



# North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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## Minute of the meeting held on Monday 16 February 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)	Rob Winmill (Vice Chairman) Robert Keeler (Secretary) Bob McKinney	Mike Birch (Chairman) Duncan Petrie Keith Johnston	Ian Mollison Carl Nelson

5 Members of the Public

**Police Report** – Theft of purse, Blairs. Theft by housebreaking at domestic property at Blairs, £1200 electrical equipment stolen. Theft of two sets of keys at Maryculter  
Serious RTA two lorries Banchory-Devenick crossroads.  
Driver reported for driving without insurance or MOT at Banchory Devenick  
4 damage only accidents 1 on Lairhillock road and 3 on South Deeside. 1 Animal incident  
1 Missing person. 1 Assist a member of public.

**APOLOGIES** – Sylvia Pike, Philip Smart, and Councillors Melling and Bews.

MINUTES of the meeting of 19 January 2009 were approved subject to correction of several typographical errors.

### 1. MATTERS ARISING

**Rural Schools** – Avril attended Lairhillock Primary School where she judged a Burns and Scots verse competition. All pupils were well prepared and it was a delight to listen to.

**Fireworks** – Licensing department had commented that they did not feel that Ardoe House Hotel needed to apply for a licence as displays were not open to public. After much discussion it was agreed that Mike should speak to the Hotel manager to discuss the problem.

**Web site**–Up to date. Mike requested that the Council response to Community Council objections to the Draft Structure Plan – Comments and Responses be put on our site.

**Roads** – Mr Witte had sent a list of complaints regarding road surface conditions in various areas and received a very quick response. We are still waiting a response to our letter! Duncan mentioned that the serious accident at Banchory-Devenick crossroads was between an Aberdeenshire gritter and lorry. He feels that our Councillors should make our views known to Roads dept about the safety of these crossroads, and perhaps raise the question of speed limit again

**Western Peripheral Route** – Transport Scotland are very late with their submissions, missing three deadlines. Rob to give a summary of closing submission next meeting.

**Bridge at Lairhillock** – Was to be done in four months now five. Confusion over funding from the original contract. Cllr Mollison will investigate. Council has rejected suggestion of a barrier.

## 2. PLANNING

**Blairs** – Nothing to report.

**Banchory-Leggart development proposal** – nothing to report.

**New Structure Plan** – Some of our comments noted, some accepted, most rejected. 72,000 houses still the target as well as a 40,000 increase in population. Plan remains essentially as original. To be published 27 February.

**Meikle Carewe** – No new information

**Planning Aid Forum** – Two places booked for 21 February - Mike and Rob hope to attend.

## 3. FINANCE

**Funds - £1,558.94**

**300 Club** – 360 tickets sold – prizes to remain as last year.

**Prizes**

**January**        **£15** 217 V Law    **£10** 242 L McKenzie    **£5** 148 A Willox

**February**      **£25** 305 J Cowie    **£15** 372 F Howard    **£10** 195 W Broomfield    **£5** 101 C Smart

Request from Lairhillock School FC for donation towards new PVC goal posts. After a vote the sum of £180 was granted.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

Banchory-Devenick and Maryculter West notice boards were deteriorating badly – Bob commented that they are available at about £130. It was agreed he would try to find funding for two new boards.

We will write to Elsie Development regarding proposal to visit again.

## 5. AOCB

Reply from Bear Scotland re Maryculter sign on A90 stating that it will be replaced.

A member of the public had complained that bins were not collected during bad weather. It was felt that collectors had made good efforts to collect but that it was not possible in all cases. Additional bags could be left for collection at next collection time.

Batcharts Farm – Member of public had queried alterations to stable. Cllr Mollison has already replied. It was a building warrant.

South Deeside View – Deadline end of February. Hazel would like to give a map to all those who deliver SDV. Rob will assist.

Cllr Nelson said that Grampian Fire and Rescue Board would like to recruit disabled people on to the Board. Volunteers can be collected and taken home again.

Council Tax is frozen as last year.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

**16 March 2009 at 7:30pm**

**20 April 2009 at 7:30pm**

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