

STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the
333rd Business Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 11th November 2008
in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron resource Centre**

No	<u>Notes</u>	Action
1.	<p>Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest</p> <p>Present: David Fleming (Chairman), Ian Balgowan, Raymond Christie, Linda Digney, Steven Holt, Ian Hunter, Michael Innes, Lyn Jardine, Lenny Lawrence Alstair Lawrie, Robert Michie, Ditta Neumann, David Wood, Sam Dickinson. James Cleves (arrived at 7.56 p.m.)</p> <p>Kincardine and Mearns Councillors: Cllrs. Wendy Agnew, Graeme Clark and Mike Sullivan, Peter Bellarby, Paul Melling.</p> <p>In attendance:, P.C Debbie Davidson. Rab Dickson, Transport Strategy Manager, Nestrans</p> <p>Apologies were received from Allan Sutherland and Jenni Keenan.</p> <p>Absent: Karen Allan.</p> <p>The Chairman apologised that an item had been missed off the agenda, namely the co-option of Billy MacKenzie.</p> <p>Co-option of Billy Mackenzie</p> <p>He was proposed by Michael Innes, seconded by Steve Holt, and unanimously agreed to join the council.</p> <p>Declarations of Interests: Bob Michie declared an interest in respect of the Mill Inn Filling Station planning application.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on October 14th 2008</p> <p>The Chairman apologised that there were no minutes to be approved. Their production had been delayed. They would be issued as soon as possible.</p>	
3.	<p>Crime Prevention</p> <p>Following last month's discussion on school buses, David Fleming had drafted a letter to incorporate the motion passed. However, in the light of a P&J report saying that Aberdeenshire Council was considering the same ideas, he redrafted a letter supporting the proposed improvements, and pressing the issues not mentioned in the paper. He had had an acknowledgement from the Director of Education, but not from the Director of Transport.</p> <p>The recent tragic road accident in Farrochie Drive was mentioned. Lennie Lawrence reported that the residents are wanting improvements in the barriers (at ends of paths</p>	

and beside pedestrian crossings) and that crossing places should be well lit.

4. Changes to the Railway Timetable / Cross rail / Structure Plan

Rab Dickson, Transport Strategy Manager, North East Scotland Transport Partnership (NESTRANS) gave a PowerPoint presentation on the main points of the recently published Transport Strategy. He provided copies for the Council. He agreed to supply a copy of the presentation material.

Rab
Dickson

He informed the council about the new railway timetable to be implemented on 14th of December. A number of residents had stated that the service is going to deteriorate. Mr Dickson said that the main purpose of these changes was to make improvements as a result of the Alloa line opening, and to allow for the opening of Laurencekirk station. He expected that a further revision would take place in May 2009. He pointed out that the number of train trips has increased from 29 to 30 with intervals of 30 minutes and the first train starting at 6.49 a.m.

Ditta Neumann expressed concern about the effects of the increase in population in the near future due to more houses. How will the NESTRANS Strategy cope with the plans for 72,000 extra houses? Lyn Jardine inquired whether there is a review of the Strategy expected, especially in the light of the Structure Plan. Mr Dickson responded that there is and it is done every 5 years.

A member of the public observed that the service buses are most frequently run empty. She also complained that there is no waiting room at the train station.

David Fleming agreed with the member of public and suggested that the bus service routes needed to be revised. He also thought that a thorough revision of train times and frequency was needed (particularly to build a proper commuter service through Aberdeen, and to have all trains stop at Stonehaven).

David Fleming informed members that John Yellowlees, External Affairs Manager, First ScotRail, was invited to the meeting but unfortunately could not make it due to other commitments. He also said that Mr Yellowlees gave him a copy of the draft timetable and said that it mainly focuses on improving services to Inverurie. He noted that there is a major lack of consultation in handling the issue. Mr. Dickson acknowledged this, and said that he hoped the May revision would be more properly consulted on. David Fleming said that this Council would be very willing to respond to such a consultation.

Cllr. Peter Bellarby informed the group that it is possible to get information on the new timetable in advance in certain websites. David Fleming felt that the availability of information was very poor at this stage, less than 4 weeks before implementation.

Some members of the public complained about the overcrowding at peak times on the Stonehaven trains. David Fleming said that there has been a national shortage of rolling stock, and this had meant that some trains in Scotland had fewer carriages (and were more overcrowded at peak times) than was desirable. He understood that the situation is slowly improving.

Ditta Neumann proposed that pressing concerns about the rail services should be posed to Transport Scotland by writing a letter addressing the overcrowding in carriages. Alistair Lawrie seconded her. Ian Hunter agreed to write the letter.

Ian
Hunter

Alistair Lawrie pointed out that there has been a self-congratulatory tone in the

presentation, which was not really warranted.

