

STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
336th Business Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 13th January 2009
in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre

No	<u>Notes</u>	Action
1.	Presentation of the Hannah Dyson award Alistair Lawrie presented Jared Shuttleworth with the Hannah Dyson award.	
2.	Presentation of Christmas Lights Award David Wood presented members of the public with trophies and shields in appreciation of their efforts to light the Stonehaven streets during the Christmas season.	
3.	Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest Present: Karen Allan, Ian Balgowan, Raymond Christie, James Cleves, Linda Digney, Ian Hunter, Michael Innes, Lyn Jardine, Alistair Lawrie, Lenny Lawrence, Robert Mitchie, Billy Mackenzie, Ditta Neumann, Allan Sutherland, David Wood and Sam Dickinson. Kincardine and Mearns Councillors: Wendy Agnew, Peter Bellarby, Graeme Clark, Mike Sullivan. P.C. Shona Wright Apologies: David Fleming and Jenni Keenan. No declarations of interest were made.	
4.	Minutes of the meeting held on December 9th 2008. The minutes were agreed to be correct. Their approval was proposed by Raymond Christie, seconded by Lyn Jardine and unanimously approved.	
5.	Crime Prevention – Report by Police. P.C. Shona Wright reported that there was a robbery at Hogmanay in which a man's wallet was stolen. She also reported that there have been 15 incidents of vandalism in the Town Centre, of which 5 have been detected. P.C. Wright also reported, in reply to a question, that there was a 10 minute response by the police between 14.23 hrs and 14.33 hrs to complaints of a disturbance caused by the football supporters at a pub in the Town Centre.	
<u>Committee Activities</u>		
6.	Planning	
6.1	<u>AWPR Junction</u> The copy of the final submission has been sent via e-mail, and copied to members.	

- 6.2 DDA Compliance at the Town Hall
 Ditta Neumann proposed that the Community Council write a letter to ask for an explanation from the Aberdeenshire Council why they rejected the revised proposals for making the Town Hall compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act. It was unanimously agreed that she write the letter. Ditta Neumann
- 6.3 9A Bath Street
 Ditta Neumann proposed that the Council should not object to the application to remove the vegetation and convert the front area to a hard standing for cars to relieve on-street parking. She was seconded by Ian Hunter, and it was unanimously agreed not to object to the application. Ditta Neumann
- 6.4 Mackie Academy
 Ditta Neumann proposed that the Council should not to object to the application to build a P.E store for the department. It was unanimously agreed not to object to the application. Ditta Neumann
- 6.5 Site South of Cheyne Farmhouse
 Ditta Neumann proposed that the Council should object to the application for a business centre at the above site, which is in the countryside, and poorly served by the road network. It was unanimously agreed to object to the application. Ditta Neumann
- 6.6 Local Plan Consultation 1-Main Issues:
 Carried over to the next meeting.
- 6.7 Local Plan Consultation 2-Areas:
 Ditta Neumann said that this was a request from Aberdeenshire Council Local Plan Team to identify areas of the town that needed protection. However, she has not yet received any correspondence via e-mail on the issue. Until the letter or e-mail arrives, it is difficult to ask the council to act. The matter was therefore deferred until the next meeting. Ditta Neumann
- 6.8 Local Plan Consultation 3-Developers' Bids
 Ditta Neumann said that the proposals for some 30,000 houses in the Charleston to Drumlithie corridor are unrealistic. She proposed the formation of a working group to gather information over the next 6-8 weeks on the people of Stonehaven's feeling about expanding the town. Everyone is invited to a meeting to be held next Tuesday (20th Jan) at 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. in the Community Centre.
 David Wood challenged the councillors to make efforts to create and gather letters of objections to the issues that can then be taken up with the Aberdeenshire Council. This should stimulate the residents' comments and actions.
 Ditta Neumann requested for support for her proposed working group and Lyn Jardine agreed to put out a press release the following day on the issue.
- 6.9 Satellite Dishes in the Conservation Area.
 The matter was carried over to the next meeting.
- 6.10 Joint Public Meeting with Supermarket Developers
 The matter was carried over to the next meeting.

7 Transport Committee

7.1 Formation of Transport Forum

Ian Hunter said that the date for this has been postponed and he will inform the council of the next meeting.

**Ian
Hunter**

7.2 Rail Issues

The matter was not discussed as David Fleming was absent

**David
Fleming**

7.3 Megabus: Stopping safely in the Stonehaven Area.

Michael Innes reported that Tom Wiseman, Regional Director, Megabus Ltd is to organise a test using the biggest bus they have to test the viability and safety of the proposed stopping bay. All that can be done is to wait for him to do the test.

**Michael
Innes**

8 Business Issues

8.1 Public Question Time at Kincardine & Mearns Area Committee

The first of these will be on the 20th of January 2009 and 15 minutes will be allowed at any one meeting. No questions were formulated for this occasion.

8.2 Collection of Data on 'views' around Stonehaven

Allan Sutherland said that he has handed the documents to David Fleming.

8.3 Consultation: Aberdeenshire Council Chief Executive's Service 2008.

Not covered.

8.4 Beach Toilets

Michael Innes and Rab Birnie (the Team Leader from Aberdeenshire Council) will be meeting with Willie Munro to discuss options on how to raise money to keep these toilets open or whether to close them.

8.5 Review of Community Planning Organisation.

Ian Hunter proposed, and Lenny Lawrence seconded, that:

This Community Council concurs with Audit Scotland's findings that Aberdeenshire Council require a more effective approach to Community Planning. It therefore call on Aberdeenshire Council to begin a proper open consultation with its communities to allow them to play a major role in creating a more mature, participatory and understandable Community Planning structure.

After some discussion, everyone except Michael Innes agreed, and therefore the motion was carried.

9 Progress Reports on current actions

9.1 Future of the Crèche at Stonehaven Community Centre.

Ian Hunter reported that it would continue to operate as usual.

Office space for Voluntary Organisations

9.2

Lenny Lawrence is still waiting for a reply.

10. Reports from Representatives on other bodies

None were submitted.

11. AOCB

James Cleves informed the group that Alex Johnson MSP would like to have a meeting with the Community Council meeting. The matter was carried over to the next meeting.

12. Date of next meetings

The Planning Committee Meeting (starting at 7:00) and the Agenda Meeting (at 8:00 p.m.) will be held in the Invercarron Resource Centre on Tuesday 3rd February 2009.

The next Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th February 2009 at 7:30 in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre.