

North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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Minute of the meeting held on Monday 21 April 2008 at Maryculter Community Hall.

PRESENT

<u>Maryculter</u>	<u>Cookney / Netherley</u>	<u>Banchory-Devenick</u>	<u>Aberdeenshire Councillors</u>
Avril Tulloch Hazel Witte (Treasurer)	Robert Keeler (Secretary) Rob Winmill (Vice Chairman) Philip Smart	Mike Birch (Chairman) Duncan Petrie	Ian Mollison Paul Melling Carl Nelson

4 Members of the Public

Police Report – PC Kirsty Lawie gave her report , which mainly consisted of traffic accidents:-

- 1 serious: Crossroads junction B979 at Kirkton of Maryculter junction.
- 1 slight: B9077 at entrance to North Tilbouries Farm, Maryculter.
- 4 non-injury: B9077 at entrance to Altries House, B979 near to Netherley House, B979 near to entrance to Parkhead Farm, Crossroads junction at Banchory-Devenick.

Other incidents included a case of sheep worrying and a tar sprayer being stolen from B979 area.

PC Lawie was asked about constant bonfires at Parkhead Farm which sometimes resulted in smoke obscuring the road. PC Lawie said that this was illegal if it caused a danger to road users. She would ask for the site to be kept under review.

Duncan queried the ‘minor’ incident at B-D crossroads recently. There were no injuries and no prosecution. He also mentioned two cars speeding through the crossroads several times but could not get registration numbers.

APOLOGIES – Keith Johnston , Bob McKinney, Bill Fraser, Sylvia Pike and Cllr Melling

MINUTES of the meeting of 17 March 2008 were approved subject to an apology to PC Lawie for the incorrect spelling of her name.

1. MATTERS ARISING

New Lairhillock School – The bridge replacement estimate is three times that anticipated and as the existing bridge is safe there will only be tidying up done. Mr Donald said that he always has to contact Stonehaven about matters as they never contact him, but he understands that the plans have gone to the Scottish Government for approval. Cllrs Mollison and Nelson feel we should keep pushing on this and they will assist. The Community Council confirmed that it is happy to retain the old bridge with fences restored, tidying and possibly a barrier above the embankment.

School Buses – Stephen Davies had received a reply from Mr Robertson Director of Education saying that a report will go before committee on August 28th. We do not feel that enough effort is being put into this and will write.

Web site – Minutes up to date but SD View not yet on. Philip queried if planning lists were still on the site. As Aberdeenshire Council website has all this information we include a link to that site instead. Mike suggested contacting W Munro and K&D Voice re help with maintaining our site.

Roads – Mike requested Duncan to contact Mark Skilling on 01569 768534 in respect of the previous concerns raised regarding the road condition and a visit by a roads inspector. Mike will contact Mark Skilling on other issues raised at the earlier meeting. Concern that with the new Hillside development there will be more traffic through B-D. Question of whether there is any thought regarding increased traffic in respect of new developments. Consideration is only given to the main access routes not to the use of ‘rat runs’.

Question over whether the Anti-skid surface will be renewed by Morven and Burnside kennels following recent maintenance. We will write.

Western Peripheral Route – Rob will attend the pre-inquiry meeting at the Exhibition centre. He does not feel we should need to speak at the Inquiry as Road-Sense will be speaking at length, and would cover all our objections. Mike is concerned that we should not get too close to Road-Sense as some of our residents are in favour of the road. Rob will attend the next Road-Sense meeting to discuss whether or not to come under the Road-Sense ‘umbrella’. Robert to circulate our previous letters of objection.

2. PLANNING

New planning applications –

- APP/2008/0734 Full Planning Permission for Extension to Dwellinghouse and Erection of Detached Garage at Greystones Ardoe
- APP/2008/0746 Full Planning Permission for Change of Use from Office Accommodation to Guest Lodges at The Stables Ardoe House Hotel Blairs Aberdeen
- APP/2008/1167 Full Planning Permission for Erection of Dwellinghouse (change of house type) at Plot 5 Altries Wood Maryculter Aberdeen
- APP/2008/1149 Full Planning Permission for Conversion of Steading to form 2 Residential Units and 1 Business Unit 60sqm. Hillocks Steading Muchalls Stonehaven

Duncan commented on a new building at Batcharts Farm – supposed to be a Turkish bath but it would appear large enough to be a house.

