

North Kincardine Rural Community Council

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Minute of the meeting held on Monday 17 September 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	Rob Winmill (Vice Chairman) Robert Keeler (Secretary) Bob McKinney Philip Smart	Keith Johnstone Duncan Petrie	Paul Melling Carl Nelson

4 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES – Mike Birch (Chairman) and Councillor Ian Mollison)

MINUTES of the meeting of 2007 were approved, subject to the following amendment proposed by Bill: - Under AWPR change sentence to read :- “Bill will check Website for Roads Team version of plan”.

1. MATTERS ARISING

New Lairhillock School – Still no movement on completion of roadworks and new bridge. Cllr Melling is meeting with roads dept tomorrow and he will discuss with Mr Skilling including changes to junction.

School Buses – Cllr Melling suggested emailing the new Education Director, who appears to favour belts.

Web site – Sylvia will contact Kevin in order to take this over.

Roads – Repair to B979 at Burnside kennels – finance is now approved and work should commence but date unknown. Bill has written to Mr Skilling re several matters, Cllr Melling requested a copy to discuss with M Skilling. Philip mentioned that the new surface on the B979 north of Netherley Bridge is very noisy. Regarding Banchory-Devenick crossroads Cllr Melling suggested we ask Inspector Gordon about safety issues, Duncan said that the police had already said they were not dangerous. Robert commented that majority of accidents did not concern the police as there were no injuries. There are road closures to the west of the A90 from Muchalls as the new sewerage pipe is installed.

Western Peripheral Route – Robert and Mike met with Cliff Buchan :

Main Road Orders and EIS have been reissued without significant change to the proposed route. Quality of the Southern Leg submission improved to match that of the Northern Leg. Reissue was to comply with EU planning requirements. Side Road Orders – newly issued – consultation period of 6 weeks from the date of issue – 11 September. Several changes including: Road from B_D crossroads to A90 to be closed and new feeder road to be constructed to link to A90 at new Findon junction. Existing road from Hare Moss to A90 also scheduled for closure will use same link. Also main Causeyport road from B_D crossroads to chicken farm will be stopped with only agricultural access (also for pedestrians and cyclists). Reason given was to even out traffic flows

on side roads but suspect cost could be a consideration – given new housing development to south of AWPR this could be a good move. Cleanhill/River Dee Crossing - no significant changes – disputed side road was confirmed to be in the plan – Cliff said our input important. No access to South Deeside road – suggestion of some lobbying to the contrary – I reiterated our position that on balance it was better not to have this access. Bridge crossing seems to be down to one option now – “bow type” ruled out due to limitation in length of crossing possible. Suggest that Bill/Rob pull together list of objections for review at the next meeting to allow us to send letter of objection by deadline – October 26th.

Other information: AWPR team insist construction costs still within £295-£395 million range but expect this to increase this does not cover finance or maintenance costs.

Responses to Objections – raised concerns that only standard responses have been given rather than responses to specifics raised in individual letters - advised to write to Transport Scotland. Rob stressed to all present that 1) existing objections still stand. 2) Those not satisfied with responses should write again. 3) New objections can now be sent, if relevant, both to Road Orders and Side Road Orders.

Public Enquiry – told that no decision had been made on this but AWPR team still expecting to have one – CB stated that Minister would make decision depending on number of statutory objections received – (SNH, SEPA, Local Councils and landowners directly affected by road). Despite comments to the contrary by politicians this appeared to be over-riding issue rather than level of public interest.

AWPR Road Junctions – offer made to community councils and groups of local residents to go through the traffic model to demonstrate that their design would not adversely affect traffic flows with or without traffic lights. Suggest that we get some volunteers from the NKRC committee for such a meeting. Bob and Philip will arrange a meeting with Cliff Buchan. Park and Ride – separate Aberdeen city study into reducing traffic from South of Aberdeen is looking at site adjacent to new roads.

Environmental impact of road construction will be controlled by contractual limitations rather than within AWPR EIS.

Another series of Road Shows commences October 1 for one week and reminded all that new First Minister has agreed to accept the findings of the Public Inquiry.

