfarm.
- he had had discussions with Nicol Stephen regarding the distribution of the annual community funds and had re-negotiated the funds so that £10k per year, for the period of 25 years, went directly to the Kinneff Village Hall

PM highlighted that both CC’s had a number of serious concern over Mr Forbes proposed arrangements in so much as:

- a distribution in such a way may be seen as unfair as the purpose of a community fund (as per the Scottish guidelines), was to enable various individuals and groups within a community, to apply for funding for projects in an open and transparent manner
- his proposal may be seen by some as a “conflict of interest” as Mr Forbes is one of the three land owners involved in the windfarm project. He is also a committee member of the Kinneff Village Hall, the sole beneficiary of his renegotiated proposed £10k per annum sum

Mr Forbes re-iterated that he would not move from insisting on his proposed arrangement.

It was decided unanimously at the CC meeting that the CC should inform all parties concerned and seek an acceptable remedy. Phil Murray agreed to write to Mr Forbes and the other two landowners, David Drinkwater and Archie Gauld, outlining the CC’s concerns and copy Nicol Stephen in on the correspondence.

7. List of planning and updates
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| - see Pete Hales planning summary |
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8. Matters arising from planning applications
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Nothing to report

9. Correspondence

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| - Karen McWilliam of Aberdeenshire Council advised about community work funds available |
| - Letter from Mary Forbes requesting money from the CC for the Kinneff Lunch Club. - George Carr, Treasurer, to arrange cheque for £50 |

10 Roads

Nothing to report

11 CBAG

Headway has been made with works on the braes beneath Trelong Row by local volunteers. Work on filling and transportation of sand bags will be undertaken over the summer months. The Gala stall was a success and raised awareness

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 27 th September 2016