Ian Hunter said there was a need of a Transport Forum. It was recommended that the Transport Committee take up the matter again.

**Ian
Hunter**

David Fleming brought the discussion to an end by suggesting that the Council should revisit the Transport issue in the meeting in February in the presence of John Yellowlees.

**David
Fleming**

5 Planning

Lyn Jardine had to leave the meeting at this point

5.1 AWPR Junction

David Fleming had questioned the Transport Scotland officials at the Public Local Inquiry earlier that day (Tue Nov 11th). He requested assistance by members of the Council when he gives his evidence on Thursday 20th. Ditta Neumann and Lyn Jardine volunteered to help him.

5.2 Stabilisation work on Bervie Braes

The Public Exhibition will be in the Town Hall on Thursday the 13th of November from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. David Fleming had a meeting with Mark Skilling, Jacobs Consultants and others to design the exhibition, and reported that the exhibition will be in three parts:

An exposition of the alternatives

Other issues (such as the width of the road)

A place for people to express their views.

David Fleming requested assistance from members of the council at intervals convenient to each of them to cover the whole period. A rota was arranged

5.3 Other Planning Applications

Hillhead of Auquhirie:

This Council has objected previously. This application is almost identical to the previous one, except that the turbines are slightly lower.

Ditta Neumann proposed that the council object to the revised proposal:

For: James Cleves, David Fleming, Lenny Lawrence, Ditta Neumann

Against: Ian Balgowan, Raymond Christie, Linda Digney, Stephen Holt, Michael Innes, Alistair Lawrie, Billy MacKenzie, David Wood

Abstain: Ian Hunter, Robert Michie

Therefore, the motion to object was lost 4 – 8 with 2 abstentions.

52/54 Evan Street

This application is for a three storey extension to this house. After some debate, a motion was proposed to object:

For: David Fleming, Stephen Holt, Michael Innes, Billy McKenzie, Ditta Neumann

Against: Ian Balgowan, Raymond Christie, James Cleves, Linda Digney, Ian Hunter, Lenny Lawrence, Alistair Lawrie, David Wood

Abstain: Robert Michie

Therefore, the motion to object was lost 5 – 8 with 1 abstention.

BP Petrol Station, Dunnottar Avenue

The owners wish to demolish the existing forecourt, relocate the pumps and provide a M&S Simply Food outlet, 2 wash bays and 2 valet bays. The application is for 24 hour opening.

Some members expressed concerns over safety issues (e.g. tail back of vehicles on to Dunnottar Avenue), the noise and light associated with the proposed 24 hour opening, and that the plans constituted an industrial use in a residential area.

Some members expressed the wish to postpone the decision pending further information. A motion to take the decision was put:

For: Ian Balgowan, Raymond Christie, James Cleves, Linda Digney, David Fleming, Ian Hunter, Lenny Lawrence, Alistair Lawrie, David Wood

Against: Stephen Holt, Michael Innes, Billy McKenzie, Ditta Neumann

Abstain: none

No Vote Robert Michie

Therefore, the motion was passed 9 – 4.

A motion to object to the current application was put, based on the above concerns:

For: Raymond Christie, Stephen Holt,, Michael Innes,, Alistair Lawrie, Billy McKenzie David Wood.

Against: Ian Balgowan, James Cleves, Linda Digney, David Fleming, Lenny Lawrence, Ditta Neumann.

Abstain: Ian Hunter,

No Vote: Robert Michie

Therefore, there was a tie at 6 - 6. The Chairman decided that the casting vote was that the Council should not object. He suggested that the Council write to Aberdeenshire Council giving details of the voting. This was agreed.

6. Hannah Dyson Committee

Alistair Lawrie reported that there had been a meeting, invitations had gone out to a range of organisations, and he will give a report at the next meeting.

Business Matters

Business Issues

Note: the items following this point in the minutes were dealt with very quickly as the meeting was running out of time.

7.1 Letter from Sea Cadets re :new Safety Boat

It decided that the matter would be handled better if an invitation was sent to them to

come to a meeting.

7.2 Community Magazine

This will be looked at in the next meeting.

8 Progress Reports on current actions

8.1. Christmas tree lights

Steve Holt reported problems with the bigger lights and that more need to be bought. He requested assistance in putting up the lights.

8.2 Provision of site for allotments in Stonehaven

The matter was left as it stands, as Karen Allan was absent.

8.3 Future of the Crèche at Stonehaven Community Centre

Ian Hunter reported that work will continue after Christmas in establishing the crèche.

He also reported that the Community Centre now had internet access but it was only for laptops. This was considered to be totally inadequate.

