

Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Minutes of AGM held on Tuesday 29th March 2016

Present	Eeva-Kaisa Arter (Secretary), John Carr, Billy Dargie, David Evans, George Greiss, Peter Hales, Phil Murray (Chair), Dave Ramsay
Attending	Debbie Murray, local resident
Apologies	Andrew Chedburn, Tim Crabb, Linda Swan
Meeting chaired by	Phil Murray

1. Apologies

As above

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the previous AGM were read. Adoption was proposed by Billy Dargie and seconded by Phil Murray.

3. Matters arising from minutes

None

4. Financial matters

The annual income was £510 project grant; £150 to Catkins Rising Fives, and £100 to Catterline and Kinneff Schools Footballers; and £30 each to Catterline Primary School and Kinneff Primary School for Christmas trees; £40 to Stephen Hall for managing the CC website.

At the end of the year the C/A stood at £508.46 and the S/A at 242.58

The audited accounts were unanimously approved.

5. Chairman's Report

Summary

In reviewing the year, I think we can be pleased with what the community has achieved and the role the CC has played in that. Next year the CC, hopefully boosted with new members, will need to play its part in addressing the needs of the community, including assisting in the distribution of the new community funds from windfarms.

Roads

There was the annual issue of the cutting of verges and the potential dangers at junctions. The perennial issue of the state of the roads remained a challenge throughout the year including the legendary "Aileen Swarbrick pothole". An even more serious concern is the slip opposite the entrance to the Creel Inn. The CC need to be vigilant in ensuring this key part of the village infrastructure is adequately repaired.

Planning

A Reporter was appointed in January 2016 to review and resolve the outstanding issues in the Local Development Plan, LDP, including CKDCC's objections to further development at Mill of Uras. Resolution of the issues and approval/adoption of the plan is expected by the end of 2016.

Implementation of the development of land allocated for housing in the 2012 LDP seems to have stalled, particularly at Roadside of Kinneff where there is an allocation for 30+ housing units at a

site adjacent to the west of the village. The school roll at Kinneff School has fallen substantially this year, and it is felt that progress with starting this new development is needed in order to support the school.

New housing planning applications in the area have been limited this year, although there are a few pending schemes, for example at West Mains of Barras and Hillside. Four new houses have now been erected on the Gallaton site, replacing the unsightly redundant barns.

A number of single wind turbine schemes have been implemented, although CKDCC's contention that the area is now saturated with such devices seems to have gained some traction, and a couple of recent applications have been turned down. The council has a new 'spatial model' policy with which to judge applications.

On April 15 we came to an agreement with Stonehaven and District CC that the residents of Braehead would be best served if the CC Boundaries could be redrawn so that they could be transferred from CKDCC's area to SDCC. A proposal was made to Aberdeenshire Council which was subsequently endorsed by the Area Committee, and the redrawn boundary was made effective on September 15.

Over the year we have continued to object to development of the site at Toucks. However, we have continued to press for the development of a large retail development somewhere in the Stonehaven area in order to better serve our residents.

Catterline Braes

A very busy and productive year for CBAG with planting of an additional 400 trees and the receipt of funds from both the Hillhead of Acquhirie community fund and the council, part of which has been utilized in the testing of the Platipus soil stabilisation system. Cllr Carr expressed his admiration for the community spirit and endeavour shown by this group, a sentiment I would like to echo.

Finances

An update on the current position is shown in the treasurer's report. With the beginning of the flow of funds arriving from the windfarm community funds the CC and community have a real opportunity to fund more substantial projects.

Windfarms

At long last we have the imminent agreement of the St John's Hill community funds, subject to the final approval by ACC. This will provide an income of £19,125 pa split between the two councils for a period of ca. 20 years. The terms of this contract represent a marked improvement on the starting position. We have also agreed to a contract with UCW Energy that in the future may provide an additional £2250 pa directly to the CKDCC for a period of 20 years. This in addition to potential funds from Hillhead of Acquhirie provide a real opportunity for the community and may go some way to mitigating what has been a divisive issue.

Crime

Thankfully another uneventful year and long may that continue.

Broad Band Connectivity

This remains a challenge in the community and we can only hope that the government's initiative eventually gets to us.

Thanks

I would like to thank each and everyone of the CKDCC members throughout this year for their tremendous individual contributions, all of which is just one part of what makes our community so special. I would also like to thank all councillors for their continued support and advice and especially George Carr for the time he devotes and for his patience.

28/03/2016

Phil Murray

6. Election of Office Bearers

		Proposed by	Seconded by
Chair	Phil Murray To continue	Eeva-Kaisa Arter	George Greiss
Vice-Chair	Andrew Chedburn	John Carr	Peter Hales
Treasurer	John Carr To continue	Eeva-Kaisa Arter	Dave Ramsay
Planning Secretary	Peter Hales To continue	Phil Murray	Eeva-Kaisa Arter
Community Benefit Officer	George Greiss	Phil Murray	Peter Hales
Secretary	Debbie Murray	Eeva-Kaisa Arter	Peter Hales

6. i Co-option of New Members

Debbie Murray (Catterline rural)

7. Any Other Business

The following amendments to the CKDCC constitution were unanimously approved:

2a (iv) To administer and distribute the Community Benefit payments from the Upper Criggie Windfarm scheme within the Community Area, in order to benefit and promote the well-being and vibrancy of the Community.

2a (v) To oversee the proper distribution of the Community Benefit payment from the St John's Hill and Auquhirie Windfarm (UCW Energy LTD) schemes within the Community Area, in order to benefit and promote the well-being and vibrancy of the Community.

Dave Ramsay thanked the CC again for being nominated for an 'Inspiring Aberdeenshire Award'. He won the category 'Best in Kincardine and Mearns'.

Dave Ramsay proposed creating an umbrella organisation for clubs, groups and charities in the CKD area with a view to rationalising fund-raising for the various groups. For this purpose it was decided to organise an information/fact-finding event with representatives from local groups in April.

Phil Murray, the Chair, signed the UCW Energy Ltd agreement, which was witnessed by Peter Hales. The document would be delivered to UCW Energy Ltd by John Carr.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 28th March 2017