

# North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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## Minute of the meeting held on Monday 18 January 2010 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	Bob McKinney (Chairman) Philip Smart Rob Winmill (Vice Chairman) Robert Keeler (Secretary)		Paul Melling Ian Mollison Carl Nelson

4 Members of the Public

**Police report** - Unfortunately Pc McHattie was unable to attend  
Theft – December - Aspire Golf Centre £2,500 waterproof clothing. West Lodge Ardoe £2,200 computer and Camera equipment. North Lodge Ardoe £1,700 computer and jewellery. Riverbank Ardoe £1,000 Computer and foreign currency. In each case entry was gained by windows being smashed. In addition £17,000 damage caused at Riverbank.  
4 single vehicle accidents on South Deeside Road and one near Lairhillock, road and weather conditions contributed.

**APOLOGIES** – Mike Birch Sylvia Pike Ann Townsley and Cllr Bews.

MINUTES of the meeting of 14 December 2009 were approved subject to correction that Avril Tulloch was in attendance.

### 1. MATTERS ARISING

**Rural Schools** – Nothing to report. No further information regarding evening classes. Agreed to write again regarding Ragwort on Lairhillock school site.

Cllr Melling said that the Shire do not want to reduce class sizes (too expensive) but have engaged additional auxiliaries instead. MoP commented that there was extra money from Government but the Council chose not to use it to for class size reductions.

**Web site** – Up to date.

**Roads** – Major problems with potholes after recent weather. Council request public to report potholes. Still problems with standing water on roads especially South Deeside and Netherley roads. Toby will monitor. **Email: roads@aberdeenshire.gov.uk - Phone: 08456 08 12 05 Text: 07624 82 07 22**

**Western Peripheral Route** – Road Sense still want to pursue this through the courts. Toby questioned where Council will obtain their 9.5% share of cost. Councillors said that money is in place and confirm it is not capped.

**Maryculter Play Group** – Kate explained the group has been in existence for 30 years as a voluntary not-commercial group. There are very few children at present (5 pre-christmas, 9 now , 14 last year). Despite cost cutting exercise losses are about £100 per week and funds will run out by Summer. The Council grant was not forthcoming this year and is in doubt for next year. Group would appear to be in a Catch 22 situation as last year it had £6,000 in funds and the Council considered a grant was unnecessary and this year it will have very little money so the Council may consider it not viable and thus withhold the grant. The costs are approximately £13,000 per annum mainly staffing and use of Hall. Cllr Melling suggested contacting Portlethen Development Group and he offered to introduce Kate to Gordon Contsable of the Group. Hazel offered to donate the proceeds of the Plant Sale this year to the Playgroup. Councillors suggested contacting K&D Voice and KMAP for assistance. The Community Council were prepared to assist with advice and assistance in other ways and when funds needed. We will write to Cllr Bews who is on the Education committee and possibly the Chairman of Education Committee and the Director of Education. Bob asked Philip to do this in liaison with Toby, stressing circle of – too much money, no grant/too little money, no grant/fluctuating numbers with mobile parents/need to continue in view of future planned housing/effect on viability of hall if group folds etc. Agreed to publicise playgroup's (money-raising) search engine and South Deeside View will also publicise that and other fund-raising activities.

## 2. PLANNING

### **New planning applications –**

- APP/2009/3910 Maryculter House Hotel Maryculter Aberdeen AB12 5GB Erection of Staff Accommodation Block (12 Rooms)
- APP/2009/4008 Mains Of Altries Maryculter Aberdeen AB12 5GN Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
- APP/2009/3891 Netherley School Netherley Stonehaven AB39 3RA Change of Use from Class 10 (Non-Residential Institution) to Class 9 (Houses) and Alterations to Existing Adjacent Dwellinghouse
- APP/2009/4157 Lismore Maryculter Aberdeen AB12 5GR Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
- APP/2009/4161 Gregellen House Banchory Devenick Aberdeen AB12 5XP Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage
- APP/2009/3585 South Cookney Farmhouse Netherley Stonehaven AB39 3RX Erection of a General Purpose Agricultural Building
- APP/2009/4060 Beannachar Community Banchory Devenick Aberdeen AB12 5YL Erection of Agricultural Shed

**Mill Of Monquich Works - Alba Power** – Rob explained that we had objected to this application citing 1) noise possibly affecting neighbouring properties including Lairhillock School, 2) that there was very little information available on which to base any decision. A background noise report was now on the Website. We can always withdraw the objection if our concerns are satisfied.

**Local Development Plan (LDP) – Main Issues Report (MIR)** – Rob said that there was to be an Area Committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January to discuss new policies. We may wish to summarise our comments to the elected members. He had written to Piers Blaxter to ask if there had been any amendments to draft policies in MIR.

**Banchory-Leggart** – Nothing new

**Bancon** – Nothing new.

**Elsick** – Offer to visit the site had been made. If interested contact is Estate manager John Findlay.

**Meikle Carewe** – Nothing to report Tough indications of movement by the end of 2010.

**Changes in Planning System** – Bob and Rob had an interesting meeting with Mr Reid – Head of Planning on 21 day objection limit. Reid unsympathetic. Agreed to liase with one another by e-mail more often as well as with planning officers. Agreed that decisions by sub-committee not wanted. With new strictness on objection deadline all residents must be vigilant, agreed that prominent article needed in next South Deeside View emphasizing changes.

**Organic Farm Maryculter** - Nothing to report – MoP asked if Mr Macleod had replied to our letter. Rob will chase up

**Training** – Bob and Toby would like to attend the training session at Alford, Community Council will meet expenses. It was suggested that Ann might wish to attend – Robert to check if spaces available.

### **3. FINANCE**

#### **Funds - £1197**

Letters of thanks received from – Youth Café; Driving for the Disabled and Santa's representative for Funds.

#### **300 Club Prizes**

All monies and lists to be with Hazel by February 8<sup>th</sup>. The January Draw will take place at next meeting..

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Emails :

Aberdeenshire Council – Planning Training for CC Members  
Aberdeenshire Council – Meet the Council Leader and Cheife Executive  
Aberdeenshire Council – Forum dates 2010  
Aberdeenshire Council – Age Unlimited.

Scottish Government – AWPR Decision

Aberdeenshire Community Mediation Service

Mearns CC – Planning changes

Grampian Joint Police Board – Custody Visiting Scheme

### **5. AOCB**

Councillor Mollison advised us of forthcoming full Council meeting – Peterhead Waste Incinerator will be a major item.

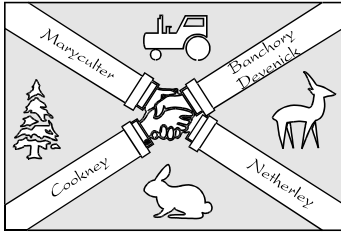
Plant Sale & Coffee morning Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**15 Febuary 2010 at 7:30pm**

**15 March 2010 at 7:30pm**

**Visit our Website – [www.nkrcc.org.uk](http://www.nkrcc.org.uk) For Changes to Scottish Planning System; NKRCC comments on Local Development Plan; Draft policies for LDP; opn prposed developments in the area etc.**



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## **AGENDA**

**For the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 15 February 2010 at 7.30pm  
in Maryculter Community Hall.**

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the meeting of 18 January 2010
3. Matters Arising
  - Rural Schools
  - Website
  - Roads
  - Western Peripheral Route
4. Planning
  - Local Development Plan
  - Banchory Leggart Development
  - Meikle Carewe
  - Recent planning applications
5. Finance:
  - 300 Club
6. Correspondence
  - Licence applications
7. AOCB
  - correspondence etc on Website

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