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MINUTES - **SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

For the meeting held on Monday 19th March 2018 at 7.30pm at Lairhillock School, Netherley, Aberdeenshire.

Present

Henry Irvine-Fortescue (HIF) Chair
Rod Farquhar (RF)
Mandi Dorward (MD)
Laureen Canessa (LA)
Avril Tulloch (AT)

Elected Councillors in attendance

Councillor Colin Pike, Aberdeenshire Council (CP)
Councillor Ian Mollison, Aberdeenshire Council (IM)
Councillor Alison Evison, Aberdeenshire Council (AE)

13 members of the public in attendance

Visitors

Constable Irvine (Police Scotland)
John Murphie (Business Manager INEOS)
Chris Johnson (Wayleaver & Pipeline Lead INEOS)

Welcome and Introductions

HIF welcomed all to the meeting

1 Police Report

Police Constable Irvine attended the meeting. The quarterly police report for K&M was issued on the 1st of March and included a Home Security Crime Prevention Quiz with 38 questions and is available to view on the NKRCC website. For advice or information on crime reduction, please contact PC Kevin Marron at Stonehaven Police Office or telephone 101 or email kevin.marron@scotland.pnn.police.uk

PC Irvine touched on numerous subjects (anti-social behavior, crime prevention, dedicated officers for licence premises checks and a school liaison office, PC Crawford. PC Irvine appealed for information on "Cuckooing" which may be happening within our community.

PC Irvine was asked for assistance by a Resident of Maryculter East, as they continue to be concerned due to the unlicensed car repair business which trades from a council house. PC Irvine dealt with this in private.

2 Presentation INEOS

John Murphie and Chris Johnson of INEOS joined us to engage with residents in regards to the recent pipeline repair. Unfortunately, there was an issue with the presentation being shown so all the photos were shown at the end of the presentation on the laptop.

The forties field came into production in 1973 and was officially opened by the Queen in 1975. The pipe in question comes from the Kinneil beside Cruden Bay and travels to Grangemouth Refinery. Each pipe is 900cm in diameter and is 1000cm deep and lies approximately 1500cm below the

surface.

During a routine inspection of the pipeline, which runs through Netherley, a feature was highlighted (a small dent in the pipe) and was assessed and the decision was made to leave/monitor. The excavation team reviewed the dent on the pipe, which lay on a granite bedrock, which probably caused the dent. Upon further investigation, 6th December 2017, it was found that the dent had a small hairline crack with a seepage of two drops (no larger than a thumbnail), which was not expected. The emergency contingency plan was enforced which included an exclusion zone (House holders were offered temporary accommodation) and the risk was evaluated.

A “code approved” repair was carried out, with the assistance of Specialists from overseas and the H&S Executive, using a combination of composite wrap and a metal sleeve welded to the pipe. The repair will be regularly monitored from both inside and outside the pipe and above ground surveillance.

3 SDV/NKRCC Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

The SDV / NKRCC 20th Plant sale will take place on Saturday 19th May 2018 at Corbie Hall. Two local groups presented to the floor to be considered for the proceeds from the plant sale and coffee morning.

- Maryculter Driving for the Disabled : Represented by George Masson. The group was formed in 1985 and is very much a local group with Disabled and Volunteers from Maryculter, Banchory Devenick, Netherley, Banchory, Aberdeen and Stonehaven. The aim of the group is to give the opportunity of driving a horse to any disabled person who would benefit in general health and happiness. There are 15 disabled persons registered with the group, attending on a Wednesday afternoon at Home Farm, Maryculter and a team of approximately 40 volunteers are required to support each week. Outgoings heavily outweigh any incomings as the group only charge £4 per session. Outgoings include livery for “Casse” at Redwing, vet’s fees, farrier replacement shoes and insurance, including public liability.
- Mucky Boots Nature Kindergarten : Represented by Dawn Ewan. As a social enterprise, all profits are reinvested for the benefit of the children who attend. The roll is currently 21 children, with a capacity of 45 spaces and will increase to a roll of 43 for 2018/2019. This is an outdoor kindergarten making full use of the woodland at Maryculter, where they have developed a camp area with fire pit, den and some storage for equipment. The children enjoy exploring the woodland, learning about the flora and the fauna as they play, developing relationships, resilience and connecting to nature, all of which contributes to their overall development. Any grant funding would enable them to provide a wider experience to the children and would be spent on some cooking equipment and a couple of planters to enable the children to cook from home-grown produce. Toolwork greatly helps children to develop their gross and fine motor skills, increasing strength and dexterity needed for pencil control in the future. Also required are some children sized woodworking tools, such as palm drills, hammers, saws, clamps, spirit levels etc.,
- After hearing from both parties a decision was made to split the proceeds. Last year the event raised £700. Both parties have been asked to assist with the home bakes and the running of the coffee morning. **Action : MD to ensure Lynne Beard and Hazel Witte are in contact with George and Dawn for arrangements.**

