

# North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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## Minute of the meeting held on Monday 10 December 2007 at Maryculter Community Hall.

### PRESENT

<u>Maryculter</u>	<u>Cookney / Netherley</u>	<u>Banchory-Devenick</u>	<u>Aberdeenshire Councillors</u>
Bill Fraser Avril Tulloch Hazel Witte (Treasurer) Sylvia Pike	Robert Keeler (Secretary) Philip Smart	Mike Birch (Chairman) Keith Johnston Duncan Petrie	Carl Nelson

3 Members of the Public

**APOLOGIES** – Rob Winmill, Bob McKinney and Councillor Ian Mollison Paul Melling, MINUTES of the meeting of 19 November 2007 were approved, subject to correction:-remove “web name costs paid £5.00pa since” to “ Web name costs previously paid by Philip”.

#### 1. MATTERS ARISING

**New Lairhillock School** – We have received a progress note from Syd Gray Head of Property regarding bridge works etc. They hope to start work in March 2008 and could take up to 12 weeks! He claims improvement works are currently being carried out on site. Mike suggested we write expressing our disappointment at lack of progress. Sylvia wondered if the road would be closed during this project which would cause problems for bus service.

**School Buses** – We should continue to liaise with Cllr Mollison on this issue

**Web site** – Sylvia had enquired of Web designer on taking over site, which she will then update, costs approved of £50.00 + VAT.

**Roads** – We had written to Roads regarding various matters raised at last meeting , but as yet no response. Sally McAllan had emailed complaining of the Banchory-Devenick to A90 road conditions. We are disappointed that Mr Skilling has not replied to our letters or request for him to attend one of our meetings.

**Western Peripheral Route** – Letter of objection sent.

Philip and Bob had also met with Cliff Buchan and a Jacobs Babcie representative and raised queries on the data entered on the traffic model and other issues. As the company who had designed the model were not in attendance many questions could not be answered. Philip reported on the meeting. Cliff Buchan had agreed to provide data on existing traffic volumes in our area and data in the model on junction behaviour. Mike felt that the information on traffic seemed to be different each time it was raised and felt there would be little satisfaction until the Public Inquiry. Resolved to write to Cliff Buchan again incorporating request for the information promised.

#### 2. PLANNING

##### **New planning applications** –

APP/2007/4320 Agricultural Notification for Erection of Agricultural Building at Land to West of Cockley Farm Maryculter Aberdeen

APP/2007/4348 Full Planning Permission for Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse (Conservatory) at Mill Of Monquich Farmhouse Netherley Stonehaven  
APP/2007/4476 Full Planning Permission for Erection of Detached Garage at Brookfield Maryculter Aberdeen  
APP/2007/4537 Full Planning Permission for Erection of Car Port at Blairwood House Blairs  
APP/2007/4276 Full Planning Permission for Alterations and Extension to Agricultural Building at Mains Of Netherley Netherley Stonehaven

**Meikle Carewe** – Draft objection was discussed Mike made some additional points on the draft objection, which should aim to be submitted before Christmas. Philip and Rob will re-write some of the points. Mike also noted the amount of migrating birds in the area. It was commented that it was surprising that SNH does not make more of this problem as contrary to the developer's claims to protect geese which do fly right over the proposed site. Comments on draft by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Banchory-Devenick Cemetery** – Cllr Nelson had spoken to Ron Davidson at the Council – they maintain that the delay is not their fault. Landowner wishes to swap a parcel of land. Duncan said that the Church is going ahead with the car park and expects the council to get on with cemetery extension. He queried if the owner of Kirkland House would need planning permission for a new road – Yes.

**Blairs** – Nothing to report .

**Maryculter Organic Farm** – Nothing to report

### **3. FINANCE**

#### **200 Club Prizes**

**November £5** 130 J Ewen **£10** 81 D Damielka **£15** 113 L Nicol **£25** 85 L Campbell  
Hazel commented on a recent letter regarding licencing of draw. It was agreed that Hazel should be the promoter. There was a discussion regarding the proportion of the money collected from the 200 club that should be allocated for prizes. It was agreed that this should remain in accordance with our prior practice that no more than 40-50% of funds should be distributed as prize money. The actual prize fund would be set on an annual basis once it was known the exact number of tickets that had been sold for that year.

### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nov 20 Aberdeenshire Council – Update on Lairhillock Bridge and Roadworks  
Nov 20 Aberdeenshire Council – Education Learning and Leisure charges  
Nov 22 Portlethen CC – Wish to discuss boundary change over 800 new houses at Marywell.  
Nov 22 Aberdeenshire Council – letter re School bus seat belts  
Nov 29 Aberdeenshire Council – response re School bus seat belts  
Dec 7 Aberdeenshire Council – letter to Roads dept re B979 – accidents at Morven – North Burnside Kennels.  
Dec 8 Letter from Sally McAllan – re Banchory-Devenick to A90 road.

Newsletters – Neighbourhood Watch – Postwatch – East Grampian Coastal Partnership

Various groups are concerned about proposed increase in charges for use of council buildings. Mike to liaise with Inspector Gordon on various matters including that we have had no reports for several months.

### **5. AOCB**

Portlethen Community Council would like to discuss boundary changes in view of 800 new houses being built at Findon. Mike suggested we write and arrange meeting. We should also speak to Stephen Marshall at the Council.

**Kincardine and Mearns Area Forum** - attended by Mike, Sylvia and Robert.

Derek Yuill discussed the 08/09 Budget in as much as due to the freeze on Council tax, and the figure for the grant from the Scottish Government will not be known until mid December. There has been a 5% cut in the subsidy receivable from Social Services for next year (450k less) so that will create problems. The various amounts to be received will no longer be ring fenced so funds for Education could be diverted to roads etc or vice versa. Our grant is still 10% below Scottish average.

The Strategic Plan will guide future budgets once it is completed. The demographic of the area will change with an increase in the elderly.

Mike had asked about Seat belts on School buses – usual reply

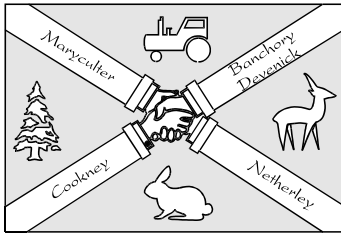
Robert commented that there would inevitably be a reduction in services if the Council Tax is frozen.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**21 January 2008 at 7:30pm**

**18 February 2008 at 7:30pm**

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## **AGENDA**

**For the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 21 January 2008 at 7.30pm  
in Maryculter Community Hall.**

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2007
3. Matters Arising
  - Rural Schools
  - Website
  - Roads
  - Western Peripheral Route
4. Planning
  - Blairs
  - Meikle Carewe
  - Recent planning applications
5. Finance:
  - 200 Club
6. Correspondence
7. AOCB

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