

MINUTES of the 326th BUSINESS MEETING
of the
STONEHAVEN and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COWIE LOUNGE OF THE INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE
at 7.30 p.m. ON TUESDAY 11th March, 2008, following the A.G.M.

| No | <u>Notes</u> | Action |
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| 1. | <p>Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest</p> <p>Present: David Fleming (Chairman), Ian Balgowan, Raymond Christie, James Cleves, Sarah Dickinson, Ian Hunter, Michael Innes, Lyn Jardine, Alistair Lawrie ,Tracy Mitchell, Ditta Neumann, Ieuan Seymour and David Wood.</p> <p>Kincardine and Mearns Councillors: Cllrs. Wendy Agnew, Peter Bellarby, Graeme Clark and Mike Sullivan</p> <p>Ian Downie of Balfour Beatty was present for item 5.</p> <p>Richard Milne (FM Developments) and Bob Reid (of Halliday Fraser Munro)</p> <p>Gordon Pirie of Churchill Homes</p> <p>Two members of the Press and twenty-four members of the public were present.</p> <p>Apologies were received from; Linda Digney, Lenny Lawrence, P.S. Grant Wallace and P.C. Stuart Akers.</p> <p>Karen Allan, Jane Davidson and Isla Mercer were absent</p> <p>David Fleming began by congratulating the Mackie Academy Badminton Team on winning the Scottish Secondary Schools Senior Badminton Championships.</p> | David Fleming |
| 2. | <p>Minutes of the meeting held on February 12th 2007</p> <p>Lyn Jardine asked that it should be minuted if someone leaves the meeting early or arrives late. Her departure early from the February meeting was noted. The minutes were adopted after this.</p> <p>Proposed by Ditta Neumann, seconded by James Cleves</p> | |
| 3. | <p>Crime Prevention – Report by Police</p> <p>PC Stuart Akers was absent, but he passed on some information to David Fleming to discuss with the Council. PC Stuart Akers reported that he was disappointed with the number of youth related crimes. During the school holidays there will be more patrols going around Stonehaven. He also reported that officers would be going to Mackie Academy to give talks on anti-social behaviour and to warn the children of the increased patrols during the holidays. It was also reported that further underage selling alcohol tests had taken place and that the previous two failing premises had now passed. PC Stuart Akers also reported that there had been 5 house break-ins recently but since there was an investigation underway he could not reveal any more information to the public.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>CCTV</p> <p>David Fleming began by saying that this was an issue raised by a member of the public, and a full motion (as in the agenda) had been formulated at the agenda meeting.</p> | |

Ian Hunter had some doubts about this motion as he felt a CCTV camera was a target in itself and that unless the camera is close to people it is very hard to identify the criminals. He also raised the issue over cost and that when all the equipment is in place, it might be very costly. He had doubts that it would be very effective. A member of the public disagreed and said that a CCTV camera had been put in place at the harbour where there used to be a lot of trouble, but since the camera has been installed there has been less trouble. He also said that if people know they are being filmed then there is less chance they are going to do something because there is a bigger chance of being caught. Cllr Mike Sullivan pointed out he the CCTV at the railway station was working incredibly well. It was also brought to the S&DCC's attention that the 4 Councillors are having a meeting next week with Willie Munro where this issue will be discussed.

After the discussion Ian Hunter proposed that bullet points 3 and 4 were to be taken out but only he and Raymond Christie were in favour of this amendment so the motion went ahead without amendment, as follows:

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- *Persuade local takeaways and shops to provide proper bins outside their premises, and ensure that these are emptied at an appropriate and adequate frequency*
- *Consider the appointment of roving Little Wardens and consider extending the number and range of officials with the power to impose on-the-spot fines for littering*
- *Use available legislation to install low cost simple, unmanned, moveable CCTV which can sited at known trouble spots and be examined at a later date.*
- *Provide signage warning that the area is covered by CCTV, littering is an offence and will be prosecuted*
- *Work with Grampian Police to implement the above*

Proposed by James Cleeves, seconded by Lyn Jardine.

For: David Fleming, Ian Balgowan, James Cleves, Michael Innes, Lyn Jardine, Alistair Lawrie , Ditta Neumann, and David Wood.

Against: Raymond Christie, Ian Hunter

Motion Agreed.

5. Sewerage Upgrade Scheme

Note: This item was postponed until after the item 6 below, as Ian Downie had not arrived.

Ian Downie from Balfour Beattie attended to discuss the progress made since he last attended a meeting. He reported that the pipeline from Cowie is complete apart from a few hundred metres due to the roadworks up at Portlethen. He assured the Community Council that once the under-pass has been completed the pipeline will be finished.

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He also reported that the Cowie Foot Bridge had been removed and the new one is being assembled and should be in place next week. There is also going to be an improved ramp access at the south side of the bridge and that the area should be finished by the end of April.

Work on the pumping stations at the Backies and at Cowie was progressing well. Most of the building work was finished, and the machinery was being installed.

