



Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

September Meeting Public Agenda
Catterline School (Hall) and Online
Tuesday 25th October 2022

Agenda



1. Attendees and Apologies
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4. Police Update
5. Community Funding and Kincardineshire Development Partnership (KDP)
6. Treasurer Report
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10. Catterline Braes (CBAG)
11. A.O.B



Attendees and Apologies

Attendees

- Piet voor de Poorte (Chair and Webmaster), Duncan Grassick (Secretary), Callum Chesshire, Eeva-Kaisa Arter, Cllr George Carr, Jack Rigby (Aberdeenshire Council - Digital Stakeholder Lead Officer)

Apologies

- Chris Wicks (Vice-Chair), Cllr Allison Evison, Phil Murray, Duncan Talbert (Planning Secretary),

List of potential attendees – Council members;

Piet voor de Poorte (Chair and Webmaster)

Chris Wicks (Vice-Chair)

Duncan Grassick (Secretary)

Duncan Talbert (Planning Secretary)

Phil Murray

Eeva-Kaisa Arter

Callum Chesshire

Georgie Evans

Other past attendees;

Cllr George Carr, Cllr Allison Evison

Diane Henderson (Aberdeenshire Council)

Scott Begg (UCW Energy)

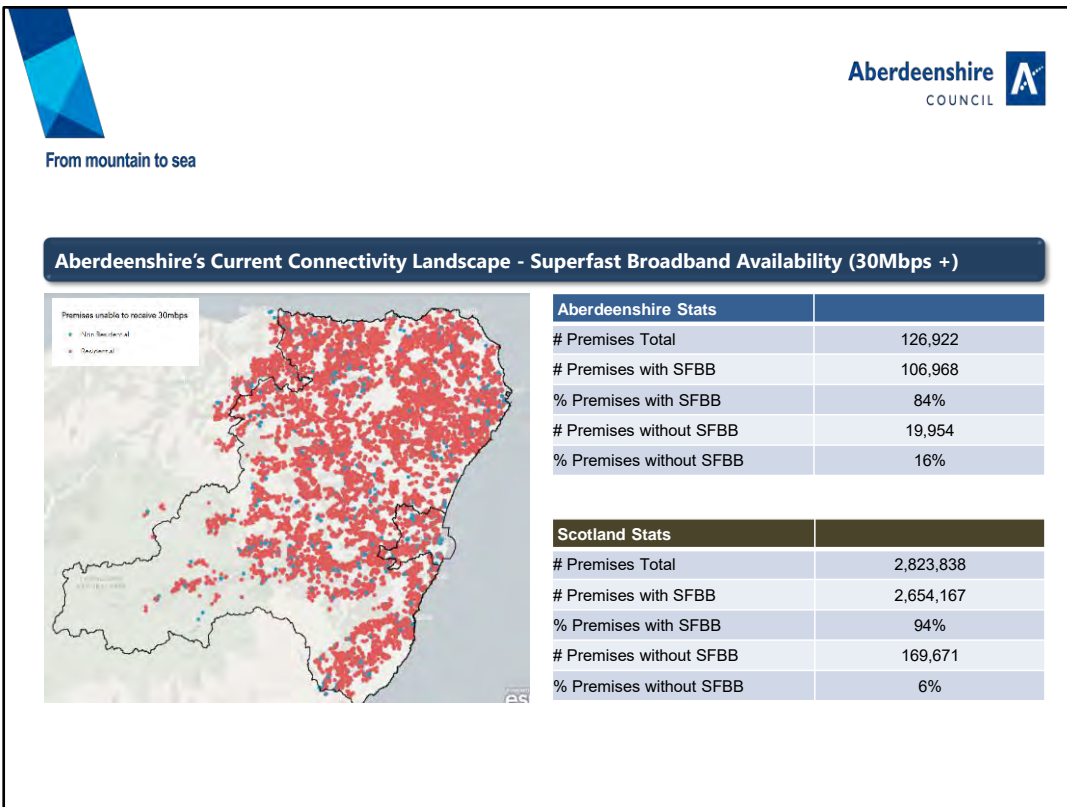


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Digital Engagement Team Presentation to CK&D CC


25th October 2022

Jack Rigby – Digital Stakeholder Lead Officer
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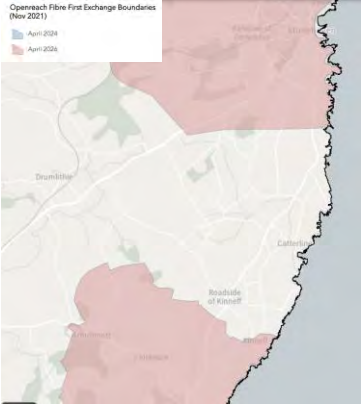
30mbps is internationally recognised as the minimum you need to 'live comfortably'.

