

**STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the**  
**338th Business Meeting held at approx. 8.00 p.m. (following the AGM)**  
**on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009**  
**in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre**

<b>No</b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest</b></p> <p>Present: David Fleming, 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.</p> <p>Kincardine and Mearns Councillors: Wendy Agnew, Peter Bellarby, Graeme Clark, Mike Sullivan.</p> <p>Apologies: Jenni Keenan and Karen Allan</p> <p>Declarations of Interest:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Michael Innes - 40 New Street (APP/2009/0241)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Robert Mitchie - 40 New Street (APP/2009/0241)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Billy Mackenzie - Hyndswells (APP/2009/0504)</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>Michael Innes said that he would like his reasons for abstaining from the vote recorded in the minutes.</p> <p>Ian Hunter proposed that people should inform the secretary in good time if they want their reasons for abstaining from a vote in future.</p> <p>The minutes were confirmed to be correct, and their acceptance was proposed by Alistair Lawrie, seconded by Ian Balgowan and unanimously approved.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Crime Prevention Report.</b></p> <p><i>[Note: In order to minimise Insp. Gordon's time, this section was held during the AGM]</i></p> <p>Insp. Gordon said that the crime report issued was found to have errors, and should be ignored. He apologised, and said a revised report would be issued as soon as possible.</p> <p>Allan Sutherland inquired about the drug crime in the caravan park. Insp. Gordon responded that the incident was not connected to Stonehaven and that the suspect was an individual from Aberdeen. He also pointed out that Stonehaven is a main stopping off point for dealers on their way from the south to Aberdeen. They have previously apprehended suspects on the train and are always on the watch. He also said that the police have alerted taxi-drivers about dealers getting off the train at Stonehaven to avoid police officers at Aberdeen station.</p> <p>Ian Hunter inquired if the police keep any statistics on young drivers. Insp. Gordon said they do not.</p> <p>Michael Innes inquired if the police in Stonehaven have any concerns about the overspill of the operations against drug-dealing going on in Aberdeen. PC Jim Gordon responded that they are not aware, and if they are aware, they will inform the council in due time.</p> <p>Michael Innes also inquired whether Insp. Gordon was aware of the 'Operation Axle' in the schools, involving Mackie Academy and Inverurie. Insp. Gordon</p>	<b>Insp. Gordon</b>

replied that he thought it was a traffic police issue, and his team were not involved.

Cllr. Graeme Clark reported that the graffiti at the Cowie Bridge looks outrageous and should be attended to. Insp. Gordon replied that he would take appropriate action to the complaints.

## **Committee Activities**

### **4. Planning**

#### **4.1 Structure Plan - Update**

Lyn Jardine reported that the letter to the Scottish Ministers commenting on the Finalised Structure Plan has been drafted. However, it appears that the draft had not been circulated. The council has until 24<sup>th</sup> April. to respond, and so the draft can be considered at the next meeting.

**Secretary**

#### **4.2 Local Plan**

Ditta Neumann reported that she had compiled the survey results and she tried to incorporate as many of the results as possible. The document was quite voluminous and she hand delivered it to Piers Blaxter, who had acknowledged its receipt. She also printed out 50 copies that went out to all volunteers. She especially thanked Allan Sutherland and Regina Erich for their assistance. Ditta Neumann welcomes any volunteers to make the work easier.

Cllr. Mike Sullivan said that the job Ditta Neumann and her team has done is fabulous and will be a very useful document. It provides excellent ammunition for the Stonehaven Community Council and the Aberdeenshire Councillors to use in debating the draft Local Plan.

Ditta Neumann proposed the approval of the Community Council to join the 'Planning for Scotland' : a charity organisation. It costs £25 a year. She was seconded by James Cleves and it was unanimously agreed.

#### **4.3 Planning Applications**

*[Note: Details of the full grounds of any objections can be seen on the planning descriptions provided by Ditta Neumann to the meeting. If agreed, they are subsequently made available on the Aberdeenshire Council website under Planning Applications].*

##### **Cheyne Farmhouse (APP/2009/0961)**

Ditta Neumann proposed that the council object and give a representation to the Area Committee on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. All agreed to the objection.

**Ditta  
Neumann**

##### **Riverside, Salmon Lane (APP/2009/0249)**

Ditta Neumann proposed that the council object on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment and that it will dominate the area. All agreed to the objection.

**Ditta  
Neumann**

##### **Hyndswells (APP/2009/0504)**

Ditta Neumann proposed to object to the planning application. All agreed the objection.

**Ditta  
Neumann**

##### **40 New Street (APP/2009/0241)**

The council agreed not to object to this planning application.

##### **Dunreggan, Slug Road (APP/2009/0625)**

All agreed not to object to this planning application.

### **5. Transport Committee**

## **5.1 Formation of a Transport forum**

Peter Bellarby offered to support Ian Hunter.

## **5.2 Megabus Trial**

David Fleming reported that the trial had failed, although it was a worthwhile trial. He had thanked the Megabus management team for their interest and resources. It was found that it was dangerous for the long Megabus to perform a U-turn on the A92 at its junction with the A957. He reassured the council that they are not giving up, and are still looking at three other alternative options.

**Michael  
Innes**

**5.3**

## **Increases in Pay & Parking Charges**

Ditta Neumann proposed, seconded by David Fleming, that the Community Council should object to the recommended increases in Pay & Display charges. They were substantially above inflation. It was unanimously agreed that David Fleming should send an e-mail of objection on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March.

**David  
Fleming**

## **6. Licence Applications**

4 Licence applications had been received shortly before the meeting.

Victoria Wine - David Fleming will confirm about ownership.

Dunottar Wines and Spirits - No objection.

Rumney's Night Club- Need for confirmation about ownership.

B.P Filling Station, Dunottar Avenue - Need for confirmation of some details.

**David  
Fleming**

It was proposed that the meeting go into camera for the next two items, and this was agreed unanimously.

## **7 Priorities**

## **8. Succession Planning**

## **9. A.O.C.B.**

Sam Dickinson informed the council that he and Jenni Keenan are hoping to set up a youth group linked to the activities of the Stonehaven Community Council. The members warmly welcomed this, and offers of support were expressed.

## **10. Date of next meetings**

The Planning Committee Meeting (starting at 7:30) and the Agenda Meeting (at 8:00 p.m.) will be held in the Invercarron Resource Centre on Tuesday April 7th 2009.

The next Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7:30 in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre.