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MINUTE OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER, 2011, MINTLAW ACADEMY CONFERENCE TOOM

1. PRESENT: D Coull (Chair) J Whyte G Ferguson S Marshall
M McCredie L Gray H Keith M Beattie

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Smith Aberdeenshire Council

2. APOLOGIES: C Simpson A Simpson L Burr N Barron
G Whyte A Laird Councillor Howie R Meres

2. MINUTE OF LAST MEETING:

- Proposed as true record – H Keith : Seconded – S Marshall

4. MATTERS FOR POLICE ATTENTION/POLICE UPDATE

- No Police representative able to be present.
- Farewell message received from Sergeant Lawson introducing her successors and advising the new contact email address. Sergeant Lawson also thanked the various communities for the 'support, assistance and direction' given to her staff.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

- Weekly Lists** of planning and building warrants for the Buchan Area have been circulated.

6. MATTERS ARISING

- a Litter/Brighter Villages Initiative** – a sub-committee comprising Mrs Simpson, Mrs Beattie and Mrs McCredie is to be formed to liaise with the school over the perennial litter problem. Ms Evans has suggested some dates and hopefully one will eventually suit all!
(Now Tuesday 25th October 10.15 am)
- b Mintlaw Surgery** – invitation sent to Ms Dunn but no reply as yet.
- c BANCON/Development Framework for Mintlaw** – extra meeting went well. CC members placed particular emphasis on the fact one ‘super school’ was the community’s preferred choice. Letter of thanks received from Alison Hogg, Policy Planner.
- d Ferguson Crescent** – nothing has yet been done about the large hedge. However, the property owners have been contacted.
- e Public Toilets** – exterior lights now switched off at last. Mrs McCredie pointed out they are still sign posted despite being closed. Councillor Smith advised it is hoped they can be opened again.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a Thanks** – a letter of thanks and some pictures have been received from Pitfour Primary School thanking the CC for the plants. These will be passed to Jack Grant and Ian Tillett. Mrs Coull, Head Teacher, also invited any green-fingered CC members with help in revamping the school courtyard. If anyone has the time, or expertise, they should contact Mrs Coull directly,
- b Pitfour Primary School Eco Committee** – is working towards its Silver Award but to achieve it they must have a member of the local community on the committee. Mrs McCredie to go along and see what would be involved.
- c Aberdeenshire Draft LTS** – details of draft strategy and links received and circulated
- d SCARF Vacancies/Work Club/Info Session** – details received and circulated
- e Mark McDonald MSP** – contact details from Mr McDonald’s caseworker, Claire Wilkie, received and circulated.
- f Latest Public Service News** – correspondence received and circulated.
- g Tower Mint Medals for Queen’s Diamond Jubilee** – details received and circulated to members.
- h Barclay Park Open Day** – details of link received and circulated.
- i Buchan Area Committee** – agenda received.
- j 2ReUse Birthday Celebrations** – details received and circulated.
- k Peterhead Local Holidays** – list received and circulated.
- l Review of Polling Districts and Places** – details received. Mintlaw unchanged.

7. CORRESPONDENCE cont

- m **Strategic Development Planning Authority Annual Report 2010/11** – received.
- n **Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum** – newsletter received.
- o **Viewpoint** – newsletter received.

8. AOB

- **North Street** – has the sign been fixed.
- **Aden Park** – much discussion took place as the park may be outwith our boundaries but is still looked upon as 'local.' It is hoped the new management will make a significant long-term difference to the facility.

9. DATE, TIME and PLACE of NEXT MEETING

- Thursday October **27th**, 2011, 7.30 pm in Mintlaw Academy Conference Room. Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Advance apologies from Mr & Mrs Simpson.