



# North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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## Minute of the meeting held on Monday 16 March 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) Sylvia Pike	Rob Winmill (Vice Chairman) Robert Keeler (Secretary) Bob McKinney Philip Smart	Mike Birch (Chairman) Keith Johnston	Ian Mollison Carl Nelson

5 Members of the Public

### Police Report – PC Ross Campbell attended.

Theft of Wheelie Bin Ardoe.

Driver suspected of Careless driving and Breach of the Peace on South Deeside Road – Male identified enquiry ongoing.

Report of dangerous driver on South Deeside Road driving erratically and overtaking on solid white lines – Not found.

Tractor towing trailer without lights – local officers made aware.

2 damage only accidents 1 on Banchory Devenick Estate and 1 on South Deeside. 1 Animal incident

Operation Piston – dedicated proactive team assigned to try to reduce fatalities and serious injury amongst young drivers(16-25 year olds).

### APOLOGIES –Duncan Petrie and Councillor Bews.

MINUTES of the meeting of 16 February 2009 were approved.

### 1. MATTERS ARISING

**Rural Schools** – Avril attended Lairhillock Primary School to talk to pupils about the work of NKRCC. The pupils were very attentive.

**Web site**–Up to date. Sylvia to investigate possible re-design.

**Roads** – Reply to our letter – Gritting : Not all school bus routes are priority, the council website gives details of gritting priorities. List of North Kincardine roads to be repaired in 2009-10 to be put on website. The budget for 2009-10 repairs is published and although South Aberdeenshire has 17% of the roads only 5% of budget (£70k) is to be spent on them

**Western Peripheral Route** – NKRCC closing submission to be put on website.

**Bridge at Lairhillock** – Work to commence in spring. Traffic signs (for East-bound priority) take 8/10 weeks for delivery.

## 2. PLANNING

**Blairs** – Nothing to report.

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

**New Structure Plan** – Finalised Structure Plan has been published still 72,000 houses to be built up to 2031. Objections to Ministers must be made before 24 April. Agreed we should object repeating our previous principal objections – Rob to circulate before next meeting (with emphasis ‘to be on Government and Council’ forecasts as they do not support the housing projections). Aim is to get a public Inquiry.

Agreed Rob may attend meeting with other Community Councils, to discuss objections to Ministers.

Roger Thorne has submitted a plan for houses on his land near the Lairhillock.

**Meikle Carewe** – Philip reported that the wind farm at Glens of Foundland was understood to have noise issues – calculations had been prepared by the same people who had prepared Meikle Carewe noise calculations. Agreed to write (under FOI) for information on noise assessment issues.

**Planning Aid Forum** – Mike and Rob attended along with 35 others. New Planning system aims to be quicker, more consultative and has sustainable economic growth as the main aim.

## 3. FINANCE

**Funds - £2584 (incl £600 300 club prizs.)**

**300 Club**

**Prizes**

**March £50** 19 S Pike **£15** 254 L Ross **£10** 74 E Birch **£5** 332 D McAra

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## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

Aberdeenshire Council were interested in our training needs – Website creation and update .

## 5. AOCB

**Notice Boards** - Bob will try to obtain new boards via Co-operative Society.

**South Deeside View** – 900 copies next week. Offers of help to deliver had been received. Hazel has produced maps of delivery areas to try to assist distribution and highlight problem areas.

**Community Council Forum** – Robert attended , an interesting presentation by Mearns Youth Consultation Group regarding lack of amenities, also requests that ‘plain English’ be used in Council documents - all present agreed that the National and Local government officials could do more to simplify language of documents produced, to make them more understandable.

**Plant Sale and Coffee Morning** - Saturday May 16. 10-30 til Noon

It was agreed to host the get together of ourselves, Newtonhill Cammachmore and Muchalls CC, Portlethen CC on May 14 or preferably May 21 at Lairhillock School if possible. Carl agreed to confirm with the other community councils that the preferred date was acceptable

Member of public asked if we could write to BT regarding poor quality of Broadband service in the area. Agreed.

Mike reminded us of AGM in June and said that he would be standing down both as member and chairman.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

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

**18 May 2009 at 7:30pm**

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