Question was asked what the percentage will be with Super Fast Broadband (SFBB) after the program is complete (currently scheduled to be 2028 – 7000 properties are expected not to be able to meet the 30mbps however, a voucher plan to assist with other technologies is in place.

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Commercial Broadband Expansion – Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar CC Area



Openreach Fibre First Exchange Boundaries (New 2023)

- April 2024
- April 2026

Aberdeenshire only has one wholesale broadband network provider – Openreach.

Other wholesale Fibre operators (Virgin Media; Borderlink; Axione; CityFibre; Hyperoptic etc) do not have any spine infrastructure in Aberdeenshire, making any commercial deployment highly unlikely.

Openreach's current commercial plans for full-fibre expansion is called 'Fibre First,' and targets Market Town exchanges, with commercial improvements expected in Aberdeenshire by April 2026.

Exchange areas included in Fibre-First upgrades in CK&D CC area:

- Stonehaven (2026)
- Inverbervie (2026)

Catterline exchange is note currently included in the Fibre-First upgrades. This scheme will mean there will not be any charges after this point for connecting full fibre to the premises.

Aberdeenshire council are looking at ways to try to encourage other wholesale providers to the area.

Question was asked what happens to the money for the vouchers that are not taken up with the response that this is currently unknown.



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Reaching 100% Digital Scotland | Scottish Government | Rìoghachas na h-Alba | gov.scot

Reaching 100% (R100) – Scottish Government’s Superfast Broadband Programme

The Reaching 100% commitment

The R100 project commits to providing access to Superfast Broadband to 100% of homes and business in Scotland. The R100 programme aims to close the gaps left by the previous Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband (DSSB) programme, by targeting the most rural premises first. The commitments of R100 will be achieved through three strands of activity:

- **R100 Contracts** – BT, and their supply partner **Openreach**, were the successful contractor, funded to deploy full-fibre infrastructure as part of the R100 programme. This will directly benefit nearly **16,000** properties in Aberdeenshire.
- **Commercial Coverage Contracts** – Scottish Government are committed to working closely with National Telecoms Operators, to encourage further commercial expansion across Scotland, and to monitor closely all connectivity work being completed. This work aims to benefit around **1,200** properties in Aberdeenshire.
- **Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme (SBVS)** – Approximately **7,000** properties in Aberdeenshire will not benefit from the other two work streams. For these properties, support is made available to residents to obtain an alternative superfast broadband solution, through a **£5,000** voucher subsidy.

The R100 [online postcode tracker](#) is live now:
www.scotlandsuperfast.com

Decent Broadband (USO) = > 10 Mbps

Superfast Broadband = > 30 Mbps

Ultrafast Broadband = > 300 Mbps

Gigabit Broadband = > 1Gbps / > 1000Mbps

Check you broadband speeds on www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk

Voucher scheme is to ‘give access’ to every property for Superfast Broadband and must offer a solution of at least >30Mbps.

There is currently not a defined way to spread awareness of the scheme and Jack is keen to advertise in any which way he is able too with Community Council engagement one route. The website highlighted does offer further information and which companies accept the voucher but Aberdeenshire Council recommends talking to them to advise local options.



