

Whitehills & District Community Council
Minutes of meeting held Thursday 19th March 2009



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

Also present: George Boardman (Banffie)

1. Apologies: Councillor Gray, Brian Hendrie.

2. Adoption of 19/02/2009 meeting minutes: Proposed by Anne, seconded by Chas.

3. Matters Arising:

> Puffin Pellets. Duncan explained that the company & Aberdeenshire Council are involved in various aspects of planning consent.

> Alan Milne has not resigned as a member of our community council.

Apologies to Alan.

> Duncan has been asked by Malcolm McAuslin's department to consider further 'Making it Real' action plans for other appropriate areas.

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

Income: Dog bags £34. Interest £2.53. **Expenditure:** Nil.

Current balance of the main account is **£11070.00** Gift account is **£32960.87**.

The Windfarm Account is **£24904.20**.

5. Theatre Modo Youth Project:

- Duncan reported positive enthusiasm. With Katie MacLean as co-ordinator, 17 youngsters collectively named '**Street Haikers**' are initially involved. Ideas include the "Redwell Phantom" or the "Whitehills Ghoul". The finale may be a parade & theatre performance on 18th July.

Accommodation confirmed for the Theatre Modo staff.

Duncan & Denis will attend future meetings as required.

6. Xmas Lights:

- James Innes has received both catalogues from Chas for his expert consideration & feedback.

7. Calendar 2010:

- The Buckie printing company are unable to provide the quantity we require. Ross & Anne looked at another printer in Keith, namely MMS. Three samples of calendars were circulated. Members agreed that the A4 style was preferred.

8. Correspondence:

- **Aberdeenshire Council Communications Forum.** Objective is to facilitate & advise on the development of improved systems of CC's & CC partners.
- **Association of Scottish CC's.** They are hosting a regional meeting for all CC's on Saturday 16th May.
- **Scottish Government.** Changes in the Scottish Planning System.
- **Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership.** Representation to join this partnership. Applications by Friday 1st May.
- **Aberdeenshire Council. Malcolm McAuslin.** Local Development Plans & conflicts of interest.
- **Aberdeenshire Council. Andrew Carruthers.** He says the final outcome of all planning decisions is ultimately the decision of Aberdeenshire Council.
- **Aberdeen City And Shire.** Strategic Development Planning Authority. Finalised Plan. February 2009 brochure available.
- **Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership.** Local Community Plan 2008-2012.
- **Aberdeenshire Council. Rab Birnie.** Whitehills Community Run Toilet Scheme. Agreement extended for 3 years
- **Aberdeenshire Council. Bus Forum.** Nothing of note for our area.
- **Aberdeenshire Council. Draft Walking & Cycling Action Plan.** Letter forwarded by Philip McKay.

9. Planning Issues.

- Mr & Mrs Campbell, 6 Knock Street. Alterations & listed building consent.
- Banff & Buchan Area Committee. Development & implementation of an Airfield Trust for the Boyndie project.
- West End, Whitehills. Only four 'Right of Way Questionnaires' returned completed.

10. AOCB

- Ross said Bob Imlach would put new poles (4 x 4) in West End.
- Duncan said that Mr.Minty, Portsoy, was concerned about a section of disused railway line. Denis will arrange to meet Mr Minty.
- Denis wondered if a former road from the B9139 towards Boyndie Village could be made into a footpath. Denis to talk with Jim Murray, Nether Dallachy,
- Denis to email details of our website to George Boardman.

DONM - Thursday 16th April 2009 – Whitehills Primary School at 7.00pm.