Committee Activities

6. Planning

6.1 APP/2007/4949 Carron Den – 109 houses

Motion: The S&DCC notes the outline planning application for 109 houses at Carron Den notes that:

- 1. It contravenes the current Local Plan, and therefore should not be considered for development until at least 2011, when the new Local Plan will come into effect, and only if that Plan includes it;*
 - 2. It will create considerable extra traffic on the Mill O' Forest Road, which passes by two nearby schools, and steps will need to be taken to avoid accidents;*
 - 3. There are inadequate infrastructure arrangements (e.g. school places) to cope with the extra population;*
 - 4. The development comprises radical and yet vernacular architecture which will promote a more close-knit community and a safer street usage;*
 - 5. It does not provide for adequate pedestrian and cycling connections direct to the town centre;*
 - 6. There may be a high level of noise on the site from the A90 traffic;*
 - 7. The proposed single access road is in contravention of the standard that a development of over 100 houses requires 2 separate means of access;*
 - 8. There may be interference of vision between traffic on the access road and traffic on the A90;*
 - 9. The area has been considered as part of a flood plain;*
 - 10. The application contains a welcome high proportion of smaller and affordable houses;*
- and asks Aberdeenshire Council Planning Service to continue discussions with the developer to reflect these points.*

Proposed by David Fleming Seconded by Ditta Neumann

The Chairman explained that the motion had been divided into 10 clauses, to allow the debate on each issue to take place, and to give the debate some structure. He suggested that each clause was discussed and then voted on, after which the main motion could be voted on. This arrangement had been set out at the agenda meeting, and members concurred.

The Chairman opened by explaining that he had received confirmation from

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Aberdeenshire Council that the Strategic Plan for Aberdeenshire and City (i.e. the high level plan which replaces the current Structure Plan) is currently under consultation and a new draft is to be issued shortly,. It is hoped that this document will be ready by late 2009.

Also, the current Aberdeenshire Local Plan (2006 – 2010) will be revised. The process is due to start in the Autumn of this year (2008), and it should be concluded in 2010.

Clause 1: Local plan

The Chairman proposed and Lyn Jardine seconded to keep clause 1. Clause 1 was agreed without amendment.

Clause 2: Traffic

A member of the public brought to the S&DCC's attention that the blind bends on Mill O'Forest Road near to the proposed estate access road junction are dangerous because you can't see traffic approaching. Buses also now tend to stop at the top of the hill to change over staff, which adds to the danger of drivers being blind to what is coming towards them, and being on the wrong side of the road. The speed issue was also raised, and also that the road is already just wide enough for the traffic it carries now so it would be unthinkable to increase the volume of traffic.

A member of the public asked how removal lorries would be able to get into the narrow streets of the estate.

Clause 2 was agreed.

(Sarah Dickinson arrived at this point.)

Clause 3: Infrastructure

It was noted that all the primary schools are full to their capacity so the children from these houses would not be able to get a place in a local primary school. It was confirmed that there are no current plans to expand the numbers of school places in Stonehaven.

Clause 3 was accepted.

Clause 4: Architecture

Cllr Peter Bellarby asked for "vernacular architecture" to be changed to "vernacular style architecture".

At this point, Ian Hunter suggested that Clause 4 was positive whereas the rest of the motion was negative. He felt that this might give mixed messages. He therefore proposed that Clause 4 be deleted. Alistair Lawrie seconded the idea.

For: Ian Balgowan, Raymond Christie, James Cleves, Sarah Dickinson, Ian Hunter, Michael Innes, Lyn Jardine, and Alistair Lawrie.

Against: None

Abstain: Ditta Neumann, Lyn Jardine, David Fleming and David Wood.

This amendment was therefore accepted.

Clause 5: Connections to Town Centre

Ditta Neumann said that connections for pedestrians and cyclists to get to the Town Centre were poor. Children will not take the long road down to the centre of town but

the shortest way, which is across the Carron river. It was also not sensible to ask people to walk or cycle to Town via the Dunnottar church road, which is dark from overhanging trees, and has no footpath. It was discussed that these routes are very dangerous, as the probability of an accident happening is very high. A public member queried about a use of the term “network” as, in his view, a network doesn’t exist.

Clause 5 was accepted.

Clause 6: Noise from A90

A member of the public reported that noise can be heard from the A90 and Railway Line in Forest Park so it would be much noisier in the new estate. The proposed bund between the A90 and the estate was not thought to be effective, as the ground was rising, and some parts of the A90 would not be shielded.

Clause 6 was accepted.

Clause 7 Access Road

David Fleming explained to the Council and to the public that the access road would have 3 lanes; 2 for in and out traffic and a third area for emergency vehicles. He stated that the developer had discussed with the Roads Department about having a new road on to the Dunnottar Church area, but this had been discounted.

Clause 7 was agreed.

Clause 8 Vision from A90

Ditta Neumann discussed the issue of car headlights sweeping across the A90 in the evening, which is also very dangerous. She also said it could blind oncoming traffic and speed again could be a very big issue.

Clause 8 was agreed.

Clause: 9 Flood Plain

A member of the public queried that the access road was to be built up on top of the flood plain, and that would reduce significantly the amount of flood plain available. Thus in any flood situation, it might be ineffective. At certain times, that flood plain was very necessary to control flooding downstream. A member of the public also brought up the issue of landslides as the field is very muddy and very poorly drained. John Jamieson, the former tenant of the land attended the meeting and said that the land was very poor and it was it wasn’t of very good quality. The topsoil had been removed when the A90 was built, and it had not been replaced.

Clause 9 was agreed.

Clause 10. Affordable Housing

The public asked about what is affordable housing and what did a high proportion mean. Ian Hunter proposed that the word “high” was deleted. Sarah Dickinson proposed the entire clause should be deleted. Alistair Lawrie seconded Sarah Dickinson’s proposal on similar grounds to that of Clause 4. This amendment (to delete Clause 10) was agreed unanimously.

A public member also brought up the issue of the visual impact the whole development would cause. This was a countryside area with much wildlife.

Sarah Dickinson also proposed that the beginning of the motion be changed from

No

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“notes” to “opposes it for the reasons below”. Alistair Lawrie seconded this amendment. The amendment was agreed unanimously. The amended motion (i.e. with Clauses 4 and 10 deleted, and the changed wording in the main sentence) was then agreed unanimously.