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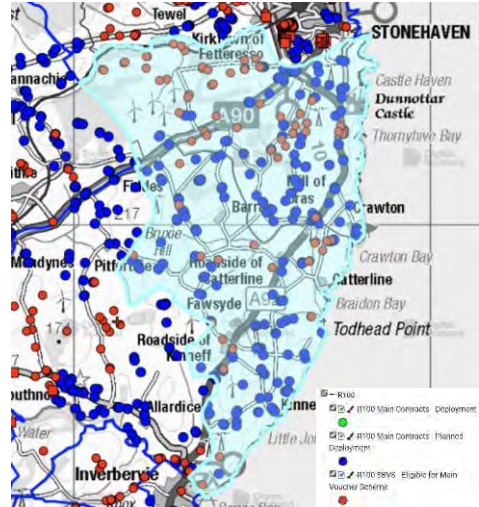
Reaching 100% (R100) – Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar CC Area

For the **CK&D CC Area**, the Reaching 100% (R100) Programme and associated Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme (SBVS), will result in the following:

- 249 properties will be connected to Full-Fibre broadband infrastructure by Openreach
 - 213 properties to be connected by the end of 2022
 - 31 properties will be connected in 2023
 - 3 properties will be connected in 2026
- 77 properties eligible for a £5,000 voucher subsidy
 - 8 x New Build Premises
 - 9 x Out-of-Scope Premises
 - 60 x No-Build Premises
- 0 SBVS vouchers have already been utilised (0% of available vouchers)

Aberdeenshire Totals

687 connections to date against planned build of 15,366 (4.5% completed)
 663 SBVS Vouchers used against 6,953 available SBVS (9.5% uptake)



Property surveys were done on paper and ones with red dots could be updated to blue as they move through the area.

Open Reach terminate to a set area and then your Internet Service Provider will connect from there to the house.



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Utilising the Voucher Schemes

Vouchers can be utilised by a range of local and national telecoms operators, all of which can be found on the R100 website (scotlandsuperfast.com)

Vouchers are Operator-led, meaning whichever operator chosen by a resident, will claim the vouchers on the residents behalf, to cover their costs. Vouchers can only be used for the costs of installation, and cannot be used against ongoing costs, and cannot be used to provide operators profit.

To claim any vouchers, the operator must install a solution that guarantees broadband speeds of 30Mbps.

In order for the installations to be live, residents would typically need to subscribe to the chosen operator for their internet services for a minimum of 12 months, and **monthly costs cannot exceed £48.90 per month**, for superfast speeds.

If residents opt for a package more than just 30Mbps, then operators can charge more for this.

With access to data and mapping tools, the Digital Engagement Team are here to support Residents to find the best Operator and solution for their property, regardless of location or rurality.



Gigabyte voucher scheme is a UK government program that will be relaunched at the end of the year and offers an additional £1.5k for the higher speed.



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Fibre Broadband Technologies

Fibre-to-the-Cabinet (FTTC)

The most common current broadband infrastructure across Scotland. Primarily expanded through the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband (DSSB) Programme.

For residents within 600m of a Fibre Cabinet = Good connectivity up to 80Mbps

Beyond 600m, broadband speeds will degrade over distance

Copper cable may be served via overhead cable, underground ducting, or 'self-buried' cabling.



Fibre-to-the-Property (FTTP) / Full-Fibre

Full Fibre Broadband, means fibre-optic cable directly to the premises (FTTP)

Future-proof for speeds (> 1Gbps speeds possible)

Very low-latency connection – wider bandwidth

Monthly subscription costs can be very low / open competition

Unlimited data downloads common

Time-consuming and expensive to install (requires installation of new cabling). Must be served via insulated ducting, or via overhead cable.





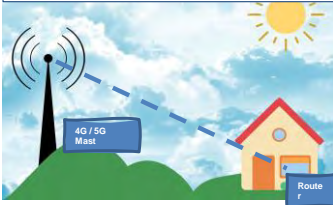
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Alternative Broadband Solutions

Mobile Broadband
 Provides high-speed internet using current mobile (4G / 5G) coverage
 Uses existing network of mobile masts

Portable option – can be used anywhere there is signal
 Same-day activation (little to no installation)
 Low-cost subscription rates

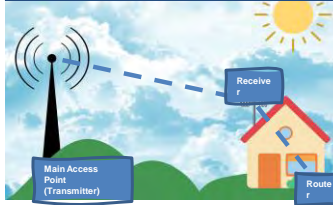
Higher latency connections
 Shared connection, affected by area usage
 Reliant on mobile coverage
 4G coverage unlikely to achieve speeds beyond Superfast
 5G rollout to rural areas currently not planned



