



# North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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## Minute of the meeting held on Monday 17 May 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 Toby Lenehan  Hazel Witte (Treasurer)	Bob McKinney (Chairman) Rob Winmill (Vice Chairman) Robert Keeler (Secretary) Philip Smart		Ian Mollison Carl Nelson

7 Members of the Public

**Police report** – Sergeant Colin Crighton attended and gave the following report :- Another quiet month in your area. No reported crimes and only 3 minor road accidents with two persons requiring minimal medical treatment.

Out with the NKRCC area, but probably linked to the thefts of lead from Blairs highlighted last month, thefts of scrap metal continue . With the price of scrap metal increasing significantly over the recent months we are seeing a rise in opportunistic type thefts of scrap. Copper water tanks have been removed from a building site in Fordoun whilst lead was recently removed from two houses under construction in Newtonhill. Three males were also disturbed in a yard near Portlethen and are suspected of removing a small amount of aluminium.

Enquiries are ongoing in to all these crimes.

With the summer months on our doorstep, residents are reminded to make sure that their properties are secure if left vacant and to ask neighbours or friends to check periodically to ensure all is in order.

If anyone would like advice on their home or personal security our Crime Reduction Unit would be delighted to speak with them.

Anyone frequenting the North Kincardineshire Area is asked to remain vigilant and to report anything they think may be suspicious.

**APOLOGIES** – Sylvia Pike and Cllr Bews.

MINUTES of the meeting of 19 April 2010 were approved.

### 1. MATTERS ARISING

**Rural Schools** – Ragwort, will wait for signs of regrowth before writing to Thainstone.

**Web site** – Up to date. Webmaster's fee paid.

**Maryculter Playgroup** – Toby gave the following report from Kate:-

Representatives of Maryculter Playgroup met with Council Education officers. They were told that the Council will not reverse decision not to place funded children at Playgroup next session. Council cited overprovision of pre-school places within the Schools network. They wish to get 'best value' from childcare providers and not using playgroups helps concentrate resources elsewhere. Lairhillock School has capacity of 30 nursery children and a third staff member was appointed, who cannot be transferred. Council wishes school to run close to capacity. Projections indicate below capacity for next 4 years. Council would like Maryculter Playgroup to provide a 2's group (from age 2 to access to funded place at 3), offered approx £800 and continuation of support from Development worker and access to free training. A condition of this support is that Playgroup remains registered with Care Commission and keeps up to date with Curriculum for future possible use. Because of these restrictions the Playgroup voted to set up an independent childcare group, still not for profit charity but separate from Council and not registered with Care Commission

Kate and Mandy will attend next meeting to answer any questions.

Kincardine & Mearns pre-school children drop in rolls from 3100 last year to 2800 this year, so seems no hope of change in Council position. Potential effect on Corbie Hall finances remains.

**Roads** – Letter to Malcolm Christie regarding water on South Deeside Road. Some improvements have been made, though still general drainage problem. Department has run out of money. Work schedules for roads – 10 different locations in North Kincardineshire – Commencing in June.

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

**Western Peripheral Route** – Road-sense have lodged appeal in Court of Session.

## 2. PLANNING

### **New planning applications –**

APP/2010/1378 Blackburn Cottage Netherley Stonehaven AB39 3QL Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse

**Mill Of Monquich Works - Alba Power - Gas Turbine testing** –. Our letter of objection discussed – based on size of building and continuing lack of information on noise.

**Strategic Development Plan** – Further schedule available to be published May 2011 then 12 week consultation period. Results to be published May 2012 – another 12 week consultation period. Document to be approved by Holyrood December 2013.

**Local Development Plan (LDP)** –Only 6 houses to be built at Kirkton of Maryculter not 10 well set back from road. Elswick confirmed by I.S.C. as the new major settlement.

**Maryculter Organic Farm** – Letter from planning dept read out – Caravans are apparently for "seasonal workers". This would appear to be doubted – Rob to visit planning dept to gain more information. Query over list of items to be sold in shop considered to be resolved according to Council.

**Meikle Carewe** – Motion to approve wind turbines rejected 6 votes to 5. The developer will probably appeal within the 3 month time allowed. NKRCC may then have 14 days to submit further evidence.

**Bancon** – Requested feed back on their presentation – Rob will prepare in due course.

**Green Belt** - Councillor Mollison mentioned that an extension to the Green Belt by Causey Mounth at Cammachmore was to be discussed at Area Committee meeting tomorrow. Map shown to meeting and discussed.

## 3. FINANCE

**Funds - £2968** (including £500 300 club prize money)

### **300 Club Prizes**

**May £25** 262 P Robertson **£15** 199 D Parkinson **£10** 228 K Raitt **£5** 224 L King

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

Emails :

Aberdeenshire Council – South Deeside road - Cammachmore

Maryculter Playgroup – Notes of meeting with Education dept  
NMCCC – Invite from Elsick estate re development  
Aberdeenshire Council – Google group.  
Aberdeenshire Council – Healtyh Improvement Fund  
Louise Reid – Research project – BeWEL  
G&E Brown – Meeting re A90 traffic increase.  
Mearns Area Partnership – Conference report  
Bancon – Request for feedback.  
Aberdeenshire Council – Grants for Community Food and Health Schemes.  
Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum – AGM 29 May

Scarf – Future talk on fuel saving etc.

Newsletters – Northern Community Justice Authority - Rural Scotland - SNH  
Licence Applications - none

## **5. AOCB**

**Plant Sale** – 15<sup>th</sup> May – Over £600 raised. Well done and thanks from Pam and Hazel to all who helped. This money is held in South Deeside View account and will be available to Maryculter Playgroup if needed..

**Community Councils Grant** - Cllr Mollison said that the per capita amount for Community Councils will be discussed at Area Committee tomorrow.

Hazel queried availability of Handbook for Community Councillors and Constitution – both can be downloaded from website.

Notice Boards – Agreed notice stating who keyholders are to be on each board.

Notice boards to be updated by :

- Maryculter Church - Mrs Simpson
- Maryculter East and Corbie Hall - George Masson
- Cookney Hall – Bob McKinney
- Banchory-Devenick School – suggested Ann be asked

Netherley School – to be removed.

Councillor Nelson mentioned that Lairhillock School won the Armstrong Trophy (5-a-side).

Agreed write letter of congratulations.

**AGM** – 21<sup>st</sup> June - Avril Tulloch -Sylvia Pike - Hazel Witte and Robert Keeler all finish their three year term. There are also the existing vacancies for Marculter and Banchory-Devenick to be filled.

**Community Councils – Joint meeting:** - Thursday 20 May 7:30 at Portlethen .

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**17 May 2010 at 7:30pm**

**21 June 2010 at 7:00pm AGM 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; on proposed developments in the area etc.**