Planning Secretary

6.2-APP/2008/0113 and 0114, APP/2007/2011 and 2014-Ury Estate Development

Michael Innes has written to Richard Milne in-between this meeting and last month’s meeting concerning the Ury Estate Development. In response Richard Milne introduced a colleague, Bob Reid of Halliday Fraser Munro, who explained what stage they were at now with the development. He said that the Estate now complies with the Health and Safety Executive demands, and its design is now very similar to Gleneagles. Ian Hunter queried, since some of the estate is in a pipeline zone, whether they would tell the buyers about the pipeline, and such an assurance was given.

Michael Innes was surprised that it seemed as though the Health and Safety Board had changed their mind about the overnight accommodation in Ury House but Bob Reid explained that they had always been allowed some accommodation. It was just a question how much they were allowed. It was confirmed that they originally had permission for 9 town houses and he said that the revised plan would not exceed a similar number of people staying in Ury House overnight. David Fleming thanked them for coming to speak to S&DCC.

6.3-AWPR Junction

Meeting

The Chairman told the S&DCC that there had been a meeting with the AWPR team and some notes had been attached to the agenda. These however had not been fully agreed by the AWPR team and there may be a few amendments to make. He explained that the Strang Steels were putting a huge amount of effort into designing a revised junction, and that work should be finished by mid-April. It was also explained that we don’t know whether a revised design will be accepted.

Survey

David Fleming said he had 80 results from the survey so far but that we need more. He encouraged everyone to do 5. The easiest way is to stand in Somerfield and interview people there. He also explained that the AWPR team were looking at the statistics from the survey and they were taken aback by the results of a few questions.

All members

6.4-Field 52

David Fleming told the S&DCC that he had received a letter from Rachel Gee of Montague Evans in reply to our letters asking about the size of the supermarket. Further details giving answers to the questions raised were awaited .

Public Issues

7. Provision of site for allotments in Stonehaven

The S&DCC was told that there would be a meeting on March 19th with Willie Munro about this issue. A member of the public asked if the S&DCC was in favour of allotments and there was a very positive and strong response that we are in favour.

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| 8. | Future of Crèche at Stonehaven Community Centre | |
| | Ian Hunter reported that there was nothing more to add to last month's meeting except that there will be a meeting of the Community Development Group (CDG) on Tuesday 18 th March at 6:45 pm at Mackie Academy. | |
| 9. | Dunnottar Bodgers | |
| | This is a local group, which wants to use Dunnottar Woods as an educational tool to make youngsters aware of the skills gained from woodwork and how much fun it can be. They wish to submit a planning application to have a container in the woods (covered in wood to be disguised as a hut) where all the equipment from this project would be stored. The group will be attending next month's meeting to give the S&DCC a presentation. However, they asked that the planning application be submitted through the S&DCC as this will allow them to save half of the planning fee. It was required urgently. David Fleming and Sarah Dickinson were very much supportive about this and the Council was assured that the Forestry Commission and the Dunnottar Woodland Park Association had already been consulted and they were also in favour of it. Michael Innes asked if the children would be dealing with electrical equipment but he was assured that it would be old fashioned methods that the group will use. | |
| | <u>Business Matters</u> | |
| 10. | Arrangements for Election and AGM | |
| | Cllr Peter Bellarby said that he has so far received no nominations. David Fleming encouraged everyone to take away nomination forms and give them out to their friends, family and neighbours. | |
| 11 | Representative on K&M Safety Group | |
| | It was proposed that this be left till until new members joined. | |
| 12. | Position of General Secretary | |
| | The Chairman was very glad to tell the S&DCC that James Cleves had offered to take over the role of the General Secretary. | |
| | <i>Motion: This meeting approves the appointment of James Cleves as general secretary.</i> | |
| | <i>Proposed by David Fleming, and seconded by Lyn Jardine.</i> | |
| | Agreed unanimously. | |
| 13. | Notice Boards | |
| | Ian Balgowan reported that there are 4 notice boards around Stonehaven with many out of dates notices, namely: | |
| | In front of the Railway Station, in the Square, at the Leisure Centre and near Edinview Gardens. | |
| | He found 7 other possible sites including the Shell Petrol Station. Some issues were discussed mainly about vandalism to these notice boards and the problem over who would look after them. Michael Innes said that the owners of the Chinese Take-away | |

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| | at Redcloak would happily put up a small notice in their window. Sarah Dickinson suggested that a notice board inside the Leisure Centre would be a good idea as with it inside it wouldn't get vandalised, and there would always be someone looking after it. It would get a lot of attention with parents going to pick up children. | |
| 14 | Shell Community Awards Sarah Dickinson told the Community Council that the Adopt-a-Street scheme did not get this award. | |
| 15. | Working Party to sort out Council records No comments were made under this. | |
| 16. | Reports from members representing the Community Council elsewhere <u>6.1 Community Council Forum-Feb28th</u> David Fleming said that there was lots of input on harmonisation for charges on leisure but that it was still going through the consultation process. <u>6.2 Bus Forum- Thu 19th March 7:30pm Viewmount</u> Members were encouraged to attend the above meeting. | |
| 17. | Correspondence items requiring Business meeting attention (not covered elsewhere) Lyn Jardine told the S&DCC about a meeting of the Harbour Advisory Committee on the 18 th March at 5pm. Ian Balgowan said he would attend weather depending. Lyn Jardine also told the Council about the Association of Scottish Community Councils and that there would be a consultation on the future of Community Councils and that she would keep her eye open on this issue. | |
| 18. | Chairman's activities (not covered elsewhere) The Chairman told the Community Council that he was very pleased to have received a letter of thanks from Sara Hamilton for Hannah Dyson Award. | |
| 19. | AOCB David Fleming asked members to make sure everyone is very careful when speaking or writing about the Community Council and making it clear whether it is a personal or official statement. Ian Balgowan explained that there were only 3 dog wardens in the whole of Aberdeenshire and that it must be a hard job. Cllr Graeme Clark pointed out that dog waste can be disposed of in normal litter bins. | |
| 20. | Dates and times of next Business Meeting The next Agenda meeting will be on the 1 st April. The next Business meeting will be on the 8 th April. | |

STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA FOR the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the COUNCIL

**to be held at
7.30 pm on 10th March 2008
IN COWIE LOUNGE - INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE**

1. Minutes of 2007 AGM (attached)
2. Chairman's Report
3. Secretaries' Reports
 - General Secretary
 - Planning Secretary
 - Web Secretary
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Approval of Audited Abstract of Accounts for 2006 (attached)
6. Acceptance of Auditor's Letter (included in Accounts Report)
7. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts for current financial year
8. A.O.C.B.

Lyn Jardine, General Secretary

STONEHAVEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MARCH 2008

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

I HAVE PREPARED THE YEAR-END ACCOUNTS IN LINE WITH OUR CONSTITUTION. OUR FINANCIAL YEAR IS FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER TO ENABLE THE ACCOUNTS TO BE FORMALLY AUDITED FOR PRESENTATION AT OUR AGM IN MARCH EACH YEAR. WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE AGM THE ACCOUNTS WILL BE PRESENTED TO ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR RATIFICATION.

I HAVE BEEN TREASURER OF STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS AND HAVE MANAGED THE TWO SEPARATE ACCOUNTS ACCORDINGLY. THE BUSINESS OF STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL IS CONDUCTED VIA THE ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT WHICH IS FUNDED FROM THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION GRANT RECEIVED FROM ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL. THE BEQUEST ACCOUNT IS FUNDED FROM THE INTEREST EARNED FROM OUR GUARANTEED RESERVE FUND, THE FUNDS OF WHICH WERE BEQUESTED TO THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL BY MISS MARGARET SCATTERTY IN SEPTEMBER 1995.

2008 YEAR END BALANCES OF EACH ACCOUNT

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| ADMINISTRATION A/C | £5345.26 |
| BEQUEST A/C | £549.16 |
| GUARANTEED RESERVE FUND | £10,401.51 |

I THEREFORE PROPOSE THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL, PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL FOR RATIFICATION.

LYN JARDINE
TREASURER

AUDIT REPORT

24 West Glebe
STONEHAVEN
AB39 2HZ

11.02.07

Mr David Fleming
Chairman
Stonehaven and District Community Council
4 David Street
Stonehaven

Dear David

**STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 31.12.07**

I have carried out an audit of the books and records and confirm that they represent a true and fair view.

As at 31.12.07 the balances on the three accounts held are:

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| 1. Admin account: | No. 00823848: | £5345.26 |
| 2. Bequest account: | No. 00805332: | £549.16 |
| 3. Guaranteed Reserve: | No. 00016075: | £104001.51 |

Yours sincerely

(signed) Alan Parkhill

STONEHAVEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**End of Year Budget Statement 2007**

| Budget heading | Budget 2007 | Jan - Mar | Apr - Jun | Jul - Sep | Oct - Dec | Spend 2007 | Under/over |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Stationery | 250.00 | 195.62 | 107.76 | -71.42 | 61.95 | 293.91 | £ (43.91) |
| Minute Secretary | 504.00 | 42.00 | 67.00 | 25.00 | 120.00 | 254.00 | £ 250.00 |
| Adverts | 230.00 | | 139.53 | 66.98 | | 206.51 | £ 23.49 |
| Auditor | 15.00 | | 6.99 | | | 6.99 | £ 8.01 |
| Enquiry costs | 50.00 | 30.00 | | | | 30.00 | £ 20.00 |
| Chairs Expenses | 120.00 | 34.53 | 24.59 | 46.75 | | 105.87 | £ 14.13 |
| Travel | 60.00 | | 17.60 | 30.00 | 30.70 | 78.30 | £ (18.30) |
| Bank Charges | 0.00 | | | 35.00 | | 35.00 | £ (35.00) |
| Events | 0.00 | | | | 146.88 | 146.88 | £ (146.88) |
| Website | 78.00 | | 29.38 | | 28.13 | 57.51 | £ 20.49 |
| Licences/membership | 40.00 | | | | 20.00 | 20.00 | £ 20.00 |
| Christmas Display Award | 100.00 | 31.50 | | | | 31.50 | £ 68.50 |
| Outgoing cllr presentation | 0.00 | | 80.00 | | | 80.00 | £ (80.00) |
| Hannah Dyson Award | 100.00 | 100.00 | | | | 100.00 | £ 0.00 |
| Poppy wreath | 20.00 | 19.30 | | | 20.00 | 39.30 | £ (19.30) |
| Total | 1,567.00 | 452.95 | 472.85 | 132.31 | 427.66 | 1,485.77 | £ 81.23 |

The budget that was set was generally adhered to during the financial year. The following under/over spends should be noted as follows:

Minute Secretary fees - our arrangement with the experienced secretary ended early into the financial year and in addition to a couple of months where SDCC councillors carried out the task, we have had two new secretaries carrying out this function. As these individuals did not have the same level of experience, the fees paid incrementally. The overall result is a saving against this heading. Both the event and presentations to outgoing councillors of Aberdeenshire Council were not budgeted for but approved by relevant business meetings. Bank charges were incurred as a result of insufficient funds in the administration account to cover the climbing wall. This was rectified by using funds in the bequest account. The grand funding has recently been received and the relevant amount will be credited back to the bequest account when the internet banking facility is established.