Meikle Carewe – Nothing to report. It was felt that planning department was being unduly lenient regarding applicant’s submissions.

Banchory-Devenick Cemetery – Would appear to be closer to settlement

Blairs – Passed at Infrastructure Services. SNH still has objection outstanding and Transport Scotland still have concern about traffic. Rob feels it will be approved by full Council, before going to Scottish Government.

Portlethen Corridor Study – Proposal is to increase the 5,000 houses in the Portlethen area to 10,000 over the next 20 years.(Part of new Structure Plan - below)

New Structure Plan – To be discussed at Area Committee tomorrow. 40,000 increase in population planned! An additional 36,000 houses in each of Aberdeen City and Shire by 2030 with about 9,000 in the Green Belt and almost certainly at least one ‘new town’ of 5,000 houses or so. Rail travel should be the major consideration for siting new houses. Mike questioned if debate was on Party lines – Councillors thought not. Mike thought the Plan was not in agreement with recent studies from Scottish Office regarding demographic forecasts for the area which indicated declining population in the City and limited growth in the Shire. Robert wondered if all this was builder driven The Councillors thought not.

Consultation documents - Report published on ‘Modernising Planning Appeals’ Suggests more planning decisions should be delegated to Officials - appeals would be heard locally. Three months in which to appeal instead of current six months.

Mike asked if the Community Council had made our views known. Deadline for comments is 9 May.

3. FINANCE

Funds - £2900.84 – (including £520 - 200 Club prize money)

200 Club – April Prize Draw

£15 108 R Mckinnie **£10** 89 D Moir **£5** 219 S Pike

No requests for funding, although there is an outstanding donation to Lairhillock school for something to mark the opening once landscaping is complete.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Mar 20 Nigel Don MSP – New constituency office.

Mar 25 Forestry Commission – Consultation – Managing national forests.

Mar 28 Aberdeenshire Community Mediation Service – presentation

Apr 17 Scottish Government – AWPR pre-Inquiry notice.

Newsletters – K&D Voice - Postwatch Scotland - Northern Lights(SNH) – SEPA View

5. AOCB

Bill Fraser resignation – Mike recorded a vote of thanks to Bill for his many years sterling service, his contribution will be missed.

Plant Sale and Coffee morning - May 17th. Plants, bags and containers needed.

Affordable Housing: Cllr Nelson confirmed that Janelle Clark can attend on May 19th talk on affordable housing which was agreed.

Joint Community Council Meeting: He has arranged the three local Community Councils meeting at Muchalls Hall on May 22 7.30pm

Corbie Hall - Official opening of new facilities Saturday 26 April 2:30pm

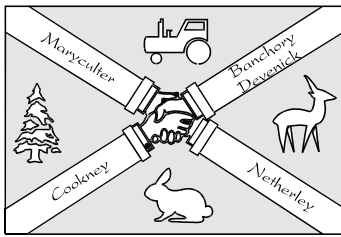
Community Councillor - Vacancies Banchory-Devenick (1) Maryculter (2)

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

19 May 2008 at 7:30pm

16 June 2008 at 7:00pm AGM 7:30pm

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AGENDA

**For the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 19 May 2008 at 7.30pm
in Maryculter Community Hall.**

1. Affordable Housing Presentation - Janelle Clark
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of the meeting of 21st April 2008
4. Matters Arising
 - Rural Schools
 - Website
 - Roads
 - Western Peripheral Route
5. Planning
 - Blairs
 - Meikle Carewe
 - New Structure Plan
 - Recent planning applications
6. Finance:
 - 200 Club
7. Correspondence
8. AOCB

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