



North Kincardine Rural Community Council

Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 16 June 2008 at 7.30pm in Maryculter Community Hall.

Subject to approval

1. PRESENT

<u>Maryculter</u>	<u>Cookney / Netherley</u>	<u>Banchory-Devenick</u>	<u>Aberdeenshire Councillors</u>
Avril Tulloch Hazel Witte (Treasurer) Sylvia Pike	Robert Keeler (Secretary) Rob Winmill (Vice Chairman) Bob McKinney	Mike Birch (Chairman) Keith Johnston	Ian Mollison Paul Melling

1 Member of the Public

2. APOLOGIES - Philip Smart, Cllr Nelson

3. MINUTE of the meeting of 18 June 2007 was approved

4. FINANCE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our finances are in a healthy state, with the accumulated fund standing at £2767.40 at the end of our financial year .
Our income derived from:

- The Aberdeenshire Council Administrative grant of £475, the same as last year.
- Bank interest of £49.45
- £1,635 from 327 subscriptions to our 200 Plus Club, the greatest number to date.

Expenditure

- Administration costs are low since Community Council members have not charged for their time and expenses in carrying out their responsibilities.
- The apparent rise in subscription costs is due to paying a commercial company to set up a new website.
- The main outgoings are in response to requests for funds for local good causes. We were pleased to consider and approve funds for a new vacuum cleaner for the Scout and Guide Hall (£60), replacement of handrails for Maryculter Community Hall (£250), new kitchen equipment for Cookney Hall (£250), and donations towards Maryculter Senior Citizens Association Christmas party (£150) and the Portlethen and District Community Ambulance Association (£200). This totals £910 but the first two were requested during the last financial year, when we disbursed only £445 in grants.

South Deeside View

NKRCC finances have 'hosted' South Deeside View funds for a few years. A separate account was set up for SVD in October and £883.85 transferred into it. This accounts for the apparent reduction in accumulated funds compared with last year.

The accounts have been audited by Mr Raymond Cowan, a Scottish Chartered Accountant.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT for AGM June 2008

Community Council continues to be actively involved in the issues affecting this rural area

- Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route

- Attended several meetings with the AWPR management team, exhibitions and other local public meetings including those organised by Roadsense
- Submitted a detailed letters of objection to the current proposals for the main route and associated side orders highlighting specific concerns raised by local residents
- Plan to participate in the Planning Inquiry scheduled for over two months starting on 9 September 2008 to ensure that the opinions of the local community are heard
- Schools
 - Welcome the very positive report following the inspection of the newly opened Lairhillock School - excellent news for the staff, parents and pupils
 - Continuing concern about the lack of an adequate response from Aberdeenshire Council following the school bus accident over a year ago!
- Roads
 - Continue to seek sufficient funding for maintenance and effective policing of traffic using local roads
 - Roads department official attended March NKRCC meeting but there remain a number of unanswered questions and outstanding issues
 - The failure to complete the changes to the road layout by the new school has been particularly disappointing
- Banchory Devenick Cemetery
 - Continued to press the local Council to resolve the issues affecting progress on a car park and an extension of the cemetery at Banchory Devenick church
- Structure Plan
 - Participated in meetings to review the new Structure Plan and will ensure local views are properly represented once draft Plan is formally issued
- Blairs Development
 - Significant disappointment at the lack of adequate debate on this planning application which is contrary to local policy and does not meet the stated intent to preserve historic buildings
- Meikle Carewe Wind Farm
 - We provided comments on the environmental impact assessment and continue to monitor plans for this development that is presently on hold
- Planning Applications
 - Many separate applications considered over the last year - with specific comments being provided where required
- NKRCC
 - High level of attendance and participation at monthly community council meetings with just one vacancy on NKRCC for most of the year
 - The newly elected Aberdeenshire Councillors - Paul Melling, Ian Mollison, and Carl Nelson were regular and active attendees – we look forward to their continuing involvement over the next year
 - Presentations from speakers on Aberdeenshire Council (on Roads and Affordable Housing) as well as regular attendance from the local police
 - Regular attendance at Community Council Forum Meetings and we attended the inaugural meeting organised by Cllr. Nelson with the adjacent community councils
 - NKRCC website has been updated following a lot of hard work by Sylvia - not to mention considerable perseverance!!
 - Supported the South Deeside View including very successful plant sale which was held on a Saturday morning and combined with a coffee morning
- Finance
 - Treasurer's Report shows that we remain financially solvent while also making several donations to local community groups including:
 - Maryculter Senior Citizens' Group
 - Portlethen Community Ambulance
 - Cookney Hall
 - 200+ Club continues to be an important means of raising money for the local community - over £1500 raised this year.
- Closing Comments
 - Recognise the contribution from Bill Fraser who has resigned from the Community Council after many years of valued service
 - The last year has been a very busy – no doubt that the coming year will prove to be equally busy and challenging
 - Fortunate to have so many committed and competent people willing to serve on the Community Council - welcome new members at any time

Thank you for your support over the last year and enjoy your summer – see you all again in August!

6. ELECTIONS

Robin Winmill was re-elected for Netherley/Cookney

Councillors Bews, Melling, Mollison and Nelson were co-opted as our local councillors.

7. **OFFICE BEARERS**

The Office Bearers for the next term of office are :-

Chairman	-	Mike Birch
Vice-chairman	-	Robin Winmill
Treasurer	-	Hazel Witte
Secretary	-	Robert Keeler
Minutes Secretary	-	Avril Tulloch
Roads and Rural matters	-	Bob McKinney
Web Site and Press officer	-	Sylvia Pike
Auditor	-	Raymond Cowan

8. **AOCB**

Rob queried the Administration Grant from the Council used to be in two parts, a basic sum followed by a per head. Robert thought this had been simplified to one amount some years ago. Cllr Mollison will enquire.

Mike thought it would be useful to visit other neighbouring CCs meetings. Cllr Melling suggested Portlethen introduce Mike. Cllr Melling also asked if Rob could contact the Portlethen CC Planning to give advice.

9. **Dates of meetings for the coming year were distributed to councilors and after discussion the following are the agreed**

18 AUGUST 2008	15 SEPTEMBER 2008	20 OCTOBER 2008	17 NOVEMBER 2008
15 DECEMBER 2008	19 JANUARY 2009	16 FEBRUARY 2009	16 MARCH 2009
20 APRIL 2009	18 MAY 2009	15 JUNE 2009 (AGM)	

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 7:30PM IN MARYCULTER COMMUNITY HALL, CORBIE PARK.

There being no further business, the meeting then closed.