



North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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Minute of the meeting held on Monday 14 December 2009 at Maryculter Community Hall.

Subject to approval

PRESENT

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

4 Members of the Public

Malcolm Christie Roads Manager Kincardine and Mearns and Marr

Gave a short introduction to the work of the department – The Forward Plan usually submitted in March is £3.5 Million for this area. The particular problem in NKRCC area stem from traffic diverted from main roads due to accidents onto unsuitable country roads, resultant verge damage is a major problem.

Generally the roads in the Shire are classed as well maintained, compared with the rest of Scotland.

Questions : If our roads are 17% of total do we receive 17% of Budget? – Not necessarily.

New surface at North Burnside kennels is asphalt , shouldn't it be anti skid? - Not at the moment.

Recent flooding on Netherley road drains appeared to be blocked – Will check details.

Are there regular road inspections? – Yes – monthly on B979, S. Deeside Rd and C13, very minor roads are checked every 6 months. Lack of finance restricts work done. During work on B979 near Morven the cones in the centre of the road could have been placed to give more room outwith working hours for lorries as they damaged the newly laid edges – Minimum distance for safety for workmen is essential, but take your point. Do the Council have any control over contractors? – Not really.

Potholes – why are they not filled properly? – It depends on weather conditions when they are filled. What recompense does the Council have on contractors for poor work, are they penalised? The Council does make retention but are responsible for corrective work.

Are there regular checks on drains? – After the recent floods they are trying to clear all drains and make repairs where necessary. Gullies are checked annually. Were there plans/maps of drains and gullies? A new map was being prepared. Landowners are responsible for their own drainage solutions. Once water is on the road then it is the Council's problem.

Are the Council responsible for clearing the road after accidents? Usually the police clear large pieces but the Council would if notified. Cllr Nelson commented that gritters had been through Muchalls several times when it did not appear necessary. – Gritters are dispatched according to weather forecast. Temporary road signs seem to remain in place long after work complete – They

should be removed immediately work is finished. The Roads department should be congratulated on their recent work on cutting back whins and Broom on the verges .
Rob thanked Mr Christie for his time.

Police report - Unfortunately Pc McHattie was unable to attend
27 year old female reported for failing to provide blood specimen after positive breath test.
3 slight injury traffic accidents – 2 vehicle S. Deeside rd east of Maryculter bridge 1 injured –
2 vehicle Lairhillock road near B979 3 slightly injured. 1 vehicle S. Deeside road near
Tillbouries 2 slightly injured. 4 damage only accidents at least one due to ice. Youths seen with
car near Blairs College outbuildings.

APOLOGIES – Bob McKinney (Chairman) Mike Birch Ann Townsley.Cllr Bews and Cllr Melling.

MINUTES of the meeting of 16 November 2009 were approved subject to correction of spelling
of Janelle Clark

1. MATTERS ARISING

Rural Schools – Computer or other classes at Lairhillock School – Lesley Morrison Stonehaven
Education service will reply. No access to school buildings in evening, Public Holidays and In-
Service days – Council Policy throughout the Shire.

Web site – Up to date.

Roads –see discussion with Mr Christie.

Western Peripheral Route – £91 million spent already – decision soon.

2. PLANNING

New planning applications –

APP/2009/3709 Craigentath Blairs Aberdeen AB12 5YX Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse with the
Formation of a New Lounge, Garage, Garden Shelter, Bathroom and Internal Alterations and
Window Replacement

APP/2009/3713 West Cookney Bothy Netherley Stonehaven AB39 3SA Formation of Vehicular Access

APP/2009/3791 Mill Of Monquich Works Netherley Stonehaven AB39 3QR Gas Turbine Testing Facility

APP/2009/3848 4 Polston Road Kirkton Of Maryculter Aberdeen AB12 5GY Alterations and Extension to
Dwellinghouse

APP/2009/3832 Merchants Cottage Blairs Aberdeen AB12 5YX Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse

APP/2009/3908 2 Cowford Cottages Auchlunies Blairs Aberdeen AB12 5YA Erection of Store

Mill Of Monquich Works - Alba Power – Application for Jet Engine test facility. During an
extended discussion there was concern regarding proximity to Lairhillock School, Inn/Restaurant
and Lodge as well as private dwellings. Discussed effect on livestock, mitigation measures,
possible use by other companies. Rob not sure if we have solid grounds for objection, but will
write at least expressing concerns.

Structure Plan - Nothing to report

Local Development Plan (LDP) – Main Issues Report (MIR) - Nothing new.

Banchory-Leggart – Nothing new

Bancon – Nothing new.

Meikle Carewe – Now over three years since application. RES obtained planning permission
near Glamis, but then recently walked away from development.

Changes in Planning System – Mr Reid – Head of Planning has invited NKRCC to meet him to
discuss CC difficulties with 21 day time limit on representations.

Organic Farm Maryculter - Nothing to report – Waiting reply from Mr Macleod

3. FINANCE

Funds - £2058 (incl £130 300 club prizes)

Request for funds for Youth café in order to be able to take more children on activity centre outing – Agreed £400. Driving for disabled requested assistance in repairing trailer used to transport carriages – Agreed £200. Maryculter Playgroup requested assistance as Shire Council would not be paying its Grant this year unless Playgroup financially sound. Suggest contacting Director of education for clarification of grant situation. Playgroup director asked to present further details of fund-raising and other plans to CC January meeting as doubts exist about overall viability of the group. New Red suit purchased £139 already been used twice, agreed to pay whole cost.

300 Club Prizes

December £100 303 – D Cowie **£15** 370 T Fry **£10** 265 M Scott **£5** 305 J Cowie

Discussion on 300 Club – Legitimate activity for CC or not? How should money be distributed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Emails : Aberdeenshire Roads – Road Closure C30K

Harry McNab Bancom

Aberdeenshire Roads – Road Closure A957

Community Planning Group K&M funding projects.

Aberdeenshire Roads – Malcolm Christie

Raymond Reid – Aberdeenshire Council – re planning

Stonehaven & District Community Council – Planning

Natasha Douglas – House Corbie Lin

Aberdeenshire Council – Community Plan

Education dept – re Lairhillock School letting

Marian Youngson Head of Lairhillock School re School letting

Aberdeenshire Council Raymond Reid re planning

Newsletters – NHS Grampian

5. AOCB

Councillor Nelson announced £1.85 million from Scottish Government to help build 74 more affordable homes.

Agreed to discuss 300 Club further at a future meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

18 January 2010 at 7:30pm

15 February 2010 at 7:30pm

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