



Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Monthly Public Meeting
Catterline School – Room P6/P7
Tuesday 24th April 2018

Agenda



1. Attendees and Apologies
2. Previous Meeting Action Points
3. Police Update
4. Community Funding and Kincardineshire Development Partnership (KDP)
5. Treasurer Report
6. New Planning Applications and Updates
7. Correspondence
8. Roads and Transport
9. Catterline Braes (CBAG)
10. Community Action Plan
11. A.O.B



Attendees and Apologies

- Attendees
 - Phil Murray (Chair), Piet voor de Poorte (Vice Chair, Planning and Webmaster), Cllr George Carr, Eeva-Kaisa Arter, John Carr (Treasurer), Steven Wilson, Linda Swan, Bill Dargie, Debbie Murray, Chris Wicks
- Apologies
 - Cllr Jeff Hutchinson, Dave Ramsay, George Greiss, Dave Evans, Duncan Grassick (Secretary), Jackie Hamnett

List of potential attendees;

Phil Murray (Chair)

Piet voor de Poorte (Vice Chair, Planning and Webmaster)

John Carr (Treasurer)

Duncan Grassick (Secretary)

Dave Ramsay

George Greiss

Cllr George Carr

Cllr Jeff Hutchinson

Debbie Murray

Eeva-Kaisa Arter

Bill Dargie

Dave Evans

Linda Swan

Jackie Hamnett

Other past attendees

Ryan Noble

Diane Strachan (Aberdeenshire Council)

Alan Dow

Sheila McDerment – Area Inspector

Alison Hogge

Ailsa Anderson
PC Marc Camus
Scott Begg (UCW Energy),
Lesley Carnegie
Steven Wilson
Chris Wicks
Jacky Niven



Last meeting action points

- Approval of March meeting minutes
- Youth members to attend
- Catterline Development Brief – was this located?
- Duncan contacted Phillip McKay regarding winter equipment again.
- Zurich excesses seem reasonable – documents available if required

Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved: Bill Dargie

Seconded: Eeva-Kaisa Arter

Youth Members: The latest Scheme For The Establishment of Community Councils (in force from 1st April 2018) stipulates at least two places in addition to its maximum membership, for persons aged 14 and 15 who live and/or are educated within the Community Council Area. Concerns were raised about the fact that it will probably be difficult for the CKDCC to meet this requirement, as there aren't many persons in the CKDCC area who fit those criteria in the first place, and those persons are often pre-occupied with study-related activities. Potential youth members to participate in the next CC meeting in May.

Search for Catterline Development Brief continues...

Phil M provided an update regarding the winter equipment, which seems to consist of a spade and high vis vest. Spreaders etc are currently not included, although considered 'a good idea'. Action closed.

ACTION: Duncan - Could the CC's Zurich Insurance policy cover the village gala and CBAG activities?



Police Report

Overview

- March report attached
 - Cuckooing (drug dealers and how to spot them)
 - Home Security Quiz
 - Next report will be in June



**Police March
Report**

March report still valid.

Clarification regarding police attendance: PC Marc Camus currently works shifts so hence why he hasn't been able to attend the CC meetings recently. Police Scotland are working to address this issue.

Community Funding and KDP

- St John's Hill wind farm applications now closed, with applications under review
 - Panel members confirmed, two from community council (Bill and John) and one further from the area (Nikki Rees-Cole)
- Update on sub-committee progress.



Locally managed Upper Criggie Community Wind Farm Fund to open for applications later in the year. Application forms have been developed. Details will be presented at this year's village gala, on Saturday the 9th of June.

Treasurer Report



- February
 - Saving account £243.81
 - Current account £3335.46
- Expenditures and Income
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Update as of the 24th April 2018



Planning Applications

- Piers Blaxter (Aberdeenshire Council) – Over 500 Local Development Plan Bids for sites have been submitted – Seminar to be held for Mearns 19-20 June to review.
- Key points:
 - No new applications or decisions
 - Clochnahill Wind Farm Enforcement notice closed

The Local Development Plan seminar will be held at St Bridget's Hall in Stonehaven.