4 Apologies

Bob McKinney (BM) and Susan Astell (SA)

5 Previous Minutes

- Minutes of the ordinary meeting in February were proposed by RF and seconded by HIF.

Matters outstanding:

- NKRCC will continue to use Mark Chinery of Zincweb to assist with the update and introduction

of new email address. Lynne Beard and MD continuing to work together updating the website & social media sites. **Action – MD & Lynne Beard to update emails and advertise on website**

- Information was received on pre-organised Scottish events to commemorate WW1 – 100 years. **Action – MD to publicise on Facebook & Web Pages**

6 Matters Arising

Schools

- Banchory Devenick School were unable to attend this evening and will attend the NKRCC meeting on the 16th of April to present a request funds to assist in the transportation of pupils to various outings.

Website, Facebook & Media

- Contact details for NKRCC were updated for Zincweb. This year's account will be paid by cheque, however only BACS or DD next year. BM confirmed that future payments can be made by BACS.
- The NKRCC facebook page and website are updated frequently.

Roads

- Once the AWPR is open, Aberdeenshire Council will apply for the temporary speed limit on the stretch of road at the South Deeside Road/ Milltimber Bridge junction, to be made permanent. Bob Gray has been in touch with Police Scotland who have no objections.
- Potholes are horrendous at the moment, one very large one on South Deeside Road, opposite the old Ardoe Hall seems to be filled one day and then a larger hole appears the next day. It is important that any potholes are reported on the Aberdeenshire Council website. Cllr Pike is attending a meeting with roads department on Tuesday 20th and will follow this up.
- We have seen the Aberdeenshire Council map for future resurfacing, which looks woefully inadequate. This is a major ongoing problem. Bob Gray has said they are in negotiations with AWPR at the present.
- Road closure at Greens of Crynoch – extended another 6 weeks. This is absurd as it's already been 10 weeks. Bob Gray has said there has been a bank slip and they have not been able to mobilise more resources to get the job done quicker.
- Road Closure at U88K & U167K Fishermyle to Cookney – update from Bob Gray : INEOS are aware of problems working under bridge as it is in close proximity to the oil pipeline. Safety issue
- At the Burnhead bridge – fondly known locally as the “Pillar Bridge” what proposals are there for traffic passing underneath the bridge? The design is for a single track road there and it is a blind corner coming up from the Kirkton of Maryculter, past Dalfogart Lodge and there needs to be at least some extra tar there so cars can pass. Bob Gray will raise an enquiry with Jim Black, Aberdeenshire Roads to follow up.
- HIF has written to the AWPR re a left-hand filter up at the top of Milltimber Brae, approaching from the south. Bob Gray has a meeting with the Central Section tomorrow and will raise it then.
- The opening of the AWPR has been delayed until Summer.

Broadband

- The cabinet at the churchyard at Maryculter is not operating. People must complain to their provider.
- The fibre line, which was to be laid from Newtonhill to Netherley, has been delayed until February of next year.

7 Planning

Validated March

- **APP/2018/0405** 10 Altries Wood, Maryculter
Erection of Garden Room/Store and car port

Amendment to previously approved APP/2017/0754
Expiry for comment 18/03/18
Statutory determination 21/04/18
Garden shed reduced in size.

Approved March

APP/2018/0117 : Land to South East of Easterfield, Bridge of Muchalls
Erection of dwelling house and garage

Note: Change of use to residential. Land formerly occupied by cottage and garden, currently used as an equestrian paddock.

Decision – withdrawn

APP/2017/0534 : Land at Home Farm, Maryculter

Conditions Matters Specific – layout and siting, external appearance, landscaping, boundary treatments etc.