In view of the lateness of the hour, other items were carried over to the next meeting

11 AOCB

Ditta Neumann proposed undertaking a survey of residents in the town about the future planning issues. The Council decided to ask the Planning Committee to examine this proposal and report back.

12 Date of next meetings

The agenda meeting will be held on Tuesday Dec 2nd at 7:30 pm.

The next Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday Dec 9th at 7:30 in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource centre

STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA FOR BUSINESS MEETING TO BE HELD at 7.30 pm on 11th November 2008 IN COWIE LOUNGE - INVERCARRON RESOURCE CENTRE

All S&DCC Members are asked to attend to consider the under noted items of business.

- 1 Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest 7:30
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on October 14th (previously circulated) 7:35
 - Approval
 - Action points
- 3 Crime Prevention – Report by Police 7:40
 - 3.1 Safety on School Buses – possible local actions
- 4 Changes to the Railway Timetable / Crossrail / Structure Plan 7:50
 - Rab Dickson - Transport Strategy Manager at Nestrans will be present
 - John Yellowlees - First Scot Rail cannot attend, but will be at the NES Transport Forum on 17th Nov.

Committee activities

- 5 Planning
 - 5.1 AWPR Junction 8:20
 - Public Local Inquiry
 - 5.2 Stabilisation Work on Bervie Braes – consultation 8:25
 - Public exhibition in the Town Hall, Thu 13th November
 - 5.3 Other planning applications 8:30
 - Hillhead of Auquhirie
 - Mill Inn Filling Station - re-build and advertising consent
 - 52/54 Evan Street
- 6 Hannah Dyson Committee 8:40

Business matters

- 7 Business Issues 8:50
 - 7.1 Letter from Sea Cadets re new Safety Boat
 - 7.2 Community Magazine
- 8 Progress Reports on current actions 9:00
 - 8.1 Christmas Tree Lights - Steve Holt
 - 8.2 Provision of site for allotments in Stonehaven – Karen Allan
 - 8.3 Future of the Crèche at Stonehaven Community Centre – Ian Hunter
 - 8.4 Office Space for Voluntary Organizations – Lennie Lawrence
 - 8.5 Beach Toilets
 - 8.6 DDA Compliance work at the Town Hall
 - 8.7 Mearns FM Radio
 - 8.8 Community Development Group
- 9 Reports from Representatives on other bodies + Chairman's activities + other events 9:15

10 Future Dates

- 10.1 Potential visit to Police Service Centre, Bucksburn – James Cleves 9:20
- 10.2 Working Party to sort out Council records – James Cleves
- 10.3 Water Watch drop in session; Town Hall 19th Nov 11:30 – 13:00
- 10.4 Digital Surveying training session, Portlethen Academy, Fri 14th Nov 10:00 – 15:00

11 A O C B

- 12 Dates and times of next Business Meeting. 9:45

*Items marked ** have briefing papers attached*

David Fleming – Chairman

Inspector Area Stats from STORM & Crimefile

Crime report - 07/10/08 to 05/11/08

Kincardine & Mearns

STORM Incidents

	S5A	S5B	S5C	S5D	
	Portlethen	Inverbervie	Laurencekirk	Stonehaven	Total
ANNOYANCE	0	1	0	2	3
DRUNK MAN	1	0	0	1	2
MOTORCYCLE	1	2	0	2	5
NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE	1	1	0	3	5
NOISY MUSIC	2	6	0	3	11
UNDERAGE DRINKING	0	0	0	4	4
YOUTH DISORDER	19	5	1	22	47
DRUNK FEMALE	0	0	0	1	1
Total	24	15	1	38	78

CRIMEFILE Charges

	S5A	S5B	S5C	S5D	
	Portlethen	Inverbervie	Laurencekirk	Stonehaven	Total
Att HB w.i. to enter & steal (other property)	0	0	0	1 (1)	1 (1)
HB w.i. to steal (other property)	0	0	1	0	1
In building with intent to steal	1	0	0	0	1
Indecent Assault	0	2	0	0	2
Possession of drugs	0	0	0	2 (1)	2 (1)

Racially Aggravated Conduct Consolidation Act 1995	0	1 (1)	0	0	1 (1)
Theft by HB, (domestic prop, dwelling)	1	0	0	1 (1)	2 (1)
Theft of vehicle & contents incl taking + driving away	0	0	0	1 (1)	1 (1)
Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	6 (1)	3	5 (1)	13 (4)	27 (6)
Total Recorded	8	6	6	18	38
Total Detected	(1)	(1)	(1)	(8)	(11)

