



North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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Minute of the meeting held on Monday 17 August 2009 at Maryculter Community Hall.
Subject to approval

PRESENT

<u>Maryculter</u>	<u>Cookney / Netherley</u>	<u>Banchory-Devenick</u>	<u>Aberdeenshire</u> <u>Councillors</u>
Avril Tulloch Hazel Witte (Treasurer) Sylvia Pike Toby Lenehan	Bob McKinney (Chairman) Rob Winmill (Vice Chairman) Robert Keeler (Secretary) Philip Smart	Mike Birch Ann Townsley	Ian Mollison Carl Nelson Paul Melling

5 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES – None

Welcome to Ann and Toby

MINUTES of the meeting of 15 June 2009 were approved.

1. MATTERS ARISING

Rural Schools – Nothing to report – but Rob queried whether work at Lairhillock bridge was finished – Councillors thought it was almost finished. Also concerned about ragwort at Lairhillock School stated to be cleared last year – Robert to write to Education Department or DEFRA at Thainstone. Cllr Melling will follow up bridge works.

Web site – Up to date.

Roads – Sylvia complained that potholes repaired by Burnside Kennels were already breaking up. Verges appear not to have been cleared – poor visibility in some areas. Councillor Mollison will mention to Mark Skilling. Large puddles occur on South Deeside Road – Bob will write.

Western Peripheral Route – Road-Sense meeting at Kippie Lodge 7:30pm 19th August. Still awaiting decision from John Swinney.

2. PLANNING

Structure Plan - the new one came into effect today unaltered from the draft. Mike commented on the lack of debate at local or national level – he thinks we should register our concerns that consultation has been a sham – possibly to our MSP – Mike Rumbles also John Swinney. Cllr Nelson said Scottish Government were delighted with the Shires handling of the S.P. making it the torchbearer for Scotland.. Cllr Mollison suggests we pursue written parliamentary questions as these tend to be more effective. Mike asked which Councillors voted for this? Apparently 4 Independents voted against everyone else voted for.

Ann thought the consultations were badly publicised.

Toby said that if we are dissatisfied ask for substantiation under Freedom of Information Act.

Sylvia suggested writing to Alec Johnston – Mike will write.

Local Development Plan (LDP) – Main Issues Report (MIR)

Our comments as submitted were briefly mentioned – can be seen in detail on our website. The Community Council expressed its thanks to Rob for his considerable work on the comments sent in.

Meikle Carewe – Marked Red on MIR.(theoretically ‘not possible’)

Changes in Planning System New White Paper aims to streamline process.

Three categories of planning application– National – Major and Local (90% of all applications)

Up to 50 houses can be decided by Planners (not councillors) **UNLESS:** 5 or more objections **OR** contrary to Plan **OR** application is by the council **OR** by an elected member.

Over 50 Houses considered **Major** development will still go to councillors for decision – appeal still to Edinburgh.

Objections: have to be in within 21 days (not 14) but this may be enforced (unlike present system).

Council now responsible for Neighbour Notification (not applicant)

Area Councillors to get training in new system. Cllr Nelson will seek further details for us.

300 Houses at Lairhillock No further contact from Bancon. Headmistress of School still wishes to attend their presentation.

Organic Farm Maryculter - Hazel asked that the C.C. follow up this planning saga. Rob will write to quoting our previous letters referring to Shop and goods permitted to be sold.

Toby questioned whether we need to discuss ‘affordable housing’ He is concerned about allocation system not giving priority to those already living and working in the area. If we debate we should have a Council expert present.

MoP queried that building warrants were not open for discussion – Cllr Nelson will check.

3. FINANCE

Funds - £2956 (incl £355 300 club prizes.)

Annual grant of £510 has been received

300 Club Prizes

July £15 333 P Melling **£10** 342 M Love **£5** 236 S Warnock

August £25 109 L Campbell **£15** 150 S Willox **£10** 281 R McKinney **£5** 230 W Angus

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Digital Switchover – 15 September 2010

5. AOCB

Cllr Nelson mentioned that Licensing Forum needs new members – three people were interested. Toby asked if Lairhillock School Community Garden could be mentioned in South Deeside View – all help welcomed Mondays 9.30 – 11.30. Shed needed.

Avril asked for an up to date list of Community Councillors details – Robert will arrange. Agreed to purchase two notice boards (£260) even if funding from Co-op is not forthcoming. South Deeside View – Deadline for articles – 23 August.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

21 September 2009 at 7:30pm

19 October 2009 at 7:30pm

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