



North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday March 21, 2011 at 7.30pm in Maryculter Community Hall

Present:

Bob McKinney (Chairman)
Robin Winmill (Vice Chairman)
Robert Keeler
Philip Smart
Avril Tulloch
Hazel Witte
Cllr Ian Mollison
Cllr Carl Nelson
Cllr Paul Melling
Five members of the public

Representing:

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1. Apologies:

Susan Astell, Toby Lenehan, Mike Birch, Ann Townsley.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 21 February 2011

Minor amendments were discussed and agreed. This related to Item 7.2 Other Planning Matters where the location should read Hare Moss rather than Stranog. The draft minutes were then proposed for approval by Robert Keeler and seconded by Hazel Witte. The minutes were then duly approved.

3. Police Report

Constables Ross Campbell and Susan Alexander, two local Police Officers were in attendance and advised there had recently been two high value thefts in the area.

During the night of 21 February 2011 entry was gained to the green keepers shed at the Aspire Golf Centre. Despite there being equipment and machinery valued in excess of £100 000, nothing was taken.

Sometime overnight on the 16 March 2011, a ride-on Bowmag road roller was removed from a road works site in the Auchlunies area, between Portlethen and Blairs. It has been valued at £8000. Enquiries are ongoing into both these incidents.

There were two road collisions, both on the B979 Netherley road. Both were single vehicle collisions, one involving a car, the other involved a moped. Nobody was hurt in either incident.

It was also reported that there had been another theft of lead at Blairs College. Although the College is not covered by CCTV, Police have stepped up night-time patrols and enquiries are ongoing.

A MOP advised that he had recently noticed a suspicious man driving a Transit van past his home whilst work was being done and that the driver was taking a distinct interest, so much so that his attention on the road was substantially compromised to the extent that he nearly drove off the road.

4. Rural Schools and South Deeside Under Fives

Nothing to report

5. Website

Nothing to report

6. Roads

At the last meeting it was mentioned that there was an open gully at the side of the roadside at Eastside Steading, Stranog which had been brought to the attention of the Local Authority. Avril agreed to monitor this.

It was also reported that the proposed access road from the Hillside to Blairs road, leading into Badentoy Industrial Estate had received planning permission. Signs will be erected for westbound vehicles on the C30K that the road is unsuitable for HGV's. BM commented that it had been disappointing that NKRCC's request for a meeting with the Local Authority on this matter had been turned down. Cllr Nelson advised that although planning permission had been granted, the road extending from the site to the new Hillside access road will have to be upgraded first. The details of this will have to be finalised between the landowner, Stewart Milne, and the Local Authority. Cllr Mollison expressed the thought that it might be a long time before this project goes ahead. Cllr Nelson that that the matter may be complicated by a Park and Ride scheme at Findon which was due to go ahead soon.

6.1. Western Peripheral Route

RW advised that Road Sense were due to hold a meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 24 March 2011, at Kippie Lodge.

7. Planning

7.1. Recent Planning Applications

<i>W/E 25 February 2011</i>		
APP/2011/0469	Caldene, Hardhillock Farm Maryculter Aberdeen AB12 5GQ	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse to form Ancillary Residential Unit
<i>W/E 4 March 2011</i>		
APP/2011/0673	Derelict Church Maryculter Aberdeen AB12 5FA	Change of Use from Class 10 (Church) to Class 9 (Dwellinghouse) to Include Garden Ground, Erection of Garage and Formation of Access (Amendments to Planning Permission Reference KM/APP/2009/3603)
APP/2011/0653	Greens Of Crynoch Blairs Aberdeen AB12 5YX	Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage
APP/2011/0639	West Steading Borrowfield Netherley Stonehaven AB39 3RB	Erection of Boundary Fence (Retrospective)
APP/2011/0452	North Burnside Kennels Maryculter Aberdeen AB12 5FB	Variation of Condition 2 (Visibility Splays) of Planning Permission Reference APP/2009/1650
<i>W/E 18 March 2011</i>		
APP/2011/0786	Curlews Cottage Bridge Of Muchalls Stonehaven AB39 3RU	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
APP/2011/0754	Elrick Farm Bridge Of Muchalls Stonehaven AB39 3RU	Erection of C&F Green Energy 20Kw 20.6m (To Hub Height) Wind Turbine

7.2. Meikle Carewe

Trevor Croft, Reporter, had recently overturned Aberdeenshire council's decision to refuse RES permission to develop the Meikle Carewe site. RW commented that the Local Development Plan should be the first consideration in such

situations, not the last. Cllr Nelson expressed annoyance that the Planning Officers had recommended the application for approval, apparently against planning regulations.