STORM Top 10 Street League

Kincardine & Mearns

Inverbervie

Street	Incident Class Desc	Number of Incidents
KING STREET	NOISY MUSIC	5
BRAE ROAD	YOUTH DISORDER	2
GOURDON	MOTORCYCLE	2
ARBUTHNOTT STREET	YOUTH DISORDER	1
HILLFOOT TERRACE	YOUTH DISORDER	1
KING STREET	ANNOYANCE	1
MERCURY TERRACE	NOISY MUSIC	1
MERCURY TERRACE	YOUTH DISORDER	1
PARKSIDE	NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE	1

Stonehaven

Street	Incident Class Desc	Number of Incidents
WEST GLEBE	YOUTH DISORDER	7
BARCLAY STREET	YOUTH DISORDER	2
HANOVER COURT	YOUTH DISORDER	2
PROVOST BARCLAY DRIVE	YOUTH DISORDER	2
.	MOTORCYCLE	1
.	YOUTH DISORDER	1
ALLARDICE STREET	UNDERAGE DRINKING	1
ANN STREET	DRUNK MAN	1
ARBUTHNOTT COURT	UNDERAGE DRINKING	1

ARDUTHIE ROAD	NOISY MUSIC	1
BERNHAM AVENUE	NOISY MUSIC	1
BRICKFIELD ROAD	ANNOYANCE	1
CHRISTIE CRESCENT	NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE	1
CHRISTIE CRESCENT	YOUTH DISORDER	1
DUNNOTTAR AVENUE	YOUTH DISORDER	1
FARROCHIE ROAD	YOUTH DISORDER	1
FETTERESSO	MOTORCYCLE	1
HIGH STREET	NOISY MUSIC	1
KINGS ROAD	YOUTH DISORDER	1
MARKET SQUARE	ANNOYANCE	1
MARKET SQUARE	UNDERAGE DRINKING	1
MARY STREET	NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE	1
MILL OF FOREST LANE	YOUTH DISORDER	1
MILL OF FOREST ROAD	DRUNK FEMALE	1
MINERALWELL PARK	YOUTH DISORDER	1
PRINCESS ROAD	YOUTH DISORDER	1
QUEEN ELIZABETH PARK	YOUTH DISORDER	1
RAMSAY ROAD	NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE	1
WOODCOT COURT	UNDERAGE DRINKING	1

Portlethen

Street	Incident Class Desc	Number of Incidents
BRUNTLAND ROAD	YOUTH DISORDER	3
MUIREND ROAD	YOUTH DISORDER	3

CAMMACH CIRCLE	YOUTH DISORDER	2
DOWNIES COURT	YOUTH DISORDER	2
MARSH PLACE	YOUTH DISORDER	2
OAK DRIVE	YOUTH DISORDER	2
ARGYLL PLACE	MOTORCYCLE	1
BOSWELL WALK	YOUTH DISORDER	1
CRAIGHEAD AVENUE	NEIGHBOUR DISPUTE	1
FERN DRIVE	YOUTH DISORDER	1
GREYSTONE PLACE	NOISY MUSIC	1
PEAT WAY	YOUTH DISORDER	1
PLOVER COURT	YOUTH DISORDER	1
PORTLETHEN	DRUNK MAN	1
ST. JOHNS WALK	NOISY MUSIC	1
WHINPARK CIRCLE	YOUTH DISORDER	1

Laurencekirk

Street	Incident Class Desc	Number of Incidents
FETTERCAIRN	YOUTH DISORDER	1

Crimefile Top 10 Street League

Kincardine & Mearns

Inverbervie

Street Name	Crime Group Level 4	Number of Offences
Beach Road	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
David Street	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
East End	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
Fawsyde Cottages	Racially Aggravated Conduct Consolidation Act 1995	1
Mercury Terrace	Indecent Assault	1
Queen Street	Indecent Assault	1

Laurencekirk

Street Name	Crime Group Level 4	Number of Offences
High Street	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	2
Auchenblae	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
Distillery Road	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
Garvock Road	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
Stiven Walk	HB w.i. to steal (other property)	1

Portlethen

Street Name	Crime Group Level 4	Number of Offences
Downies Road	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
Dunvegan Crescent	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
Findon	Theft by HB, (domestic prop, dwelling)	1
Hillside Terrace	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
Mill Of Forest Lane	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
Nicol Park	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
Ninian Place	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
South Deeside Road	In building with intent to steal	1

Stonehaven

Street Name	Crime Group Level 4	Number of Offences
Allardice Street	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	4
Dunnottar Avenue	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	3
Market Square	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	2
A957	Theft of vehicle & contents incl taking + driving away	1
Ann Street	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
Barclay Street	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
Carron Terrace	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1
Dunnottar Avenue	Possession of drugs	1
Dunnottar Woods	Theft by HB, (domestic prop, dwelling)	1
High Street	Possession of drugs	1
Kirktown Fetteresso	Att HB w.i. to enter & steal (other property)	1
Slug Road	Vandalism malicious damage and mal mischief	1