

**DRAFT MINUTE OF INCHTURE & AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
KINNAIRD ON THURSDAY 7TH April 2011**

PRESENT Mr T Woodford, Mrs C Havranek, Mr S Kelly-Barton, Mr D Henderson, Ms L McFarlane

**APOLOGIES
IN ATTENDANCE** Mr P Henderson, Mrs C Allan, Ms A Ramsay.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the previous meeting was read and its acceptance was proposed Mr T Woodford seconded by Mr D Henderson

POLICE & FIRE

No-one from Tayside Police was present at the meeting.

TREASURER

The funds currently stand at £470.94 The Special Project Fund has a balance of £10,137.13 including the £10,000 award from Big Lottery for the ICSC consultants report.

Craig Robertson has the accounts to carry out an audit.

INCHTURE COMMUNITY FUND PANEL (ICFP)

The application from The Inchtire Newsletter was approved unanimously. The award was for £1200.

An application for funding for bird boxes which was received from The Braes of The Carse Group was unfortunately turned down as it did not fulfil the necessary criteria to be eligible.

There is around £15,000 still available to be distributed.

INCHTURE COMMUNITY SPORTS COMPLEX

The report has not been received yet.

PLANNING

Kinnaird – Delford House – No further news. The situation will continue to be monitored

An application for an agricultural barn in Inchtire has been submitted. It appears to be non-contentious.

An application for a wind turbine at Whitehills, Abernethy has been submitted. It appears to be non-contentious.

An application has been submitted for Solar Panels at a house in the Main Street in Inchtire. The house is within the conservation area.

The weekly sheet will continue to be circulated.

The Convention of Community Councils has received a motion to have it disbanded. This was discussed and it was agreed that D Henderson would write a letter expressing our support for the convention.

BRAES OF CARSE GROUP

The appeal against the refusal of planning permission for 8 houses at Myreside steading has just been decided by the Scottish Office Reporter. The appeal was dismissed and planning permission was refused. BCCG are obviously delighted by this decision. The main reasons for the refusal were that the proposed development would be of a suburban nature and be out of keeping with the

locality, it was a highly visible site that could not be adequately landscaped and the proposed density and style of housing was not appropriate to the location.

A Ramsay attended the Planning Aid seminar on Community Engagement in the Planning Process. This was an interesting event and gave me the chance to speak to others involved in various other local community councils. The overriding feeling was that the views of the community councils had been largely ignored in the past. One of the interesting points was that the new planning legislation means that local authorities now have to not only take into account community views but to show how they have done this and how they have come to their decisions. In theory therefore community councils should have more influence and there should be more accountability for decisions made.

The tall poplars at the east end of Wester Ballindean Orchard have recently been felled raising concerns about the future of the historic trees within the orchard itself. Some trees have been damaged but most of the orchard remains intact although in a dilapidated state. Contact has been made by Andrea Partridge (Project Officer from the Historic Orchard Forum) with the PKC Conservation Officer to see if a Tree Preservation Order could be placed on the orchard. (It has only been possible to get a TPO put on an orchard rather than just a single tree since Feb 2011)

BCCG has put in an application for funding to the Inchtute Community Fund and to Red Nose Day Community Cash for funding for a bird nest box project..

ROADS AND TRANSPORT

T Woodford is to collate these and submit a letter to P&K with regard to comments received from residents about gritting during the bad weather.

TWINNING

Nothing to report.

EDUCATION

Nothing to report.

PARKS & LEISURE and TREES & THE ENVIRONMENT

Nothing to report.

SOCIAL WORK

Nothing to report

AOCB

Complaint received re buses not stopping on A90 despite tickets being booked. T Woodford has written asking for an explanation but as yet has received no reply

Post Box at Ballindean – No update as yet

D Henderson has located a possible location for a notice board in The Muir Homes area of Inchtute. May apply to ICFP for funding

Date for the next meeting 5th May in Inchtute at 7.30