



North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday December 13th 2010 at 7.30pm in Maryculter Community Hall

Present:

Bob McKinney (Chairman of meeting)
Robin Winmill (Vice Chairman)
Hazel Witte (Treasurer)
Avril Tulloch
Cllr Ian Mollison
Cllr Carl Nelson

Representing:

Cookney / Netherley
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Maryculter
Maryculter
Aberdeenshire Council
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4 Members of the Public

1. Apologies:

Toby Lenehan, Robert Keeler, Philip Smart, Robin Baxter, Susan Astell, Mike Birch, Cllr Paul Melling, Cllr A Bews

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 15th November 2010

The draft minutes were proposed for approval by Rob Winmill and seconded by Avril Tulloch and duly approved. Discussions regarding the procedures for publication and approval of Minutes was postponed until January, due to absences.

3. Police Report

No police report was available this month.

4. Rural Schools and South Deeside Under Fives (SDUF)

Nothing to report other than the Lairhillock Primary Christmas Fair which had been due to take place on Saturday 27 November had been postponed until Saturday 11 December due to the weather and takings were expected to be between £260 and £300 for the SDUF stall.

5. Website

Nothing to report.

6. Roads

MB's report on the Bridge of Dee workshop of 29 November had yet to be submitted but was expected in the near future.

RW reported that all planned work for roads in NK area for 2010 had been done, including the Reserve List.

A MOP noted that during the recent bad weather the level of gritting on the Causey Mounth between Leggart Terrace and BD crossroads had caused real concern and difficulties in driving children to BD Primary School. Another MOP

queried whether putting out more grit bins might help the situation. Cllr Nelson agreed to look into this and report back. BM also asked if Cllr Nelson could look at how the Shire Council prioritise road gritting, which he agreed to do.

RW asked Cllrs Nelson and Mollison if there was any update on the proposed access road from BD to Badentoy Industrial Estate. Cllr Mollison advised that he had written, asking that the matter be referred to Area Committee but had had no response yet.

The decision granting permission for Blairs (280 houses) affecting the proposed roundabout at the junction of Milltimber Brae and South Deeside Road has now been published. RW suggested that Hall users should stay alert for any developments regarding this.

It was reported that two large potholes had developed on the South Deeside Road between the Old Mill Inn and the Caravan Park, one on the eastbound carriageway, one on the west. Others agreed that they too were aware of it. It was also highlighted that in several places vegetation had begun to obscure road signs. CN agreed to try to have this looked at.

Another MOP advised that it was their perception that the speed of HGVs on the B979 was increasing. This led on to a discussion about a recent road accident at North Burnside between a motor car driven by a young female and an agricultural vehicle. Though the damage to the car was substantial, injury was thankfully slight.

6.1. Western Peripheral Route

Nothing new to report. Eight days have been set aside in February 2011 for the Roadsense legal challenge at the Court of Session in Edinburgh on the matter.

7. Planning

7.1. Recent Planning Applications

<i>W/E 19 November</i>		
APP/2010/3636	Cowford Cottages, Blairs, Aberdeen, AB12 5YA	Variation of Condition No. 1 (Removal of Chimney Pipe)
APP/2010/3606	Nether Craigwell, Netherley, Stonehaven, AB39 3QQ	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
<i>W/E 26 November</i>		
APP/2010/3757	Land West of Cookney Stables, West Cookney, Netherley, Stonehaven, AB39 3SA	Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage
APP/2010/3754	4 Hare Moss Steading, Portlethen, Aberdeen, AB12 4RT	Alterations and Extension to Dwelling
APP/2010/3242	Hillview, South Cookney, Netherley, Stonehaven, AB39 3RX	Erection of Detached Ancillary Building (Garage and Office)
<i>W/E 3 December</i>		
APP/2010/3783	Mid Ardoe Farm, Ardoe, Aberdeen, AB12 5XT	Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage
<i>W/E 10 December</i>		
APP/2010/3009	Land at Schoolhill, Portlethen, Aberdeen, AB12 4RD	Erection of Two Signboards

RW reported on recent ACSEF meeting on new planning system, attended by developers, Council officers, businessmen, lawyers and CC representatives. The meeting was addressed by Chief Planner for Scotland. The next meeting has been set for March 2011. Consultation on the new system is now under way; comments to be submitted by the end of January 2011.

7.2. Meikle Carewe

Nothing new to report.

7.3. Housing Development adjacent to Lairhillock School

Correspondence had recently been received by NKRCC from Bancon challenging the Community Council view that the public consultation had not been carried out properly. The main points of the letter were read out and a discussion ensued. It was generally agreed that:

The new planning system required full public exhibition; the Local Authority may have aware of the developer's intention to use the presentation at the Community Council meeting as a 'public exhibition', but NKRCC was not; that NKRCC believes that a Community Council presentation is not an adequate substitute for a public exhibition; that NKRCC still believes that the required public exhibition had not taken place; that, by contrast, Banchory-Leggart had followed the correct procedures.

A MOP reported on a good example of such an exhibition: a 36 house development at Echt; widely publicised; open all day; staffed by the developer and attended by more than 100 members of the public

To avoid such a situation arising again in future, it was suggested that when planners make approaches to NKRCC about a presentation in future that it be made clear that this would not be considered by NKRCC to be a part of the public exhibition phase of the process.

It was also agreed that because of the low attendance at this meeting that full discussion be held at the January 2011 meeting. BM to circulate the letter received from Bancon, to allow an informed discussion then.

A letter will also be sent to the Shire Council to inquire again whether Bancon would be required to hold a full public exhibition about the development.

8. Finance

HW advised that she had e-mailed Les Patterson regarding how locals may have the hire of the tent. Details of this will be made public in the next edition of the South Deeside View, in Spring 2011. A MOP asked about insurance cover for this and this will be taken into account for the final arrangements.

As at 13 December the NKRCC bank balance was £1758 of which £130 was earmarked for 300 Club prizes. HW also advised that £685 had been awarded by the 300 Club during the course of the year. The December 300 Club draw was then made. The winners were:

December
#189 Bill Broomfield
#128 Richard Mann
#209 Jim Hay
#278 Steve Robertson

Regarding the matter raised at the November meeting about what details of 300 club winners should be published; HW advised that she believed that only the winners' names and areas should be published.

9. Correspondence

Scotways - Annual Report 2010.

9.1. Licence Applications

None received.

10. AOCB

BM reminded everyone that at 7.00pm next evening, 14 December, Aberdeenshire Council were holding a budget briefing at Lairhilllock Primary School, which was open to the public. BM, RW and possibly TL will attend.

IM advised that the rules regarding gypsy encampments were due to change, in that the time frame of 6 days until the travellers were asked to move on would become an “as soon as possible” scenario. IM to investigate this further.

It was pointed out that Robin Baxter had been fully co-opted as a member of NKRC at the meeting of August 2010, which had not been reflected in the minutes of that meeting. It was accepted by those present that this had in fact been the case.

BM advised those present that the next meeting of NKRC was set for 7.30pm on Monday 17 January 2011 at Corbie Hall, Maryculter.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

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