Stonehaven and District End of Year Project Budgets

2007 Project Transaction Record - Climbing Wall

| Date | Item | Income | Expenditure | Balance |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| 16-May | Climbing wall initial deposit | | £357.00 | -£357.00 |
| 18-Jul | Bowling Club - income from event | £130.00 | | £130.00 |
| 27-Jul | Bowling Club - share of proceeds | | £65.00 | -£65.00 |
| 30-Jul | Climbing wall final payment (Bequest) | | £1,428.00 | -£1,428.00 |
| 14-Aug | MRI - income from event | £249.00 | | £249.00 |
| 30-Aug | MRI - share of proceeds | | £124.50 | |
| 23-Nov | Awards for All Grant | £2,030.00 | | £2,030.00 |
| | Current Balance | | | £559.00 |

* note decision taken to donate all income from final event at Open Air Pool so no transactions through accounts. Additional expenses against project will show in 2008 financial records.

2007 Project Transaction Record - Adopt-a-street

| Date | Item | Income | Expenditure | Balance |
|--------|----------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|
| 3-May | purchase of equipment | | £496.05 | -£496.05 |
| 4-Jun | purchase of equipment | | £313.74 | -£313.74 |
| 24-Jul | reimbursement from Aberdeenshire | £496.05 | | £496.05 |
| 20-Sep | final payment from Aberdeenshire | £303.95 | | £303.95 |
| | | | | £0.00 |
| | | | | £0.00 |
| | Current Balance | | | -£9.79 |

* Note Aberdeenshire Council final payment is entire balance of their budget and no further adjustment expected

STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA FOR BUSINESS MEETING TO BE HELD following the Annual General Meeting at 7.30 pm on 11th March 2008 IN COWIE LOUNGE - INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE

Note: This meeting will be preceded by the A.G.M. for which separate papers are issued.
All S&DCC Members are asked to attend to consider the under noted items of business.

- 1 Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest 8:00
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on January 8th (previously circulated) 8:02
 - Approval
 - Action points
- 3 Crime Prevention – Report by Police 8:05
- 4 CCTV **
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 - *work with Grampian Police to implement the above*
- 5 Sewerage Upgrade Scheme 8:25
 - Ian Downie (Balfour Beattie) may be in attendance

Committee activities

- 6 Planning
 - 6.1 APP/2007/4949 Carron Den – 109 houses 8:30
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Amendments:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Delete clause 1</i> 2. <i>Delete clause 2</i> 3. <i>Delete clause 3</i> 4. <i>Delete clause 4</i> 5. <i>Delete clause 5</i> | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. <i>Delete clause 6</i> 7. <i>Delete clause 7</i> 8. <i>Delete clause 8</i> 9. <i>Delete clause 9</i> 10. <i>Delete clause 10</i> |
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6.2 APP/2008/0113 and 0114, APP/2007/2011 and 2014 9:00

- Ury Estate development - Follow-up – Michael Innes
- Richard Milne will be present

6.3 AWPR Junction 9:03

- Meeting with AWPR team**
- Survey

Business matters

• **Public Issues**

- 7 Provision of site for allotments in Stonehaven 9:05
- 8 Future of the Crèche at Stonehaven Community Centre 9:10
- 9 Dunnottar Bodgers 9:15

• **Business Matters**

- 10 Arrangements for Election and AGM ** (paper updated) 9:20
- 11 Representative on K&M Community Safety Group 9:22
- 12 Position of General Secretary 9:23

Motion: This meeting approves the appointment of James Cleves as general secretary

Proposed by David Fleming, seconded by Lyn Jardine

- 13 Notice Boards 9:25
- 14 Shell Community Awards 9:30
- 15 Working Party to sort out Council records 9:32
- 16 Reports from Members representing the Community Council elsewhere 9:35

16.1 Community Council Forum – Feb 28th

16.2 Bus Forum – Thu 19th March 7:30 pm Viewmount

- 17 Correspondence items required Business meeting attention (not covered elsewhere)** 9:40
- 18 Chairman's activities (not covered elsewhere) 9:43
- 19 A O C B
- 20 Dates and times of next Business Meeting. 9:45

*Items marked ** have briefing papers attached*

David Fleming - Chairman

**Notes of Meeting held at Carlton House, Stonehaven
Tuesday 19th February 2008
concerning the Stonehaven junction of the AWPR**

Present

AWPR team

Cliff Buchan – Assistant Managing Agent

Chris Hamilton – Jacobs Babbie

David Strang Steel - a landowner of some of the land surrounding the proposed new junction

David Fleming – Chairman, Stonehaven & District Community Council

Michael Innes – Member, Stonehaven & District Community Council

Note: Since there was no agenda before the meeting, these notes do not follow the sequence in the meeting itself.

Purpose of meeting

David Fleming started by stating that he had previously and publicly accepted that the currently published design of the Stonehaven junction had been demonstrated as workable. That was not an issue. The main issue was whether it was the best design that could be developed.

The purpose of the meeting was to explore how this issue should be progressed.

Options considered for the Stonehaven Junction

Originally, there were four options in the route for the Fastlink, but they all have a common point in being shown as arriving directly at the New Mains of Ury junction. Although there was no formal design brief this was considered to be the preferred point for the junction. The AWPR team did not consider any further detailed options of exactly where and how the Fastlink would join up with the A90 and the local roads into Stonehaven.

Only two options were devised for the New Mains of Ury junction. The options for this junction are shown in the Development of the Preferred Route Interim and Final Assessment Stage Reports.