Correspondence

- KDP Office - Free Radio (Mearns FM) advertising for Community Groups- studio@mearnsfm.org.uk
- Cameron Law (Home Energy Scotland) – Helping to save energy and would be keen to attend galas and community events to raise awareness
- Calli Hopkinson (Our Mearns Tourism Association (OMTA)) – Requesting a calendar of all events for the next 12 months



Correspondence

- Tom Walsh (Aberdeenshire Council – Strategic Development Planning Main Issues Reporting (MIR) – chance for communities to submit the main issues they face – to be completed by 21st May
- Dave Ramsay – Cutting down of trees on South Row, Catterline.
- Karen McWilliam (Aberdeenshire Council) – Finalised scheme of establishment and proposed community council elections flow chart

No comments to date on the Strategic Development Plan, with closing date approaching!

Await response from Mary MacLeod (Aberdeenshire South Environment Planner) before any further action is considered in relation to the cutting down of trees on South Row, Catterline.

Phil M took the attendees through the highlights associated with the latest Scheme For The Establishment of Community Councils, which came in force from 1st April 2018:

- The CKDCC shall be composed of: 5-7 community councillors, Aberdeenshire councillors for the CKDCC area (ex-officio), associate members (as appropriate), at least 2 junior members (14/15 years old) and a maximum of “1.75” co-opted members who must be eligible for membership.
- Elections will be held if there are more nominations than candidates, and Community Councils will advertise vacancies before the Annual General Meeting.
- The Annual General Meeting shall be held in June.
- Community Councillors shall hold office for 3 years and provided that they meet the eligibility criteria shall be free to seek re-election.
- The minimum quorum for the CKDCC meetings is three eligible voting members.
- The financial year commences on 1 April.

- Community Councils have a statutory right to be consulted on planning applications.

The above led to some discussion on the maximum number of community councillors (7) and the minimum quorum (3). It was felt this might not be suitable for the CKDCC due to the demographics, i.e. a lot of people in the area are employed in the agricultural and oil & gas industries, which means they aren't always available to attend the CC meetings. An increase in the maximum number of community councillors will help to ensure that there is an appropriate attendance level at each CC meeting, and an increase in the minimum quorum should result in more balanced decision making.

ACTION Phil M - Write to Aberdeenshire Council to request an increase in the maximum number of community councillors to 9.

Some of the requirements stipulated in the latest Scheme For The Establishment of Community Councils, such as reporting etc., are thought to be too onerous considering the CC consists of volunteers only with limited spare time.

A model constitution is included in the latest Scheme For The Establishment of Community Councils; Schedule 3. It appears to be similar to the existing CKDCC constitution. Phil M proposed to adopt this new constitution 'as is', which was unanimously accepted.

ACTION Piet – Publish new constitution on CKDCC website.

The target date for compliance with the latest Scheme For The Establishment of Community Councils is the June AGM. Community Councillor nominations are requested for the next CC meeting on the 29th May.

Post-Meeting Note: Following communication with Karen McWilliam (Committee Officer for Kincardine & Mearns), it has been decided that ahead of the next CC meeting in May, all current CC members are requested to indicate whether they are willing to join the newly constituted CKDCC and are prepared to stand in an election if the numbers are too great. At the CC meeting in May, we review the numbers, and if there are insufficient nominations we go into a broader nomination process only for the vacancies. If after the meeting we have too many nominations we instigate an election, as described in the latest Scheme For The Establishment of Community Councils.

ACTION All current CKDCC members – Please respond to the CKDCC secretary (secretary@ckdcc.org.uk) ahead of the May CC meeting, indicating your willingness to

join the newly constituted CKDCC. Please also advise whether you would be prepared to stand in an election, in the scenario where we receive too many nominations.

Roads and Transport

- Road closure at Mill of Uras commencing 30th April for 15 days.



It is noted that the bridge at Catterline was damaged again on Saturday 21st April 2018 by large agricultural equipment. Repair works were organised privately and completed the same day.

Catterline Braes



- Maintenance and inspection performed 21st April

Awaiting outcome from St. John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund application, expected in May, before detailed planning commences for the North End ground anchoring works. Site preparation works being considered ahead of time.

Community Action Plan

- Community Action Plan – engagement through the school

ACTION Duncan - Contact Melanie Fowler (Catterline School Head Teacher)

Any Other Business



- N/A

Next Meeting Tuesday 29th May