Rob felt we should write to other CCs affected to share views.

2. PLANNING

New planning applications –

- APP/2007/3144 Outline Planning Permission for Erection of Dwellinghouse at Site South of Es Moli, Hare Moss Maryculter Aberdeen
- APP/2007/3141 Full Planning Permission for Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse at Hillcrest Mid Ardoe Banchory-Devenick
- APP/2007/3225 Full Planning Permission for Conversion of Dog Boarding Kennels/Stables to Form Two Dwellings at Redmyre Farm Blairs Aberdeen
- APP/2007/3374 Full Planning Permission for Erection of Detached Double Garage at Hillside Of Badentoy Portlethen Aberdeen
- APP/2007/3390 Full Planning Permission for Conversion of Steading to form 2 Dwellinghouses at Clayfolds Bridge Of Muchalls Newtonhill

Meikle Carewe – Philip gave a short summary of the Environmental statement bringing out various points but stressing; that this application very similar to that previously refused; that it still runs counter to policy provisions in ALP, and that Air Traffic control, TV and residential impact do not appear to be satisfactorily resolved. After discussion it was agreed that Philip would write a full objection on our behalf. Cllr Nelson queried the addition of a Quarry this time, Philip said it was to allow RES to get stone for foundations to save bringing it in. He also

queried that the site of each individual turbine is not definite, Philip explained that if they received planning permission the siting of turbines could vary without recourse to Councillors. The height of the anemometer mast on MC is 50 metres, but the base is lower than the bases of the proposed turbines which will be 90 metres high, and thus give a false impression of their landscape impact.

Banchory-Devenick Cemetery – Nothing further but Kirkton House is for sale so the new owners can be approached in due course.

Blairs –

Following comments at last meeting Rob gave a resume of the origin and aims of Green Wedge. Over the years when NKRCC and GW are in agreement on a development, we co-present objections in order to avoid repetition at an Inquiry and because two heads are better than one. Robert said that there is always discussion and a decision voted on at a CC meeting.

3. FINANCE

200 Club Prizes

September £5 176 C Smart **£10** 178 R Smart **£15** 82 J Bruce

Hazel reported funds held of £ 1771.85 in addition to £688.07 held for South Deeside View.

A separate account is being set up for the SDV. Hazel introduced Pam Robertson co-editor.

Request for £250 received from friends of Cookney Hall to purchase new cooker was approved.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Aug 12 Maryculter Community Hall – Letter of thanks for donation

Aug Aberdeenshire Council – Local Transport Strategy

Aug Mearns Community Radio - AGM

Aug 22 Aberdeenshire Council – K&M Area Bus Forum

Aug Aberdeenshire Council – Draft Licensing Policies

Sep 7 Army – Notification of Flying exercise 17 – 28 September

Sep 5 Aberdeenshire Council – Leader in Rural Aberdeenshire Questionnaire

Sep Association of Scottish CCs AGM

Sep 13 Letter from G Swapp re windfarm Meikle Carewe

Sep 15 Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership Annual Report

Newsletters – APRS

5. AOCB

Bill summarised the Rural Bus Forum which he felt did not address concerns of residents. Cllr Melling, who is Chair of the Forum asked Bill to send him an email of his comments .

Hazel queried if SDVs had been delivered. Not all had been yet.

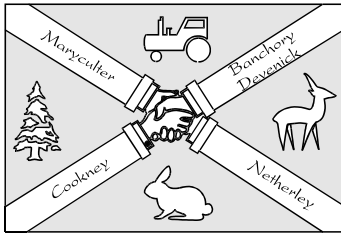
Hazel also queried state of Notice Boards, Rob agreed to survey them.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15 October 2007 at 7:30pm

19 November 2007 at 7:30pm

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AGENDA

**For the Ordinary Meeting on Monday 15 October 2007 at 7.30pm
in Maryculter Community Hall.**

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the meeting of 17 September 2007
3. Matters Arising
 - Rural Schools
 - Website
 - Roads
 - Western Peripheral Route
4. Planning
 - Blairs
 - Recent planning applications
5. Finance:
 - 200 Club
6. Correspondence
7. AOCB

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