



North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday November 15th 2010 at 7.30pm in Maryculter Community Hall

Present:

Robin Winmill (Chairman of meeting)
Robert Keeler
Susan Astell
Toby Lenehan (Secretary)
Avril Tulloch (Treasurer)
Mike Birch
Ann Townsley
Cllr Paul Melling
Cllr Ian Mollison
Cllr Carl Nelson

Representing:

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1. Apologies:

Bob McKinney, Hazel Witte, Philip Smart, Robin Baxter.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 18th October 2010

Minor amendments were discussed and agreed. The draft minutes were proposed for approval by Susan Astell and seconded by Robert Keeler and duly approved.

3. Police Report

No police report was available this month.

4. Rural Schools and South Deeside Under Fives

Nothing to report.

5. Website

MB reported on progress of the redesign of the website. It was noted that the website was important for disseminating information to interested parties due to the dispersed nature of our community. It was generally agreed that the look and style of the website needed refreshing and that this would also make it easier to keep the website updated. A rate of £250 for a site redesign had been estimated by a company with a good track record on other community council websites. It was agreed that MB should pursue negotiations with this company.

6. Roads

NKRCC has been invited to participate in three workshops conducted by Aberdeen City Council in partnership with

the Shire Council to improve traffic flow at the Bridge of Dee roundabout. The workshops would look at existing and future problems and generate options for improvement. The first was to be held on 29 November with the others in January. MB agreed to attend the first workshop on behalf of NKRCC.

MB had drafted a letter of objection to the planning application for a new Badentoy Industrial Estate access road. A revised plan had been submitted for an application originally submitted in 2007. It was felt that this road would encourage goods vehicles to use inappropriately small roads through residential areas in the NKRCC area. The draft letter requested a meeting between the planning department, the developer and local residents to fully understand the plans and their implications. It was agreed that an NKRCC objection would be submitted and copied to Portlethen CC and local Councillors. Residents and community councillors felt that there had been a promise to preserve a 'buffer zone' between the industrial estate and the rural area during original planning approval for the estate. IM had checked the council planning records and planning officers had confirmed that no mention of this buffer zone had been recorded in the original planning approvals. The new access road planning application was to be considered by the Area Committee at an unspecified future date. A traffic assessment had been a condition of the 2007 application. It was unclear whether a traffic assessment was required for planning approval in 2010. Members felt that there was already too much through traffic in Banchory-Devenick and this access road would lead to more.

Members of the community were concerned about the proposed roundabout on the football field at Corbie Hall. The roundabout was a proposal to deal with extra traffic at the Milltimber Brae / South Deeside Road junction due to the Blairs housing development. If built, the roundabout would be on Corbie Hall grounds and impinge upon the football pitch. It was felt that the loss of football revenue would lead to closure of Corbie Hall. Councillors informed the meeting that the Blairs development approval was still pending and that the roundabout was only one proposal to deal with the extra traffic arising. CN noted that a replacement football pitch at Blairs had been suggested. The situation would be monitored as plans developed.

6.1. Western Peripheral Route

The Aarhus convention had been investigating whether information had been withheld from the public during the consultation process. It had written a list of questions to Roadsense and the AWPR management team ahead of a court hearing expected in January 2011.

7. Planning

7.1. Recent Planning Applications

W/C 22 October 2010 APP/2010/3409	Riverbank Ardoe Aberdeen AB12 5YN	Breach of Condition 9 of Planning Permission (S960058PF)
W/C 29 October 2010 APP/2010/3348	Gillybrands Cammachmore Newtonhill AB39 3NS	Erection of Agricultural Building (Retrospective)
W/C 5 November 2010 APP/2010/3538	Land at Giroma Blairs Aberdeen AB12 5YX	Erection of Dwellinghouse
W/C 12 November 2010 None		

A certificate of lawful use had been applied for to remove the condition requiring agricultural use for the fishing lodge at Ardoe House.

RW read out a letter from Jim McKinnon (Chief Planner at the Scottish Executive) regarding concerns about a possible shortage of viable recommended sites for new development in the LDP. Mr McKinnon was speaking in Aberdeen on 24 November and RW volunteered to attend.

7.2. Meikle Carewe

A reporter had been appointed to hear RES' appeal against refusal of planning permission.

7.3. *Housing Development adjacent to Lairhillock School*

NKRCC had been invited to comment on this planning application as a consultee. RW had drafted a letter of objection from NKRCC to this development. Members thanked RW once again for an excellent effort which highlighted numerous areas of local and national policy that the planning application contravened. MB proposed submitting the objection, SA seconded and members unanimously voted to submit the objection.

8. Finance

As at 15 November the NKRCC bank balance was £1816 of which £160 was earmarked for 300 Club prizes. The November 300 Club draw was made. The winners were:

November	
£15	#386 Neil McCallum
£10	#132 Lynda Keeler
£5	#212 Anne-Marie Rapach

Maryculter Scouts had written thanking NKRCC for the donation towards their replacement tent. MB asked how the community could request to borrow the tent. HW would liaise with the scouts and post details of the procedure for those wanting to borrow the tent on the NKRCC website.

Maryculter Senior Citizens had written thanking NKRCC for the donation towards their Christmas lunch.

2011 300 Club tickets were distributed to members for sale.

A question had been asked about whether 300 Club winners' details should be published on the NKRCC website. Those present were unsure about whether this was a requirement or not. It was agreed that HW, as promoter of the 300 Club, would check the correct procedure.

9. Correspondence

NKRCC attendance had been requested at a number of meetings:

- The Community Council Forum meeting on 25 November.
- Grampian NHS were holding a meeting to present planned changes to the out-of-hours GP GMED service on 30 November. AT tentatively agreed to attend.
- Aberdeenshire Council were holding a budget briefing meeting at Lairhillock School on 14 December. RW and RK agreed to attend.

The next Aberdeenshire Council Area Committee meeting was to be held on 16 November and the briefing documents were made available.

The VSA Carers' Centre had written asking whether they could attend a future meeting to present their work. This was agreed and TL would contact them to arrange a future presentation.

9.1. *Licence Applications*

None received.

10. AOCB

TL suggested NKRCC taking a stall at the Lairhillock School Christmas Fair on 27 November to publicise NKRCC and its activities. Members supported this idea.

RK had reviewed the ASCC council nominations and noted that there was only one candidate for each post. He would return the voting form, completed accordingly.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

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