

Mintlaw & District Community Council

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MINUTE OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY 27th OCTOBER, 2011, MINTLAW ACADEMY CONFERENCE ROOM

1. PRESENT:

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| D Coull (Chair) | J Whyte | G Ferguson | S Marshall |
| M McCredie | L Gray | L Burr | M Beattie |
| A Laird | N Barron | R Meres | G Whyte |
| E Preston | C Preston | | |

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Councillor Smith | Aberdeenshire Council |
| PC Don | Grampian Police |
| K Smollett | Baxter Designs |
| H Watson | Pitfour Estate |

2. APOLOGIES:

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| C Simpson | A Simpson | H Keith |
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2. MINUTE OF LAST MEETING:

- Proposed as true record – M McCredie : Seconded – M Beattie subject to inclusion of A Laird.

4. MATTERS FOR POLICE ATTENTION/POLICE UPDATE

- Ongoing vandalism at Aden Country Park and Mintlaw Library
- Despite recent staff cuts the desk in the Police office continues to be manned.
- R Meres sought clarification on his recent query about parking on pavements. It would appear that this in itself is not an offence although driving on a pavement is. Because drivers must engage in the latter to achieve the former this would appear to be a bit of a grey area. Perhaps a quiet word with people doing so would be the way forward.
- Following a recent drugs raid in Mintlaw, PC Don assured members this was not a common occurrence in Mintlaw.
- A person has been charged following a recent disturbance at Mintlaw Academy.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

- **Weekly Lists** of planning and building warrants for the Buchan Area have been circulated.
- **Pitfour Estate** - Mr Smollett and Mr Watson outlined plans for the upgrade of the estate – path networks are to be restored and added to, bridges and the temple repaired. However, avenues of funding are running dry and to achieve the improvements plots for private housing are to be sold. Members agreed that a letter of support be sent to Mr Watson.

6. MATTERS ARISING

a Litter/Brighter Villages Initiative – the sub-committee had a very worthwhile meeting with Academy representatives. The school has undertaken to address the litter issues in assemblies and in the springtime other initiatives will be put into practice. Item off Agenda meantime.

Eight flower tubs have been ordered and will be stored at Aden Park meantime. Invoice from Mr Tillett awaited and the balance of the £1,000 grant will be spent on compost.

b Mintlaw Surgery – because of personal circumstances Ms Dunn is unable to attend tonight's meeting. She has invited members to the surgery to meet with both herself and the Receptionist Manager, but the Council would prefer if Ms Dunn could attend its meeting. Another invitation will be issued. The surgery seems receptive to flower tubs being placed around the building but this will be double-checked with Ms Dunn to ensure they will be cared for.

c Ferguson Crescent – hedge now trimmer. Item off Agenda.

d North Street – sign not yet fixed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a Buchan Dial-a-Community Bus – invitation to AGM received and also a request to vote in the community force funding bid.

b Theatre Modo – stewards required for event in Aden Park on 29th October. If anyone can help please contact Liz Scott directly. (I have her email address) There is also a need for stewards to help with the parade in Peterhead the following week.

c Holiday Programme in Peterhead & Fraserburgh – details received and circulated

d Road Closure MP 137 – details received and circulated

e Sustainable Gov - two newsletters received and circulated.

f Budget Briefing Papers 1 & 2 – received and circulated.

g A90 – not known how long the section just beyond the Memsie turn off will have traffic lights in operation.

h North Street – request re flooded pavement passed to Councillor Smith

7. CORRESPONDENCE cont

i Buchan Area Bus Forum – minutes of meeting on 1st September received and circulated to members.

Members reported that the new destination boards on buses are very confusing. Instead of giving the final destination first they all say 'Ellon Park & Ride' with the result many people have ended up still waiting at the bus stop. It is felt that if 'locals' are finding this difficult, tourists and visitors would have no chance.

(The Transport Officer for local bus services is Alana Bowie – 01224 664784 – Alana.bowie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk if anyone wishes to complain – Joan)

j Invitation to Comment on Mintlaw development Framework – details of link received and circulated.

k Buchan Area Committee – agenda received.

l Invitation to Planning Aid for Scotland Parliamentary Reception 2011 – details received and circulated.

m Aberdeen City & shire – main issues report and draft supplementary planning guidance received.

n Questionnaire – reminder from Mrs Stephen received and circulated. Members are asked to complete this individually.

o Leader – details of CC representation on this group received and circulated.

p LPT UPDATE – BUCHAN – received and circulated.

q Traffic Commissioner – details of application for an operating centre at Clola Smithy received and circulated.

r CC Forum – note and attachments received and circulated.

8. AOB

- **Flooding** – occurred recently at the junction of Newlands Road and Station Road. Councillor Smith to deal with.
- **Christmas Lights** – the contractor who voluntarily provided the equipment required to put the lights up will be unavailable this year. Mrs Barron suggested an alternative source and also offered to make initial contact via her husband.

9. DATE, TIME and PLACE of NEXT MEETING

- Thursday November 17th, 2011, 7.30 pm in Mintlaw Academy Conference Room. Meeting closed at 8.23 pm.

Advance apologies from Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Beattie.