STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
343rd Business Meeting held at 7.30 p.m.
on Tuesday 11th August 2009
in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre

No	Notes	Action
1.	**Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest** Present: David Fleming, Karen Allan, Ian Hunter, Michael Innes, Lenny Lawrence, Robert Michie, David Wood. Kincardine and Mearns Councillors: Wendy Agnew, Graeme Clark and Mike Sullivan. In attendance: Allan Rae and Gary Purves from Knight Frank, Planning Consultants Apologies: Ian Balgowan, James Cleves, Linda Digney, Alistair Lawrie, Allan Sutherland, Sam Dickinson, Jenni Keenan, and Cllr Peter Bellarby Absent: Raymond Christie, Billy Mackenzie, Declarations of Interest: Cllr Wendy Agnew- Item 5.3; David Fleming declared an interest in item 6.2, as he was a neighbour to the development. David Fleming welcomed the new Mearns Reporter, Catriona Webster.	
2.	**Minutes of the Previous Meeting** Ian Hunter, referring to item entitled "Future of CDGs / Community Engagement" asked that the first two sentences be replaced by *"Ian Hunter, Chair of the local CDG, reported on the above discussions. He said that doing away with CDGs was not the answer. More rather than less community participation in all areas of local government was required and the engagement groups should be given meaningful power."* The approval of the minutes as amended was proposed by Bob Michie, seconded by Karen Allan and agreed unanimously.	
3.	**Crime Prevention Report** No crime report was published, and there was no representative of the Police present.	
4.	**Committee Activities** **Presentation from Knight Frank re St Leonard's Hotel site.** Allan Rae of Knight Frank, representing Kirkwood Homes Ltd, gave a presentation to the council giving the feedback from the consultation that his firm had recently undertaken. He said that he would send the revised architectural design drawings as soon as they are ready and before the final consultation report was made to Aberdeenshire Council in September. Michael Innes inquired why a traffic management analysis had not been done. Allan Rae responded by saying that they were not asked for a traffic management analysis because the Roads Department did not feel the development would have an	

	impact on the traffic, but one is going to be done anyway. He also pointed out that the Aberdeenshire Council is still to come to a conclusion on how the affordable housing is going to be delivered. Karen Allan suggested that a key for the diagrams would ease comprehension.	
5. **5.1** **5.2** **5.3**	**Planning** Update from the last meeting David Wood reported that, after the council agreed to edit the Stonehaven 2020 document, this had been done and that he had delivered a copy by hand to Woodhill House on Monday 20th July. **Approval of Revised "Stonehaven 2020" document.** Ian Hunter proposed the motion that the Community Council approve the revised "Stonehaven 2020" document, and was seconded by Lenny Lawrence. All agreed. **Letter to John Agnew.** As there was a difference in opinion whether the draft letter should be amended or sent as is, a vote was taken. There resulted in a decision of the letter being sent as it is with a 4-3 majority vote.	
6 **6.1** **6.2** **6.3**	**Planning Applications** **APP/2008/3530, 3698, 3700 BP Filling Station, Dunnottar Avenue.** It was reported that these applications had come before the Area Committee, and they had deferred a decision pending a site visit. The plans had been amended since they had been considered by the Community Council, so there was a brief chance to re-discuss the application, and, whilst there was not time to submit a further written opinion, the Aberdeenshire Councillors present could take views into account. Concern was expressed about the opening hours. It was felt that a planning condition restricting hours to those proposed by the applicant - namely 06:00 to 23:00 - would be appropriate. A member of the public was concerned about the noise nuisance from the wash facilities at the rear of the site. **Star Inn, Barclay Street.** *David Wood chaired this issue.* A change of use notice has been received, to change from public house to 10 flats. After a long discussion, it was put to a motion that: *Motion: There should be an objection to the change of use for the Star Inn.* For the motion: Ian Hunter, Bob Michie, Michael Innes, Lenny Lawrence Against the motion: , David Wood, Karen Allan Motion carried by 4 votes to 2 *David Fleming resumed the chair.* **Distributor Road between East Newtonleys and Braehead** The plans for the road now submitted differed from those previously obtained, in that the junctions to provide access to proposed housing were deleted. All agreed to object to the distributor road. It was agreed to re-submit our letter of objection.	

7	**Constitution Working Group** David Wood reported that they are still to meet, and have no date set yet. He agreed to set and send the date of the meeting to all members.	
8	**Proposed Youth Council** As James Cleves was absent, there was no report.	
9	**Town Centre Regeneration Fund** **Bids for Town Hall and Cowie Lane Building** David Fleming informed the group that the bid for Town hall had been successful, and that there was to be a meeting to initiate work on the project in Viewmount at 2.00 p.m the following day (Wed 12th). The bid for Cowie Lane was unsuccessful, and a resubmission was being considered.	
10.	**Future Dates** Noted as per agenda.	
11.	**A.O.C.B.** Lenny Lawrence reported that there are no new people volunteering to take part in the Community Safety Group. The meeting will be on the 19th at Viewmount to consider its future.	
12.	**Date of next meetings** The Planning Committee will meet at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 1st September 2009 in the Invercarron Resource Centre, followed by the Agenda Meeting at 8:00 pm. Next Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre.	