



North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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Minute of the meeting held on Monday 15 March 2010 at Maryculter Community Hall. Subject to approval

PRESENT

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

8 Members of the Public

Presentation on New Flood Warning System by Ian Forbes – Hydrologist with SEPA
Mr Forbes gave a brief history of Data collection, monitoring, and analysis on the River Dee. The new system (tailor to specific areas) will give early warning of possible flooding to local authorities and emergency services. More information is available at the SEPA FLOODLINE 0845 9881188 and their website www.floodwarningsdirect@sepa.org.uk. A direct to Mobile phone warning will be launched in 2011, to registered parties.

SEPA also offers advice on whether your property is susceptible to flooding (from the Dee) again through the website. Mr Forbes warned that flooding is not only from the River; local flash floods caused by heavy storms can cause problems for anybody.

The Chairman thanked Mr Forbes for his presentation and for the information packs he handed out

Police report - Unfortunately Pc McHattie was unable to attend

On the 9 March, two separate residents reported two males who they thought were acting suspiciously. the males were traced and checked out. Everything was found to be in order. Between 19 and 25 February, Police attended over a dozen road accidents on the South Deeside Road and minor / unclassified roads. Only one person required medical attention .All these accidents were weather related and avoidable.

Kincardine and Mearns has a new Police Inspector. Steve Golightly took over at Stonehaven in mid January.

APOLOGIES – Cllr Bews.

MINUTES of the meeting of 15 February 2010 were approved, subject to correcting the spelling of Gregellen House in Planning.

1. MATTERS ARISING

Rural Schools – Cllr Mollison had obtained a response from Landscape Services regarding Ragwort, apparently our correspondence had not been seen. The response is that since last year

when action was taken they have had no further indication that there is still a problem within the school grounds, which is LS's responsibility. Any problem on roadside verges should be reported to Roads dept who would then request LS to treat and or remove! To be continued in spring.

Web site – Up to date. MoP requested that a link to the Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore CC website could be included. Planning applications to be deleted after 8 weeks.

Roads – Still in poor condition please Contact Malcolm Christie Roads dept regarding specific problems. Concern regarding safety at Lairhillock Bridge – three vehicles left the road in recent bad weather all at low speed. Agreed to write again to request crash barrier be erected. Mike asked if double white lines by Banchory-Devenick junction on Sth Deeside Road be extended past junction.

Toby will write regarding continued flooding on Sth Deeside Rd.

Email: roads@aberdeenshire.gov.uk - Phone: 08456 08 12 05 Text: 07624 82 07 22

Western Peripheral Route – Approved at Holyrood, perhaps starting in 2011/2012

Maryculter Play Group – Have not received a reply from council regarding grant.

2. PLANNING

New planning applications –

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| APP/2010/0311 | Lower Deeside Holiday Park Maryculter Aberdeen AB12 5FX | Erection of Toilet and Shower Block |
| APP/2010/0313 | Lower Deeside Holiday Park Maryculter Aberdeen AB12 5FX | Extension to Camping and Touring Caravan Site |
| APP/2010/0398 | West Quoscies Newtonhill Stonehaven AB39 3SJ | Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse |
| APP/2010/0468 | Struan House Mill Of Crynoch Maryculter Aberdeen AB12 5GX | Installation of No. 2 Velux Windows and Formation of New Window |
| APP/2010/0470 | 2 Cowford Cottages Auchlunies Blairs Aberdeen AB12 5YA | Erection of Garden Room and Greenhouse |
| APP/2010/0597 | Alhamra Blairs Aberdeen AB12 5YQ | Erection of Summerhouse |
| APP/2010/0582 | Greystones Ardoe Aberdeen AB12 5XT | Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse and Erection of Detached Garage (Amendment to Design APP/2008/0734) |
| APP/2010/0563 | Glenisla Netherley Stonehaven AB39 3RY | Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse |
| APP/2010/0564 | Struan House Mill Of Crynoch Maryculter Aberdeen AB12 5GX | Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse (Sun Lounge) |

Mill Of Monquich Works - Alba Power - Gas Turbine testing – Nothing further.

Local Development Plan (LDP) – Area Committee (meeting 9 March) adopted Elsick (4,000+ houses in place of Banchory-Leggart (2,500 houses) and Hillside (1,550 houses) as main settlement. Banchory-Leggart had problems of access to A90 and WPR and committee generally thought Elsick to be preferred despite disadvantages (all eggs in one basket; cannot be started as quickly; infrastructure problems). The Elsick decision to be ratified by Shire council on May 13th and again in June.

Bancon – Presentation at our April meeting on amended plan for 60 houses at Lairhillock School.

Meikle Carewe – Will be put to Area Committee on 23 March. PS gave brief history of the last 10 years of this proposed Wind Turbine development and reasons to object, which still obtains from our previous discussions. Community Councillors asked if we should maintain objection – Agreed. Our previous objections to the current application accepted but in view of other issues arising since then a supplementary objection agreed to be sent confirming this meeting's decision with further points: Meikle Carewe not adopted for LDP 9 March; noise nuisance at Huntly (same developer); cumulative impact understated; CO2 saving up to 100% overstated; Local views now confirmed. Discussions had taken place with Area Manager over possible conflict of interest for one Area Councillor.

Changes in Planning System – Executive Chief Planner states no plans to review system in short term. NKRCC to write to

3. FINANCE

Funds - £3070 (including £600 300 club prize money)

300 Club Prizes

March £50 17 T Storey **£15** 289 J Ness **£10** 209 J Haig **£5** 313 F Simpson

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Emails:

Community Safety Group Annual Seminar 20 March
Mearns Area Partnership – Community Conference 13 March
Aberdeenshire Council - Landscape Services – Ragwort
Banchory-Leggart – Explanation of Exhibition 3 February
Newtonhill Muchalls and Cammachmore CC re planning changes
ASCC re Planning changes
Planning Modernisation Forum 24 March
SEPA – Flood Warning presentation
Bancom Housing – Lairhillock housing development
Aberdeenshire Council – Consultation Email Alerts
Aberdeenshire Council – Draft Parks and Open spaces Strategy
Aberdeenshire Council – IT training
Aberdeenshire Council – Letters on website

Scottish Health Council - Changes

Aberdeenshire Licensing Boards – Revised statement of Licensing Principles - Gambling

BEAR Scotland – A90 works

Newsletters – APRS, Crown Estate

Licence Applications - none

5. AOCB

Maryculter Play Group – Easter Fair – March 20th – Tombola prizes from individuals – contact Kate.

South Deeside View – Ready for distribution by weekend – extra needed for Charleston and Gillybrands area.

Flytipping – Three recent dumping (builder's rubble) near Elsick reported to SEPA.

Willow weaving workshop – 18 April at Lairhillock School : 10 – 4 fee £50.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

19 April 2010 at 7:30pm

17 May 2010 at 7:30pm

Visit our Website – www.nkrcc.org.uk **For Changes to Scottish Planning System; NKRCC comments on Local Development Plan; Draft policies for LDP; on proposed developments in the area etc.**