

**STONEHAVEN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the 345<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting held at 7.30 p.m.**  
**on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009**  
**in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre**

<u>No</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome , apologies and declarations of interest</b></p> <p><b>Present:</b> David Fleming, Raymond Christie, Michael Innes, Lenny Lawrence, Alistair Lawrie, Billy Mackenzie, Robert Michie, Allan Sutherland, David Wood, Sam Dickinson, Ian Hunter</p> <p><b>Kincardine and Mearns councillors:</b> Cllrs. Wendy Agnew, Graeme Clark and Mike Sullivan.</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Neil Lindsay and Lloyd Garrie from Lakini Ltd.;  Emma Kirk, Community Panning Officer  Sgt. Michael Stewart</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. Peter Bellarby, Ian Balgowan</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Karen Allan, James Cleves</p> <p>David Fleming welcomed Neil Lindsay, Lloyd Garrie, Emma Kirk, and Dickson Okumu, our new minute secretary.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting (September 9<sup>th</sup>)</b></p> <p>Ian Hunter noted that his request for urgent action to get a full broadband internet connection at the Stonehaven Community Centre had not been minuted. Cllr. Clark apologised that he had not followed this up as promised, and agreed to take action this month.</p> <p>Subject to this amendment, the acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Alistair Lawrie and seconded by Raymond Christie, and agreed unanimously.</p>	Cllr. Clark
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Horizon Group- Beautiful Scotland Gold Award</b></p> <p>David Fleming proposed that a letter be sent to the Horizon group congratulating them on winning the Gold Award in the Beautiful Scotland competition, and for all their hard work in improving the town's appearance. Agreed unanimously.</p>	Secretary
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Caravan Park Wardens- Tourism Group Award</b></p> <p>David Fleming proposed that a letter of congratulations be sent to Ron and Sybil McCulloch, the wardens at Queen Elizabeth Caravan Park, on winning the Aberdeenshire Council "Reception of the Year" award. They have made a very significant difference to the caravan park operations. Agreed unanimously.</p>	Secretary

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5.	<p><b>Crime Prevention Report</b></p> <p>Sgt. Stewart spoke about the crime report, which showed an increase in incidents. All these were encountered in less than two weeks. The Division has applied to get additional funding for extra police officers to help solve these crimes and prevent future occurrences.</p> <p>He also announced that Graeme Mackie has been appointed as the new temporary Inspector.</p> <p>Allan Sutherland asked if anything could be done about the litter dropping at the Leisure Centre car park. Sgt. Stewart replied that, other than hovering to see someone drop litter, it was a very difficult offence to prosecute.</p> <p>Alistair Lawrie stated that there had been a break-in by youngsters to the St. Leonard's site, and that the building was dangerous. Sgt. Stewart said the police were aware, and were in contact with the site owners, to improve security.</p>	
<b>Public issues</b>		
6.	<p><b>Proposed Youth Council</b></p> <p>In James Cleves' absence, Sam Dickinson reported little progress. He understood that James was still awaiting a meeting with the Andrew Griffiths, Rector of Mackie Academy to progress the proposal.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Review of Local Community Plan 2008 - 2012</b></p> <p>David Fleming announced that a major revision of this document is underway. Copies of the Plan were distributed some time ago: The chairman possesses a few paper copies, and the report is also available on the Aberdeenshire web site.</p> <p>Emma Kirk had arranged a meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> (just before our next meeting) to discuss changes, after which the revised document would be sent out for consultation. She had asked for suggestions on possible changes.</p> <p>Ian Hunter remarked that the issue on dog fouling always appears as one of the main problems (identified at the Dynamic Drop In response and elsewhere), and yet it was rarely mentioned elsewhere in meetings. It made the document look very lightweight. Emma Kirk replied, saying that she hoped there would be a more strategic view taken in the next version, and that targets set out be more focussed.</p> <p>She noted that the 6 areas of Aberdeenshire Council had 6 different approaches. In Marr, the plan has very specific actions and is much more "on the ground". The best information came from the Community groups, which is why she was present tonight to encourage input to the Plan.</p> <p>Allan Sutherland felt that the level and quality of consultation needed to be improved. David Fleming reported that he had attended a one-day seminar on Consultation that day, and was hoping to given a feedback shortly. There was a National Standard on Community Engagement, and he hoped that improvement would follow from its use.</p>	

