

North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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Minute of the meeting held on Monday 15 September 2008 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	Robert Keeler (Secretary) Rob Winmill (Vice Chairman) Philip Smart	Mike Birch (Chairman) Duncan Petrie Keith Johnston	Paul Melling

7 Members of the Public

Police Report – PC Kirsty Lawie attended and reported that there had been one reported road accident, several speeding offences and also several house break-ins in the area – one at Greens of Crynoch resulting in the theft of a significant value of goods. The accident rate was down over the last month. She stressed the need for security: - security lighting, alarms, and timers on internal lights. Also lock outbuildings. CCTV is also a good deterrent but a sign must be displayed. Please report anything suspicious. PC Lawie will investigate if there is a Neighbourhood Watch website.

Cllr Melling commented on the lack of cats eyes on many roads, and were the police concerned. PC Lawie said that it was up to the Council to replace them, but she would pass on the comments to traffic division.

APOLOGIES – Bob McKinney, Cllrs Ian Mollison and Carl Nelson

MINUTES of the meeting of 18 August 2008 were approved

1. MATTERS ARISING

Lairhillock School – New Shire timetable deferred, Philip queried what notice of curriculum change would be given.

School Buses – Steve attended council meeting but was not allowed to speak on seatbelts. He was disappointed that the outcome was ‘wait for government legislation.’ He had contacted schools to pass information to Parent Councils, but the Education Dept would not permit it. Philip asked how you were expected to contact Parent Councils? Apparently there is a website for members of the Parent Council organisation, but not all belong. Steve also said that the statistics on seatbelts causing injuries were not related to the type of buses used in our area. Cllr Melling did not know when this would be resolved, although he mentioned that at least one bus operator had seat belts fitted. It had been suggested to the parents whose children were involved in the Netherley school bus crash that they should pursue legal action, but that would hinder progress as then the matter would become sub-judice and nothing would get done. Cllr Melling

suggested contacting D Stroud – Steve felt D Robertson – Director of Education was more effective.

Mike summarised – 1. NKRCC are disappointed at the lack of progress since clarification sought in 2004 –2. Other councils have introduced belts – 3. NKRCC seeks leadership from the Council – 4. We only ask that seat belts be available – 5. Rural buses a priority.

It was agreed that Steve would contact Area Committee Councillors – Robert will write to all CCs in Aberdeenshire plus local MPs and MSPs. Mike to contact Press. Philip agreed that the letter should stress this is in regard to rural schools, and that all we seek is that belts be available so that children have the opportunity to wear them.

Web site – Up to date, including latest South Deeside View.

Roads – Duncan still trying to get a response from Mr McDonald. Anti skid surface at Banchory-Devenick had been laid. Robert to write querying why that at Morven had not been done. Mr McDonald had responded to the request that signs be cleared of obstruction to say that he was contacting owners of offending trees and bushes to cut them back.

Western Peripheral Route – Inquiry Rob reported that after one week timetable had already slipped (13 weeks in total). Signs already that Transport Scotland a little nervous about their case with much nit-picking and pedantic questioning. Road Sense team working well. NKRCC statement not due until early November. Philip queried what form of recommendation is Reporter entitled to make regarding any proposed alternative schemes for junctions. It was agreed Rob would raise informally with the Reporter and provide clarification at the next meeting.

2. PLANNING

New planning applications –

None!

Blairs – Nothing to report

Thurcroft House (land adjacent) – Mike spoke to neighbours of this proposed development most of whom opposed it. As a result an objection had been lodged. Mr Baxter of Thurcroft House emailed to thank Mike for his efforts.

Meikle Carewe – Nothing to report. Philip keeps an eye on progress.

New Structure Plan – Strategic Development Plan – Mike summarised NKRCC comments and circulated copies. Core is Population and Housing, Rob felt that the figures for both are overstated and based on over optimistic economic predictions. The housing numbers are all front-loaded. Some should be kept in reserve in case forecasts over ambitious. It is a “developers licence to build” and a threat to the Green Belt. Insufficient emphasis on public transport – especially rail. Cllr Melling said it would all become clear in the Local Plan. Rob did not agree that we should simply wait and see without comment. Several other CCs have similar reservations. Cllr Melling – If housing is to be this high we should not let developers just build top end homes. Also transport in rural areas depends on cars. He feels we should build more housing in Peterhead area.

Mike and Rob will prepare a paper for submission on Friday. Thanks were expressed for the work they have put into the summary.

Site near Maryculter East – For sale with planning permission. Rob will investigate.

3. FINANCE

Funds - £2448 – (including £270 - 200 Club prize money)

200 Club – Prizes

September £15 252 D Raitt £10 111 L Keeler £5 109 M Robertson

Request for funds for Driving for the Disabled – George Masson explained the need funds to train more volunteers and for tack. Agreed grant of £200.

Request for funds for Cookney Hall – Agreed grant £250.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Aberdeenshire Council – Roads – Notification of Anti-skid surface at Banchory-Devenick crossroads
Aberdeenshire Licensing Board – Licence Applications
Aberdeenshire Council – Woodview Crafts and Designs
Aberdeenshire Council – letter re Lairhillock Bridge from A Campbell
Aberdeenshire Council – Enquiry re 20mph limit at B-D school
NHS Grampian Emergency Care Centre open day.
Robin Baxter – Planning objection Thurcroft House
Volunteer Development Scotland – Time Banking
Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership
Aberdeenshire Council - hidden and dirty road signs
Aberdeenshire Council – response to above
Ageing Well – one day conference.
Aberdeenshire Council – Plants for next spring
K&M safety Group - Minutes
Adopt a phone Box
BBC – Digital changeover

Newsletters – None

Robert attended meeting of Community Councils regarding Data Protection registration – Many including Robert feel it is an unnecessary imposition and would like to write to express this as our view. Agreed.

Licence Applications – Community Councils are now consulted on Alcohol licence application and renewal. It was agreed not to object to renewals for Ardoe House Hotel and Storybook Glen Maryculter.

AOCB

Cookney Hall representative - Agreed Robert to be CC representative for Friends of Cookney Hall

South Deeside View – Mostly delivered.

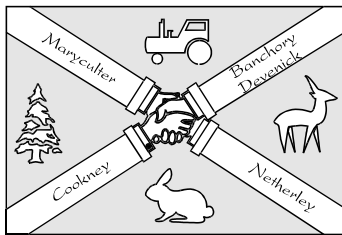
Bus Shelter – Mike mentioned that the bus shelter opposite Banchory-Devenick Church was in need of attention. When the Council were contacted, they were unaware there was a bus service there and offered to demolish shelter! Mike to follow up with Roads department.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

20 October 2008 at 7:30pm

17 November 2008 at 7:30pm

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AGENDA

**For the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 20 October 2008 at 7.30pm
in Maryculter Community Hall.**

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the meeting of 15 September 2008
3. Matters Arising
 - Rural Schools
 - Website
 - Roads
 - Western Peripheral Route
4. Planning
 - Blairs
 - Meikle Carewe
 - Recent planning applications
5. Finance:
 - 200 Club
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