

# Mintlaw & District Community Council

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**MEETING TO BE HELD 5 OCTOBER, 2017  
MINTLAW ACADEMY CONFERENCE ROOM – 7.30 pm**

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## MINUTE OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER, 2017, MINTLAW ACADEMY ROOM CONFERENCE ROOM

<b>1. PRESENT</b>	D Coull	J Whyte	M McCredie	A Laird
	S Wilken	M Beattie	R Robertson	E Preston
	P Hepburn	H Keith	N Barron	S Duncan

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Smith	Aberdeenshire Council
Councillor Buchan	Aberdeenshire Council
A Preston	Member of Public
W Dunbar	Member of Public
PC D Crawford	Police Scotland
PC F Macleod	Police Scotland

<b>2. APOLOGIES:</b>	G Whyte	F Pringle	C Simpson	F Pringle
	N Barron	Cllr Simpson	Cllr Ingram	PC Dow

**3. MINUTE OF LAST MEETING:** proposed as a true record H Keith : seconded :  
R Robertson.

### 4. MATTERS FOR POLICE ATTENTION/POLICE UPDATE

- 28 reported incidents since August, mostly relating to RTA issues, collisions, found property, substance misuse and concern for members of the public. Almost 70% of the calls were road traffic related – clearly a concern in the Mintlaw area. Speeds over 90 mph have been recorded.
- Machinery has been stolen from the astroturf.
- Parking outside the Primary Schools remains an ongoing issue.
- The issue of cars reversing out of spaces in The Square onto the roundabout was raised. Unfortunately the only solution is redevelopment of the area.

### 5. PLANNING MATTERS

- **Weekly Lists** – circulated. It was noted that more than houses than originally anticipated are to be built on the estate adjacent to Aden Country Park.
- **Telecommunications tower** – after deliberations no objection to the proposed siting on the industrial estate is to be made. Mrs Preston advised that she had received no acknowledgement of the comments she made as a private individual. Off Agenda.

## 5. PLANNING MATTERS cont

- **The Local Development Plan** – member(s) of Mr Blaxter’s team will attend the meeting on 16 November.
- **Bancon/Netheraden Development** – quite a number of people attended the public exhibition. Off Agenda.

## 6. MATTERS ARISING

**a Brighter Villages Initiative** – Area Office has been advised how the 2017-18 allocation will be utilised. Bank transfer of money awaited.

**b Fly & Odour Problem** – Mrs Duncan advised the situation had improved. The farmer is to be spraying ‘this week.’

**c Model Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils** – goes before full Council in the very near future.

**d Sunken Drain, Station Road** – Mr Ingram, Aberdeenshire Council, has taken steps to solve this problem. Mr Laird will monitor the situation. Now off Agenda.

**e Path from Newton Grange to Station Road** – ongoing. Councillor Smith advised Colaren *may* develop the path. Off Agenda meantime.

**f 20 mph Members Bill Consultation** – survey monkey completed. Now off Agenda

**g Admin Grant** – to be left on Agenda until the grant has been received.

**h Local Bus Routes** – it would appear that the decision to use the ‘new’ coaches on the 66 route was a local one, and one which will be rescinded. Now off Agenda.

**i BDP AGM** – Mr Simpson’s nomination form has been lodged. Now off Agenda.

**j Friday Shoppie** – the amount gifted was £100. Ideas for its use were requested. Mrs Hepburn suggested that it be put towards a cover for the community Christmas motif above the front of the hall. All were in agreement. Now off Agenda.

**k Redevelopment of the Square** – Councillor Ingram had previously confirmed that this fund currently stands at £45,000 with a further injection of £10,000 anticipated. However, members agreed that this was the sum mentioned approximately 20 – 30 years ago and queried the fact it has not increased. Councillor Smith to make enquiries.

**l Roundabout at Rora Crossroads** – Councillor Smith advised this is in the process of being adopted by the Authority; the weeds do seem to have died down considerably. Off Agenda meantime.

**m Macduff Shellfish** – Councillor Ingram is dealing with this, so ongoing in his absence. It is believed new ventilation is to be/has been fitted.

**n Supporting Communities Event** – Mr Simpson and Mrs Whyte to attend this on 30 September.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE – all previously circulated

**a Buchan Area Committee** - link circulated. It is hoped the bid for a grant from the Public Hall Trustees will be successful.

**b Self Watering Flower Tubs** – Fetterangus Community Association is to be ordering these tubs directly from the manufacturer and has invited all communities to join them in submitting a combined order to obtain the optimum price. Mrs Whyte thought they were the type already owned by MDCC, but has asked for confirmation.

**c Have Your Say on Council Priorities** – J Whyte was unable to attend but submitted Mintlaw's concerns – the lack of affordable housing, the need for a new, combined primary school and grave concerns for the infrastructure, schools, health service given the large number of new house planned. Added to this is the development of the 'urban village' on the outskirts of Fraserburgh which will undoubtedly increase the flow of traffic through Mintlaw. Now off Agenda

**d AWPR/B-T Project** – update received. No action required.

**e Local Road Closures** – update received. No action required.

**f Aberdeenshire Licensing Boards** – to be discussed at October meeting. All members are requested to make themselves familiar with the existing policies and the proposed changes.

**g Scottish Government's Making Places Initiative** – funding details received. No action to be taken. Off Agenda.

**h Consultation on Building Scotland's Low Emission Zones** – details received. No action to be taken. Off Agenda.

## 8. AOB

**a Northwoods Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – Mr Dunbar, a member of the scheme, highlighted the problems and concerns being experienced – litter, perceived to emanate from Academy pupils in the main, damage to sheds etc. Mr Dunbar would like to see cctv in operation, to identify miscreants, and increased police patrols. Unfortunately this item wasn't raised when the Police Scotland representatives were present, nor has the estate yet been adopted by the local authority.

Mr Coull expressed the CC's sympathy with the house owner's plight and explained all that had been attempted over the years to alleviate the litter problem. It was stressed that not all is caused by pupils, but the problem certainly does lessen considerably during the school holiday periods.

Miss Preston feels personally there are not enough bins available on the railway line, nor are the ones which are there big enough. Councillors Smith and Buchan to research the perceived problem and solution.

**b Public Toilets** – Mrs McCredie reported she had been speaking to Council officers who were inspecting the toilets prior to refurbishment commencing. It is believed this will cost in the region of £200,000. Off Agenda.

## **9. DATE, TIME and PLACE of NEXT MEETING**

***Thursday October 5th***, 7.30 pm, Mintlaw Academy Conference Room.

Advance apologies from Mrs Robertson. The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.