

**Whitehills & District Community Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**Present:** Ross Balharry, Duncan Leece, Denis Askham, Anne Balharry, Charles Findlay, Cyril Harcus, Babs Downie, Alan Milne.

**Also present:** Councillors Gray, Mair & Cox, Brian Hendrie, Insp.Mark McLaughlin (Grampian Police)

**1. Apologies:** Alan Stewart.

**2. Grampian Police Matters.** Insp.Mclaughlin said it was a relatively quiet period. Incidents included a forged banknote & a reported prowler in the vicinity although there was no confirmed sighting.

It may be advantageous to have a secure bin/container for needles etc. Ross will follow this up.

**3. Adoption of 15/01/2009 meeting minutes:** Proposed by Anne, seconded by Chas.

**4. Matters Arising:**

> First draft of website almost ready. Denis to keep members informed. Anne gave Denis a copy of the annual Whitehills Parish Church Social Calender of Events for inclusion on the website.

> Councillor Mair said an off road cycle route would be advantageous for youngsters if a location could be found.

> Puffin Pellets. Duncan told us that Planning & Environmental Health will be looking at various issues concerning the airfield site.

**5. Treasurer's report:** Anne highlighted the main details.

**Income:** Aberdeenshire Council Admin & Project Grant £679.07. Toilet box collection £27.50. Xmas light collection £10.00. Interest £2.88.

**Expenditure:** Nil.

Current balance of the main account is **£11033.47**. Gift account interest is £836.54 & balance is **£32960.87**. The Windfarm Account is **£25852.44**.

**6. Youth Project:**

- Duncan explained he had been in contact with Theatre Modo. They were keen to participate with our local youngsters. Duncan & Denis will meet with Katie MacLean next week. Theatre Modo will require accommodation & workshop space locally. Terry Pickard is very positive about the event as it will promote the Playing Field Association Gala on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**7. Xmas Lights:**

- Duncan has acquired a catalogue from Festival Lights Ltd. Chorley, Lancs. The prices for Xmas LED lights/decorations seem very reasonable. Ross asked Chas to show the catalogue to James Innes.

**8. Calendar 2010:**

- Ross has taken copies of the images seen by us all last meeting. Appropriate ones will be chosen for the calendar using the company in Buckie.

### **9. Correspondence:**

- Vattenfall has acquired AMEC Wind Energy Ltd.
- Planning Aid for Scotland. First event at Aberdeen Maritime Museum on 21/02/09.
- Aberdeenshire Council Development Plan. Christine Gore.
- Aberdeenshire Council Planning Environment Services. Loo award for Whitehills.
- Malcolm McAuslin. Re: impartiality of financial interests in CC projects.
- Aberdeenshire Council. Off street parking charges increasing in Aberdeenshire.
- NHS Grampian. Draft Tobacco Policy.

### **10. Planning Issues.**

- Grampian Oat Products, Cairnton Road. Erection of building.
- Brangan. Erection of dwelling house.
- Black Culphin. Erection of Tattie Store
- D McKay. Bothy at Low Shore for residential use.

### **11. AOCB**

- Councillor Gray said that Portsoy Telephone Exchange would be upgraded within a few months.
- Boyndie Airfield Project. Councillor Cox said that a Trust will soon be in place & a "Friends of Boyndie" association has been suggested.
- Alan Milne has resigned from the Community Council. Ross thanked him on behalf of members for his efforts & wished him well for the future.

**DONM - Thursday 19th March 2009 – Whitehills Primary School at 7.00pm.**