

STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the
341st Business Meeting held at 7.30 p.m.
on Tuesday 9th June 2009
in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre**

<u>No</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest</p> <p>Present: David Fleming, Raymond Christie, James Cleves, Linda Digney, Ian Hunter, Michael Innes, Ditta Neumann, David Wood, Alistair Lawrie, Robert Mitchie, Linda Digney, Sam Dickinson and Allan Sutherland.</p> <p>Kincardine and Mearns Councillors: Cllrs. Wendy Agnew, , Graeme Clark and Mike Sullivan.</p> <p>In attendance: PC Steven Mackenzie and Inspector Bob Cameron, British Transport Police.</p> <p>Apologies: Jenni Keenan, Ian Balgowan, Lenny Lawrence and Billy Mackenzie, Cllr. Peter Bellarby.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest: None</p> <p>David Fleming reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Lyn Jardine. He expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Council for her selfless service to the Stonehaven Community.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>Cllr Mike Sullivan pointed out that he was present at the previous meeting in contrast to the claim that he was absent. The Chairman apologised for this error.</p> <p>Ditta Neumann asked for four amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• that item 5.1 should be amended to show that it was Lyn Jardine who gave the report.• that in item 5.3, to report that it was it was a meeting involving four community council members of each council and that it was very constructive exchange of information.• that Michael Innes had opposed the motion on Field 52. Michael Innes concurred.• in item 10, it should be added that the Council agreed to put a question on supermarkets into the forthcoming small survey. <p>With these amendments agreed, the approval of the minutes was proposed by Linda Digney, seconded by James Cleves and agreed unanimously.</p>	
4.	<p>Crime Prevention Report</p> <p>There were no questions arising from the circulated crime statistics.</p> <p>Inspector Bob Cameron reported about the incident at Stonehaven Railway Station and said that they have examined the CCTV and other forensic evidence and they are positively pursuing the inquiry.</p> <p>PC Steven Mackenzie said that it appears that the individuals involved came from out of Stonehaven.</p> <p>Ian Hunter said that people are getting disillusioned about passing information to the call centre. PC MacKenzie said that improvements had been made in</p>	

	<p>procedures. David Fleming reported that a call by him had resulted in an effective follow-up.</p> <p>David Fleming has received a letter from Chief Supt. Mark McLaren, giving details of the re-organisation of the Operations Division in the Aberdeenshire area, and circulated a diagram showing the details. PC Mackenzie agreed it was correct.</p>	
	<p>Licence Applications</p> <p>Molly Gunning's – Promenade</p> <p>Villa Coffee Shop – Arbuthnott Street</p> <p>Gino's Restaurant – Anne Street</p> <p>There were no comments on the above applications.</p>	
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1</p>	<p><u>Committee Activities</u></p> <p>Planning</p> <p>Structure Plan - update</p> <p>David Fleming reported that he received news from Mike Rumbles that the Ministers have acknowledged the Community Council's letter.</p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p>	<p>Local Plan - update</p> <p>Community Council Forum held on Thursday 14th May at Viewmount.</p> <p>Ian Hunter said that he was not pleased with the consultation process. He was concerned that officers could reply individually to responses, and no common solution could be proposed or agreed.</p> <p>David Fleming reported that Piers Blaxter said that there would be 14 days longer allowed for Community Councils to respond, after July 6th, provided they forewarned his office. Piers Blaxter also accepted that, when the Main Issues Report is revised and sent to Aberdeenshire Councillors for approval, a longer time would be created, to allow Community Councils and others to read the report and let the Aberdeenshire Councillors know of their views, prior to the debate at Area Committee.</p> <p>Ian Hunter said that there is likely to be a bias as the decision will be made in the Main Issues Report on a planning basis only. He pointed out that any decisions taken should be defensible.</p> <p>Public meeting 26th May.</p> <p>Ditta Neumann reported that there was a good turn-out of over 200 people. It was very constructive. She expressed concern that Piers Blaxter appeared to dismiss the survey document presented, and that no views of the community council were considered at all.</p> <p>Community Council views on individual sites</p> <p>Ditta Neumann presented a comprehensive spreadsheet on each of the developers' bids in the Main Issues Report. The spreadsheet contained comments for and against each site, and it is proposed that these are used as the Community Council's response to Question 20 in the response document. A full debate on each entry was had. Some amendments were suggested and accepted, and a final version agreed. Alistair Lawrie took full notes, and agreed to help in producing a corrected final version.</p> <p>Lynda Digney was present at the start of this item, but left the meeting about one-third of the way through, at 8.30 p.m.</p>	

6.4	<p>Community Council views on policy statements</p> <p>David Fleming presented the document covering Questions 1 – 19, on policy issues within the Main Issues Report, which had been circulated previously. It appeared that not all members had had a chance to read this document.</p> <p>A number of amendments (mainly additions) were suggested and approved. The Chairman suggested that, in view of the lateness of the hour, and the need to meet the response deadline of 6th July, members should read the document and let the Chairman have any further suggested amendments within the next seven days. He would then collate these, and submit our response. This was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>One item (the reference to Gypsies and Travellers on the last page) generated controversy. It was agreed that this issue should be debated in the next meeting, and a time extension for the response requested from Piers Blaxter.</p>	
6.4	<p>Meeting with Mr. Graham Jamieson.</p> <p>David Fleming reported that Mr. Jamieson (the famer who owns the farm land at Carron Den and straddling the A90) came to see him to explain that it is economically difficult to operate the complete area as a farm. He wants to talk to the community as a whole about its future use. He is also concerned about certain safety aspects when farm vehicles come on and off the A90. He is seeking help from the community. The Chairman suggested to him waiting until the early autumn before taking the issue forward.</p>	
11.	<p>Youth Council Formation</p> <p>James Cleves presented the proposed Constitution for the Youth Forum at Mackie Academy, which he is hoping will start at the beginning of the new session. All were strongly in favour of this initiative. The support of the Community Council was proposed by Robert Michie and seconded by Alistair Lawrie, and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>David Fleming recommended that Sam Dickinson and James Cleves contact the Aberdeenshire Youth Forum. James Cleves said that he had spoken to the relevant teachers and gained their support, and was awaiting an interview with the Rector.</p>	
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17.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>As time ran out, the rest of the issues on the meeting's agenda were postponed to the next meeting. It was suggested that, at that meeting, these should come first, before any planning issues.</p>	
18.	<p>Date of next meetings</p> <p>The Planning Committee will meet at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 7th July 2009 in the Invercarron Resource Centre, followed by the Agenda Meeting at 8:00 pm.</p> <p>Next Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th July 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre.</p>	