One involved a link road going over the railway line. This was discounted at an early stage because of the perceived difficulty and costs of crossing the railway. The team were thus left with only one design, which resulted in the one detailed design that has been published.

The AWPR team are aware that a number of alternative designs have been proposed. However, they do not consider it possible for them to take ideas and sketches and work them into a reasonably detailed design. They have responded to the suggestions put forward by pointing out how they, as suggested, would not meet standards or would not appear, in their judgement, to be better than their published design.

Progress of alternative design

David Strang Steel gave the meeting an update on the work his team were doing to clarify alternative design(s). A verbal report for Environ indicated that the alternative route (via the Hill of Megray) was certainly no worse than the current proposed route. He expected that the work would be ready to share with the AWPR team (and with the Community Council) in late March.

Cliff Buchan confirmed that they had not done a relative cost benefit analysis of any alternative Stonehaven junctions to determine if there could be a free flowing junction (i.e. without traffic lights) which could be built at a similar cost but offer a more future-proof design.

Costs

Since the cost of the published design is a benchmark against which other suggested designs have to be measured, the AWPR team have been asked to provide their cost figures. The AWPR team stated that they have no separate figures available relating to the Stonehaven junction for the costs of

- a) the earthworks

- b) the actual road materials
- c) bridges, embankments and other building work
- d) dismantling and rebuilding the A90 bridge
- e) the cost of acquiring the necessary land
- f) any other costs

The only figures available were for the cost of the whole AWPR scheme itself (including the Fastlink). In any case, a review of costs is under way, and Transport Scotland have stated that revised figures should not be given until this review is complete.

David Fleming expressed the view that the public would find it hard to believe that the design was this far advanced without some estimate of costs at the level of detail above, and that it was difficult to argue for or against any alternative on cost grounds if the costs were not available.

Cliff Buchan stated that this level of detail was available for the whole scheme and the published design does represent the best value. Chris Hamilton stated that the costs for dismantling the A90 bridge were available, but they could not be produced at this stage.

However, it was agreed that, when David Strang Steel produces a detailed design for an alternative layout for the junction, (scheduled for late March) the AWPR team would provide comparison data so that the relative costs may be compared. It was pointed out that there can be no comparison data for the bridge demolition and rebuilding [c) above], and therefore the cost for this will have to appear as a separate figure in the costs of the published design.

It is therefore hoped that this comparison of costs can be done in April.

Topographical data

Chris Hamilton stated that topographic data to a 10 m grid was collected in 2006, and used as the basis for the published design documents. John Wilson had been asked for this data in early January (2008), but there had been no reply. David Strang Steel queried this because his team had asked for the data recently and had been told it was not available. Furthermore, he had had a recent request for access to the land (the first he was aware of) for survey work of the burn. Chris Hamilton said that this was for geo-morphological data to check the drainage arrangements.

As a consequence, David Strang Steel's team has gone to considerable cost to obtain topographical data for their own current design work but also for the existing proposed route.

Note : Further investigation has shown that some topographical data was supplied to Mr Strang Steel's Consultants by the Managing Agent, but because the tie-in was at a different location his consultants still required to carry out further survey work themselves.

Land Usage

It was noted that the land required for the published design required was now specified in the Compulsory Purchase Order documentation, which was on the AWPR web-site.

Traffic Flow Estimates

Michael Innes asked about when the surveys had been done to establish the traffic estimates. He felt that it had not been made clear how expected changes in driving habits had been factored in. David Fleming said that the traffic estimate data was difficult to find. Chris Hamilton agreed to let him know of the exact address of the source documents on the AWPR web site. CH

Cliff Buchan confirmed that it was still appropriate to use the draft data provided in December rather than the audited data.

Michael Innes queried what the arrangements were for coping with the disruption during the dismantling and rebuilding of the A90 bridge. He felt that the extra traffic on the minor roads would be excessive, and would last some many months.

Chris Hamilton stated that this had been looked at, and it was felt that the arrangements would work. In response to a question, Cliff Buchan agreed that it might be necessary, if traffic volumes increased considerably, for example, to install traffic lights at the very narrow bridge on the B979 at Netherley for the duration. This of course was a matter for Aberdeenshire Council.

The style of the junction

David Fleming said he would describe the junction as Y junction as the main flows were from the South to the AWPR and to the continuing northbound A90, and the same in the opposite direction. Although the difference may not be great, he considered all other flows to be "local". Obviously local flows must be catered for, but junctions and stops on these were more acceptable.

Recent survey work of the people in Stonehaven indicated that a free flowing design was the preferred solution by over 80% of those questioned. Further work on the survey is underway, and the results will be published.

Cliff Buchan described the published design as a grade separated junction, and that the sort of design that Stonehaven & District Community Council were proposing to be a three level interchange. David Fleming said he couldn't understand where the three levels nomenclature came from. Cliff Buchan stated that, in his view, a "free flowing" three level interchange was not justified by the volume of traffic, currently predicted as approximately 13,000 vehicles per day (AADT) in each direction on the Fastlink itself. Cliff stressed that to justify a three level interchange a much larger vehicle volume was needed, possibly in the range of 50,000 vehicles per day.

A comparison was made with the Friarton junction at the north end of the M90. This junction has a full three level interchange, and its construction involved the removal of large volumes of rock. Chris Hamilton said that figures for this junction would be available on the web. *(Subsequent to the meeting it has been established that Friarton junction has volumes of approximately 34,000 AADT - and a peak of 1800 vehicles per hour one way - Transport Scotland website).*

Acknowledgement of communications

Whilst thanking Cliff Buchan for arranging this meeting, David Fleming expressed concern that formal objections by S&DCC dispatched on 21st November 2007 (posted to Transport Scotland in Glasgow and copied to the AWPR team in Aberdeen) had not been acknowledged, let alone a response given. He could not tell whether they had been received correctly. He felt that, after 3 months, this did not present a helpful image.

Cliff Buchan stated that it was Transport Scotland's policy not to acknowledge objections, and that they were still working their way through the correspondence. He agreed to send a letter to S&DCC acknowledging its letter to the AWPR team. CB

Cliff Buchan said that some 100 letters of objection had yet to be processed and a response made.

Carbon Footprint

Cliff Buchan said that the Carbon footprint calculations made by David Fleming were receiving attention.

Use of STAG

In response to a question, Chris stated that the STAG process had been used for the overall AWPR scheme. It was not a method to be used for deciding options within the design of an individual junction. Given that only two options were considered for the Stonehaven junction, and one involved a bridge over the railway, no option appraisal undertaken for the junction had been undertaken.

Notes of the meeting

It was agreed that David Fleming would compile draft notes of the meeting, and circulate these for comment and approval.

DWF

21/2/08

E-mails received on the subject of Littering and CCTV

The Police have confirmed that Policy is now to report all alleged offenders under 16 regardless of first time offence or persistent offender.

The subsequent report goes to a Department within the Police who collate all reports and information relating to under 16's that come into contact with the Police.

A decision is then made based on the circumstances.

What it means is that a 12 year old getting caught throwing a crisp packet away for the first time will not get a warning in the street, but will have his details taken and a report submitted. You will need to make the Community Council aware of this procedure as the old days of giving a warning on the street have gone.

Stuart Akers and I are meeting in due course to have a chat and throw some ideas about. Joint patrols are on the agenda.

Hope that helps

Derek Maison

Compliance Officer

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It also seems to be the case that if the Council wanted to deploy CCTV there is some older equipment available, and procedures to use it, (including who has the right to look at footage).

So it seems to be a question of whether this , along with other forms of education, encouragement and deterrence are actually what people believe are needed, and, if so, the willingness to carry it out.

Hopefully the Community Council meeting next week will provide an opportunity to debate the issues and give a clear message to Aberdeenshire Council and the Council Environmental Health Department - one way or the other!

Best Regards

Allan Sutherland

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I thought that it might be useful to set out the position, of the Council and Community Safety Partnership on the use of CCTV.

The Council does use CCTV to protect its buildings, in particular schools most of which have fixed cameras orientated to vulnerable parts of the building, entrances etc. Generally this is record and not continually monitored.

We have a tasking and coordination group which reviews intelligence relating to vandalism, gatherings etc at Education learning and leisure premises. It has, amongst the tools at its disposal, mobile CCTV units which record but are not monitored. these are deployed at 'troublespots' on a short term basis. The information relating to Stonehaven has been fed to this group but, unfortunately, there is nowhere suitable to locate the cameras.

The Community Safety Partnership has a tasking and coordination group and has received the information about Stonehaven. this group has resources which can be deployed to intercept antisocial behaviour and is due to meet again next week.

The question of covert CCTV to gather evidence relating to antisocial behaviour is under debate at the moment and i expect a decision on a policy relating to covert CCTV during April. there are complicated legal and procedural issues to take care of before using CCTV.

No location in the Aberdeenshire Council area has fixed open space CCTV.

During this year, we will be investigating the feasibility of flexible CCTV which would be sets of mobile cameras to be deployed on an intelligence led basis and would be monitored, using mobile phone technology, at a control centre. I would not like to speculate on the outcome of these investigations nor any future funding situations, operational and policy implications.

William Munro

Stonehaven & District Community Council

Briefing paper – 12th February 2008

Community Council Elections and A.G.M. Procedures

1. Timetable

In order to fulfil the timetable set out in the Constitution, and to fit in with publication deadlines, I suggest the following:

| Date | Event |
|-------------------|--|
| Monday Feb 25 | Place advert in Mearns Leader |
| Friday Feb 29 | Advert appears in Mearns Leader and on notice boards and on web. Two weeks allowance is made to get nominations papers to the Returning Officer. |
| Tuesday Mar 11 | Annual General Meeting |
| Friday Mar 14 | Last day for nominations to be received - after which candidates have 7 days in which they withdraw their nomination. |
| Friday Mar 21 | Last day for candidates to withdraw. Returning Officer decides whether a poll is required. He places an appropriate advert in the following edition of the Mearns Leader |
| Monday Mar 24 | Place advert in Mearns Leader |
| Friday Mar 28 | Either: Notice of result of uncontested nominations appears in Mearns Leader Or Notice of poll appears in Mearns Leader, on web and on notice boards. |
| Tuesday April 8 | Business Meeting of Community Council. Result presented to Community Council; election of office bearers to follow |
| Thursday April 10 | Poll at hours specified in constitution Result declared same or next day. |
| Monday April 14 | Place advert in Mearns Leader (if required) |
| Friday April 18 | Result appears in Mearns Leader etc if not put there on Mar 28. |

2. Number of Vacancies

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| Karen Allan | Co-opted, therefore needs to stand |
| Ian Balgowan | Elected 2006 |
| Raymond Christie | Elected 2006 |
| James Cleves | Elected 2006 |
| Jane Davidson | |
| Sarah Dickinson | Can stand for re-election |
| Lynda Digney | Elected 2006 |
| David Fleming | Elected 2006 |
| Ian Hunter | Elected 2006 |
| Steve Hurrell | Has resigned, but has indicated he might stand |
| Michael Innes | Elected 2006 |
| Lyn Jardine | Elected 2006 |
| Lenny Lawrence | Elected 2006 |
| Alistair Lawrie | Elected 2007, therefore needs to stand |
| Ditta Neumann | Elected 2006 |
| David Wood | Elected 2006 |

Therefore, there are 11 continuing members, leaving 9 vacancies.