Erection of dwelling house

Decision – approved

APP/2018/0012 : Beannacher Camphill Community, Banchory Devenick

Erection of office building (straw bale build)

Decision - approved

Proposal ancillary to main use. Complies with LDP Policy R1 Special Rural Areas, complies with LDP Policy P1 Layout, Siting and Design – respects the character and amenity of surrounding area.

APP/2018/0156 : Stable Cottage North Burnside, Maryculter

Retention of dwelling house without compliance with condition 3 (occupancy) of planning permission.

Prior application APP/2009/1650 Erection of dwelling house (for kennel manager) at North Burnside Kennels, Maryculter

Note: Current owner is reviewing the viability and continuation of the business in the current economic climate and if the business is wound up the owner would like to retain occupancy of the house. Occupancy condition no longer a requirement since 2012 LDP.

Decision - approved

APP/2017/3259 : Back Mains of Altries, Maryculter

Erection of dwelling house and stables (for commercial use), Erection of retaining wall and fence

Decision – withdrawn

Planning office couldn't extend deadline to allow submission of bat survey and would likely have been refused under delegated powers

- David Morrish addressed the floor with his idea of a small development of lower cost houses deriving their heating needs from their woodland settings. Four, 2/3 bedroom, low cost houses, set in 17 acres of woodland within Cairnieburn Woods. The woodland would be managed to provide a constant source of wood fuel. No planning application has been made yet.
- HIF responded and spoke of the NKRCC contribution to the LDP2021 and reiterated that the NKRCC notes that there is a lack of affordable housing in the area and would support localised clusters of smaller houses (consistent with the settlements as in the report) and believes that consideration should be given to possible self-build opportunities. Consideration should be given to new business sites, expansion of existing businesses, reuse of derelict properties/agricultural buildings and business linked to dwelling house applications. The Community Council's overall view on this is that the Countryside is not closed to further development, but that any new development needs to enhance the countryside community or otherwise contribute to sustaining the viability of our intimate and dispersed communities whilst recognising the needs and interests of those who have already invested in making the countryside their home.

8 Finance & 400 Club

- Lottery draws made. **Action – BM to distribute winnings**
Congratulations to:

March 2018	Winning Number
£20	35
£15	115
£10	281

- The current balance for the Bank of Scotland account is £2230.93. We have £225 of this ear marked for prizes for the lottery, awards to Straight Way £300, £280 Maryculter Driving for the Disabled, £250 for Portlethen Community Ambulance, £60 annual bill to Zincweb for NKRCC website upkeep, £243 new notice board for Lairhillock School and a small remuneration to Mandi for hospitality at NKRCC meetings. This leaves approx. £800 unallocated and available for further funding.
- No further funding requests have been received, however we believe that Banchory Devenick School may pitch at the next meeting for assistance with away day transport costs.
- The noticeboard for Lairhillock School has been delivered and we are looking for someone to install on our behalf. Over budget by £3.30 owing to delivery charges. Receipt has been forwarded to Aberdeenshire Council.

9 Correspondence & Licensing Applications

- A complaint was made of blinding LED lights whilst heading east, the new build on South Deeside Road, next to the River Dee, opposite the entrance to Ardoe House Hotel. The complainer observed in daylight, that the light which was mounted on a pole along with a camera. **Action : MD to visit site to request contact details for owner and will approach to request that the floodlight be angled away from the road.**
- Owing to time constraints, the full correspondence list was not discussed. **Action : HIF/MD to ensure any points of great interest are covered in our April meeting.**

10 AOCB

- A very big thank you to Carolyn Morrison who attempted to clear the grass verge on the U63K from South Deeside Road up towards Millbank, then up as far as Maryculter Churchyard, of litter. Two full black bags, consisting of empty soft drink cans, plastic bottles and fast food containers was collected and then recycled. This was only a small amount of the litter dropped within the route. Perhaps this is something we can all assist with in the area.
- Cllr Mollison reminded us that the NKRCC are to host the CC get together on Thursday, 17th May for all three CC's in the North Kincardine Ward – NKRCC, Portlethen and District Community Council and Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council. **Action : MD/HIF to arrange event**

- 11 Next Meeting:** We would like to extend a warm welcome to all at our next meeting on Monday 16th April at 7.30pm at Lairhillock Primary School, Netherley.

The meeting drew to a close at 9.40pm.