

Whitehills & District Community Council

Minutes of meeting held Thursday 18th December 2008

Present: Ross Balharry, Duncan Leece, Denis Askham, Anne Balharry, Charles Findlay, Cyril Harcus

1. Apologies: None.

2. Adoption of 20/11/2008 meeting minutes: Proposed by Anne, seconded by Cyril.

3. Matters Arising:

- > Ross has ordered 4 "recycled" seats for the Brae area.
- > Bus shelter replacement at Ladysbridge (A98) by the end of financial year.
- > Ross has written confirmation that our existing footpath to the Windfarm will remain until the new one has been constructed.
- > Denis has written to Alex Salmond re: Boyndie broadband. An interim reply received.
- > Denis to look for a suitable award plaque for public toilets.

4. Treasurer's report: Anne highlighted the main details.

Income: Seafield Estates £400. Interest £9.31. Toilet collection box £18. **Expenditure:** Volunteers £560. Tree lights & sweets £74.60. Light fitting £200.

Current balance of the main account is **£11351.38**. The gift account balance is **£32124.33**. The Windfarm Account is **£25830.18**.

5. Community Council Website & Leaflet:

- Denis met with Kay Beaton to discuss our website. Format agreed & progress made. Denis to update members at January meeting.
- Kay is compiling local information for the leaflet.

6. - West End Right of Way. More information required from Aberdeenshire Council. Alan will keep us informed.

- **Meeting with Seafield Estates.** Ross, Duncan & Denis met with Andrew Norville to discuss two matters.

(a) **Proposed walkway on disused railway line.** Positive meeting. Denis to approach appropriate adjacent land users for their views.

(b) **Proposed footpath from Ladysbridge Village.** Alasdair Ramsay has suggested an alternative route from the original drawing. Seafield Estates haven't been notified. Duncan will write to Alasdair & send a copy to Andrew.

7. Xmas lights. They have been vandalised & cannot be used this year. We will investigate buying replacements early in the New Year. New fittings & plug units for Seafield Street, Loch Street & Redwell are a possibility.

8. Correspondence:

- **Grampian Police.** Xmas card.
- **Joint Fire & Rescue Pan 2009 – 2012.**
- **Seafield Estates.** Assisted grant received with thanks.
- **Annual report of NHS Grampian.**

9. Planning Issues.

- Michael Watson. Formation of synthetic grass football pitch with associated lighting at School Road, Whitehills.
- D & J Oakes. The Cottage, Scotsmill, Boyndie. Seeking full planning permission for alterations. & amendment to Building Warrant.

- Banff & Buchan Area Committee. Capital Works Programme Improvements 2012.

Gas heating upgrades to Forbes Road & Loch Street where appropriate.

Door upgrades in Reidhaven Street, Forbes Road & School Road where appropriate.

Gas boiler upgrades in Loch Lane as appropriate.

- Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan Proposals for 2009. Asking for any known local areas.

Ross will mention Boyndie Church & Whitehills harbour area.

7. AOCB.

- Thanks to Cyril for a realistic performance of Father Christmas.

- LCPG meeting cancelled on 17th December.

- Duncan is very concerned about high noise levels from the "Puffin pellets" Biomass Factory on Boyndie Airfield. He has reported the matter to Les Dean, Environmental Officer. Ross will complain formally on behalf of the community council.

DONM - Thursday 15th January 2009 – Whitehills Primary School at 7.00pm.