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8	<p><b>Christmas Tree lights</b></p> <p>The tree will be put up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November and the lights will be put on and switched on the same night. All members were asked to do what they could to help.</p>	
	<b>Committee activities</b>	
9	<b>Planning applications</b>	
9.1	<p><b><u>4-6 Barclay Street</u></b></p> <p>A long discussion about this application covered topics such as parking, fire access, change of use. Michelle Ward, the applicant, was present and informed the council of her intentions. The Community Council voted as follows:</p> <p><b><i>To object to the change of use:</i></b></p> <p><i>For: David Fleming, Ian Hunter, Lenny Lawrence, Billy Mackenzie, Allan Sutherland</i></p> <p><i>Against: None</i></p> <p><i>Abstain: Raymond Christie, Michael Innes, Alistair Lawrie, Robert Michie, David Wood</i></p> <p>Motion carried by 5 to 0 with 5 abstentions.</p> <p><b><i>To object on the grounds of inadequate parking:</i></b></p> <p><i>For: David Fleming, Lenny Lawrence, Billy Mackenzie</i></p> <p><i>Against: Raymond Christie, Michael Innes, Ian Hunter, Alistair Lawrie, Allan Sutherland, David Wood</i></p> <p><i>Abstain: Robert Michie,</i></p> <p>Motion defeated by 6 votes to 3 with 1 abstention</p> <p><b><i>To object on the grounds of inadequate fire access:</i></b></p> <p><i>For: David Fleming, Michael Innes, Lenny Lawrence</i></p> <p><i>Against: Alistair Lawrie, Billy Mackenzie, Allan Sutherland, Ian Hunter, Raymond Christie</i></p> <p><i>Abstain: Robert Michie, David Wood,</i></p> <p>Motion defeated by 5 votes to 3 with 2 abstentions</p>	Planning Secretary
9.2	<p><b><u>Town Hall</u></b></p> <p>David Fleming said that he had just received the plans for the work at the Town Hall, and that they should be discussed at next month's meeting.</p> <p>The plan is that the contractor should be appointed in December, start work on site just after New Year and be expected to finish by the end of March.</p>	
	<b>Presentations</b>	
10.	<p><b>Hillhead of Auquhirie Wind Farm</b></p> <p>Neil Lindsay and Lloyd Garrie of Lakini Ltd gave a presentation on an amended</p>	Copies of development will be

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	application for this site. The key point was the increase in turbine power (because of the unavailability of the ones previously proposed), and the consequent increase in the heights of the blades. The arrangements for access to the turbine sites during construction have also been reviewed.	distributed by the end of October

#### **11. Sustainable Energy Association Stonehaven (SEAS)**

Brain Menzies and Lyn Jardine gave a presentation on the work of SEAS, and showed demonstration models of some of the generating plant. A number of ideas about local small sustainable generators were explained, and replies were given to questions.

##### ***Motion.***

***“SDCC welcomed the consultation efforts by SEAS as part of their feasibility study and resolve to be represented at the forthcoming focus group session to discuss the results of the survey currently being undertaken”.***

The motion was agreed unanimously. Lenny Lawrence was appointed as the CC representative.

### **Business items**

#### **12. Questions to the Citizens’ Panel**

We had been asked to approve 4 questions to be put to the Aberdeenshire Council Citizen’s panel, concerning Community Councils. The questions were agreed without amendment.

#### **13 Reports from representatives on other bodies**

Community Council Forum

Two members attended, and minutes were awaited. There was a presentation on the new planning legislation, which appeared to negate some of the work we have done in the last year or so. Cllr. Bellarby is to raise the matter with Raymond Reid, Head of Planning Services.

#### **14 ASCC Membership**

A meeting was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October in Banchory at 7 p.m. No one from the Community Council was able to attend.

Questions on whether Aberdeenshire should be block members have been raised. It was agreed that we should take part.

#### **15 Future dates**

1.1 Heritage Fair: Community Centre: Saturday **28<sup>th</sup> November**

1.2 SEAS Focus group: Monday **26<sup>th</sup> October**, Leisure Centre.

No      Notes      Action

**16 Meetings next year**

***Motion:***

***S&DCC resolve to hold a meeting on the second Tuesday of each month in 2010, with the exception of July.***

David Fleming explained that this had been discussed at the Officers' meeting, following suggestions from some Community Council members. It was necessary to vote now in order to book the rooms for next year.

The motion was agreed unanimously.

**17 AOCB**

Alistair Lawrie reported that he had had an acknowledgement about our enquiry concerning new buildings at the Mackie Academy site, and awaited a full reply.

He also asked that the Hannah Dyson Award Committee be set up. It was proposed that the Committee should consist of Alastair Lawrie, Sam Dickinson and James Cleves. This was approved.

**18 Dates and times of next Business Meeting**

There will be an Officers' Meeting at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 in the Invercarron Resource Centre followed by a Planning Committee at 7.30 p.m., and then the Agenda meeting at 8.00 p.m.

Next business Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Cowie Lounge of the Invercarron Resource Centre