BM stated that he did not think that the Councillors had acted unreasonably as recently published in the press; that they had abided by planning regulations, had taken cognisance of local feeling and had come to the right conclusion. He further expressed dismay that planning regulations could be so easily set aside by the Reporter and concluded that he thought it had been the Reporter who'd got it wrong.

Cllr Nelson discussed the pros and cons and concluded that there would be little gain in Aberdeenshire Council appealing the decision and that there may be further expenses incurred in doing so. Cllr Mollison suggested that there was little appetite at the Council to appeal. Cllr Melling thought that this was an attack on democracy and that Councillors were downhearted.

A MOP asked rhetorically who pays for this matter, the Council, therefore the public. After some discussion it was agreed that as a CC we did not think that our local Councillors had acted unreasonably. PS was asked if there was an award of costs involved. He will write to Karen Wiles, Head of Legal Services at Aberdeenshire Council.

7.3. *Other Planning*

RW advised that on 2 March he had attended the ACSEF Planning Modernisation Group workshop at Bridge of Don. Peter Reiss will submit a plan on behalf of the local community councils, in particular, relating to when things go wrong in the planning process at the next meeting on June 15th.

8. Finance

As a result of 360 tickets being sold for the 300 Club, £1800 had been raised, so on 21 March the NKRCC bank balance was £2778.

The March 300 Club draw was then made. The winners were:

March	
£50	#313
£15	#169
£10	#170
£5	#317

HW then read out an application for funding of £400 from the Friends of Cookney Hall to assist with the lighting of the newly extended car park. After some discussion, it was agreed to assist with the full amount applied for.

9. Correspondence

A letter had been received from Aberdeenshire Council advising that the C5K at Lairhillock Bridge would be closed on Tuesday 5 April 2011 for investigation works.

A letter had also been received from Grampian Fire and Rescue Service in relation to a consultation on the future of the Fire Brigade in Scotland, with the Scottish Government's preferred outcome being a single entity rather than the current 8 services.

An invitation was received from GREC to a consultation on Tuesday 5 April at Inverurie Town Hall regarding a dialogue to enhance cross-community relations between Gypsy/Travellers and the settled community.

9.1. *Licence Applications*

None received.

10. AOCB

Cllr. Mollison advised that the coming year's roadworks schedule was now available. A MOP noted that the worst stretch of the B979 did not appear to be on the schedule, when examined. Cllr Mollison agreed to look further at the matter and raise it with the relevant officials.

HW noted that NKRCC was no longer listed on the P&J's "What's On" section. Toby to be asked to look into this.

RW advised that he and Robert Keeler had attended the CC Forum on 24 February at Viewmount in Stonehaven.

Cllr Melling advised that Aberdeenshire Council had announced that they had made budgetary savings, amounting to £4.20 per family.

Cllr Nelson advised that he had attended the recent traffic management consultation about the Bridge of Dee and noted that there was no weight limit on traffic rather a width restriction, making the bridge too narrow for HGV's. He also advised that the date of the next meeting of the 3 local Community Councils had been pencilled in for Thursday 19 May 2011 at Muchalls.

Cllr Melling asked how the South Deeside Under 5's were faring and advised that he had been consulting widely in the Portlethen area due to the recent Council announcement to withdraw funding for nurseries and crèches there.

A MOP asked about the likelihood of having a 40 mph speed limit imposed on the South Deeside Road between the Netherley Road and Milltimber bridge due to the speed of some of the traffic using that stretch of the road. Cllrs Melling and Nelson did not think this would be viable but Cllr Melling agreed to look further into the matter. BM wondered if traffic calming measures rather than a speed limit would be the way forward.

HW advised that the Plant Sale and Coffee Morning had been set for Saturday 14 May at the Corbie Hall.

BM pointed out that the next meeting of NKRCC would be at 7.30pm on Monday 18 April 2011 at Corbie Hall.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

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