3. Notices

Stonehaven & District Community Council NOTICE OF ORDINARY ELECTION

Elections for membership of the Stonehaven & District Community Council will be held on April 10th, and therefore nominations are invited for the 9 positions that are currently to be elected. Any person residing (and on the electoral register) within the Stonehaven & District Community Council area (or owning a business within the area) and aged 18 or over is entitled to stand.

Nomination forms are available from Stonehaven Library, or the Returning Officer (named below) or via any existing member of the Council. **They must be returned to the Returning Officer, Peter Bellarby, "South Linn", 13 Westfield Road, Stonehaven AB39 2EE no later than 7 p.m. on (a revised date of) Friday 14th March 2008.**

Stonehaven & District Community Council NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2008 Annual General Meeting of Stonehaven & District Community Council will be held at

7:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 11th
in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre,
Low Wood Road, Stonehaven

All members of the public are invited to attend.

David Fleming, Chairman
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Stonehaven AB39 2AJ
01569 767200

**Stonehaven & District Community Council
Correspondence Index for February 2008, for March Business Meeting**

Inwards

| Dated | From | Content | Action |
|-------------------------|---|--|--|
| 4 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Council Area Manager | (via email) Budget papers | Noted |
| 5 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Council Area Manager | (via email) Area Committee Agenda | Noted |
| 5 Feb 2008 | Derek Keith | (via email) request for representation re smoke problem | Chair replied as outwith SDCC area |
| 8 Feb 2008 | British Army | Notification of Military Flying Exercise | Noted |
| 8 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Sports Council | Newsletter | Noted |
| 8 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Council Area Manager | Letter re representation by Aberdeenshire Councillors at SDCC meetings | For discussion at business meeting Feb |
| 8 Feb 2008 | K&D Voice | (via email) Community Kitty grant scheme | Forwarded to SDCC members |
| 10 Feb 2008 | James Marshall | (via email) Request for information about next meeting | Replied with details |
| 11 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership | Viewpoint - Aberdeenshire Citizens Panel update | Noted |
| 11 Feb 2008 | K&D Voice | (via email) Spirit of Volunteering Photography comp | Forwarded to SDCC members |
| 11 Feb 2008 | Marjorie Hamilton - Early Years in Aberdeenshire | (via email) Request for copy of minutes re previous meeting | Replied with details of where to obtain copy |
| 12 Feb 2008 | K&D Voice | (via email) B&Q one planet living awards | Forwarded to SDCC members |
| 12 Feb 2008 | K&D Voice | (via email) Help the Aged Big Spring Walk | Forwarded to SDCC members |
| 12 Feb 2008 | K&D Voice | (via email) Grampian Society for the Blind - evening with David Blunkett | Forwarded to SDCC members |
| 12 Feb 2008 | k&D Voice | (via email) Small Grants Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice | Forwarded to SDCC members |
| 13 Feb 2008 | Emily Hastings - Macauley Institute | (via email) Marine Biodiversity Consultation launch | Forwarded to SDCC members |
| 14 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Council Area Manager | (via email) Notification of next Community Council Forum | Noted |
| 14 Feb 2008 | Communities Scotland | (via email) Report on Community Empowerment consultation | Forwarded to SDCC members who attended |
| 14 Feb 2008 (Post mark) | Aberdeenshire Council – Transportation & Infrastructure | (14/1/08) Temp Road restriction Margaret Street for Farmers market dates | Noted |
| 19 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Council - Community Planning | (via email) Briefing Note on latest CP meeting | Forwarded to SDCC members |
| 19 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Council – Planning | Proposal 3 Wind Turbines Droop Hill Glenbervie | Forwarded to Planning Committee |
| 19 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Council Area Manager | (via email) Agenda for Community Council Forum | Noted |
| 19 Feb 2008 | KMAP | (via email) Minutes of meeting and workplan | Noted |
| 20 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Council Area Manager | (via email) Area Committee papers | Noted |

| Dated | From | Content | Action |
|--------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| 26 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Council Area Manager | (via email) Briefing Note – Post Office Closures | For Business meeting - AOCB |
| 28 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Council – Community Safety | (via email) Invitation to seminar on 12 April | For Business meeting – AOCB |
| 28 Feb 2008 | Aberdeenshire Council – Transportation & Infrastructure | Aberdeenshire Sustainable Community Halls Initiative Programme | Noted |
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Outwards

| Dated | To | Content | From |
|--------------|--|---|--------------------|
| 6 Feb 2008 | Derek Keith | (via email) Advised that not within our geographic area and additional advice | Chairperson |
| 7 Feb 2008 | Robert McIntosh - Aberdeenshire Council Planning | (via email) Letter re Carron Den | Planning Secretary |
| 13 Feb 2008 | Jamie Scott - Aberdeenshire Council Planning | (via email) Letter re 4 Mary Street | Planning Secretary |
| 13 Feb 2008 | Jamie Scott - Aberdeenshire Council Planning | (via email) Letter re 8 Arbuthnott St | Planning Secretary |
| 13 Feb 2008 | Robert McIntosh - Aberdeenshire Council Planning | (via email) Letter re Nether Cheyne | Planning Secretary |
| 14 Feb 2008 | Kenny Clubb - Churchill Homes | (via email) Thanks for attending meeting and request for further information | Chairperson |
| 21 Feb 2008 | Press contacts | (via email) Notification of process of elections for SDCC | Chairperson |