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All S&DCC Members are asked to attend to consider the under noted items of business.

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| 1 | Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest | 7:15 |
| 2 | Minutes of last meeting on January 12 th 2010 (previously circulated) | 7:20 |
| | • Approval | |
| 3 | Police Matters | 7:25 |

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| 4 | Severe Flooding in Stonehaven on Sunday 1st November | 7:30 |
| | 4.1 Updates from agencies | |
| | • Grampian Fire & Rescue Service | |
| | • Grampian Police | |
| | • Aberdeenshire Council | |
| | • Scottish Water | |
| | 4.2 Forward planning for report consultations/discussions | |
| | 4.3 Report from the Flood Response Support Group | |
| 5 | KMAP – Introduction by Naomi Gordon | 7:50 |

Break 8.15

As agreed last month, there will be a 10-15 minute break, during which coffee, tea and biscuits will be available for everyone, at a charge of 50p per person

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| 6 | Planning applications | 8:30 |
| | <i>Members are asked to look up the relevant hyperlinks below to examine the applications before the meeting</i> | |
| | 6.1 Spine Road at Braehead/East Newtonleys | |
| | | http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/planning/apps/detail.asp?ref_no=APP/2009/0493 |
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| 7 | Formation of “Save our Stoney” group | 8:50 |
| 8 | Beach Toilets | 9:00 |
| 9 | “An Invitation to Meet the Aberdeenshire Council Leader and Chief Executive 2009 – Shaping Aberdeenshire” – 18th January, Portlethen | 9:02 |

- now postponed to Monday 1 March 2010,
Lecture Theatre, Portlethen Academy, Portlethen
- 10 2009 Community Council Election: procedures and timetable (paper attached) 9: 05
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- Community Council Forum: Thursday 25 February, 7pm in the Council Chamber, Viewmount, Stonehaven.
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Spine Road at Braehead/East Newtonleys **[APP/2009/0493](#)**

Dear Alyson

Many thanks for the updated information you provided on the above application, and the opportunity for this Community Council to reconsider it. We took this opportunity at our Business Meeting on 9th February 2010.

First of all, this Council submitted a detailed letter of objection dated 16th April 2009, and this is already on your file and web site. We wish this representation to remain.

In addition, Stonehaven & District Community Council wish to further object to the current proposal on the grounds that:

1. The new road is proposed to allegedly overcome the view that the existing A957 is inadequate for the traffic generated by the proposed supermarket. However, it only covers half the length of the A957. The lack of capacity in the lower (more northern) section of the A957 is not addressed at all. Any lack of capacity there will be more noticeable there because that section also carries the traffic from the Braehead housing development.
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4. Reference is made to a Design Brief. Even the developer acknowledges that it is not complete. It has not been submitted with the application, and this Council has not had any opportunity to comment on it. In particular, we cannot see, for example,
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We trust you will take these views into account in making your recommendation to the Council Committees.

With kind regards

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		CC Meetings	Election Timetable	Mearns Leader reporting: copy by 5 pm Tuesday	Action > Leader; Ads in by 12 noon Tuesday PLUS Noticeboards
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Tue	02-Feb	CC Agenda Meeting			
Wed	03-Feb				
Thu	04-Feb				
Fri	05-Feb			My article about elections	
Sat	06-Feb				
Sun	07-Feb				
Mon	08-Feb				
Tue	09-Feb	CC FEB Meeting	Agree Timetable		
Wed	10-Feb				
Thu	11-Feb				
Fri	12-Feb			Report of Feb Meeting 1	
Sat	13-Feb				
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Tue	23-Feb			Tell re nomination procedure	Place Ad
Wed	24-Feb				
Thu	25-Feb				
Fri	26-Feb		Nominations open	Where/how to get nominated	Ad for AGM + Election appears
Sat	27-Feb				
Sun	28-Feb				
Mon	01-Mar				
Tue	02-Mar	CC Agenda Meeting			
Wed	03-Mar				
Thu	04-Mar				
Fri	05-Mar				
Sat	06-Mar				
Sun	07-Mar				
Mon	08-Mar				
Tue	09-Mar	CC AGM + MAR Bus Mtg			Tell re closing date/election date
Wed	10-Mar				
Thu	11-Mar				
Fri	12-Mar		Requirement: minimum is 14 days - maximum is 28 days - recommendation is 21 days.	Report of March Bus Mtg 1 Progress on nominations + closing date + election date	
Sat	13-Mar				
Sun	14-Mar				
Mon	15-Mar				
Tue	16-Mar				

		CC Meetings	Election Timetable	Mearns Leader reporting: copy by 5 pm Tuesday	Action > Leader; Ads in by 12 noon Tuesday PLUS Noticeboards	
Wed	17-Mar					
Thu	18-Mar					
Fri	19-Mar		Nominations close Start of 7 day option period	Report of March Bus Mtg 2 + Last day for nominations		
Sat	20-Mar		7 day requirement			
Sun	21-Mar					
Mon	22-Mar					
Tue	23-Mar					
Wed	24-Mar					
Thu	25-Mar					
Fri	26-Mar			Option period ends		
Sat	27-Mar					
Sun	28-Mar		Decide whether election needed			
Mon	29-Mar					
Tue	30-Mar			Tell re nominations (+ election, if any)	Place ad for POLL	
Wed	31-Mar					
Thu	01-Apr					
Fri	02-Apr		Notice period for POLL starts	Either - report of appointees OR Announcement of election + list of nominations	Ad for POLL appears	
Sat	03-Apr		7 day requirement		Election Campaigning	
Sun	04-Apr	Easter Day				
Mon	05-Apr					
Tue	06-Apr	CC Agenda Meeting				Put in article about polling
Wed	07-Apr					
Thu	08-Apr					
Fri	09-Apr		POLLing Day	News about Polling	Polling day could be Fri or Sat or Sun	
Sat	10-Apr		Count >> Result			
Sun	11-Apr					
Mon	12-Apr					
Tue	13-Apr	CC APR Meeting inc Election of Office Bearers				
Wed	14-Apr					
Thu	15-Apr					
Fri	16-Apr			Report of Appointments + APR Business		
Sat	17-Apr					