Fixed Wireless Broadband
 Provides high-speed internet access using radio signals
 Uses transmission masts or poles to send out the radio waves to the local area

Low-latency connections
 Quick & easy installation
 Dedicated connections
 Local Operators

Requires line-of-sight between the mast and the premise
 Affected by the landscape
 Higher monthly rates



Satellite Broadband
 Provides high-speed internet using satellite networks
 Broadband signal transmitted from space, and picked up by satellite receiver on property

Available everywhere – not affected by landscape or geography
 Quick installation
 Stable connections

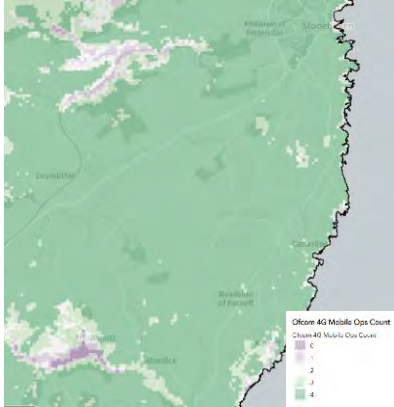
Higher latency service (due to distance of transmission)
 Higher cost subscription rates
 Priority data instead of data caps





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Aberdeenshire's Current Connectivity Landscape – 4G Mobile Coverage



4G Coverage in the Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar CC area is very good

O2 and Vodafone have almost total geographic coverage in the area.

EE and Three have a couple of spots with lower coverage, but still report good signal across the whole area.

Due to the topographic nature of the region, and the type of buildings present in the area, although 4G coverage is decent, there may be inconsistencies experienced for indoor 4G usage.

Enhanced 4G solutions can rectify these inconsistencies.



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Our Ask / Q&A

Share information
Spread the word
Signpost to the Digital Engagement Team
Contact us for information & support

Q & A

Please feel free to ask any questions you may have

Email: digitalengagement@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Landing Page: www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/business/support-and-advice/communities/Digital-Connectivity/

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Aberdeenshire Council is here to provide guidance and it is very much suggested to get in touch with them for further information and assistance with the program.



Last meeting action points

- Approval of September meeting minutes
- Defibrillator update
 - Installation completed 9th October, units initialised, tested and registered 12th October. Awaiting invoice from "Michael GS Ritchie Electrical".
 - St John to provide training – to be organised
 - Signage to be organised
(<https://www.defibstore.co.uk/defibrillator-phonebox-signs.html>)

Minutes of September Meeting

Approved: Peter voor de Poorte

Seconded: Callum Chesshire

Weekday evening at Kinneff Hall to be considered for defibrillator training. Question was asked if there is a video available for training in advance of this.

Every three months the units need to be inspected.

ACTION Duncan: Inform BT that the power is now in use.



Police Report

September report to follow.

Rural Matters communication covers the following;

- DNA Property Marking
- CCTV advice
- Suicide Prevention
- Cost of Living Scams
- Horse and Road User Safety

ACTION Duncan: Request September report

Community Funding and KDP

- Just Transition Fund – Green Participatory Budgeting £333,333 allocated to Aberdeenshire Council for funding of up to £50,000 per application – deadline 6th November
- CKDCC Funding Sources
 - <http://kdp.scot>
 - <https://www.avashire.org.uk/funding.html>



KDP is changing – anyone going to the meetings can now become a member and doesn't necessarily have to be from the areas of interest and there are only 5 spaces going to be available. It is recommended that if EK can't make it to a KDP meeting then someone else from the area should attend.

Treasurer Report



- Previous balance current Account
 - £8,650.86 – note this includes Upper Criggie Wind Farm money.
- Expenditures
 - £2,000.00 – St. Johns Defibrillator payment
- Income
 - £0
- Updated balance
 - £6,650.86
- 2021-2022 audited accounts to be submitted to Aberdeenshire Council



Planning Applications



October Planning
Applications

Key Application Points

- During this period there were three new applications
 - Conversion and Extension of Former Coaching Stable to form Dwellinghouse (Class 9) x 2
 - Major Development of the Installation and Operation of a Battery Energy Storage System and Associated Infrastructure
- Three applications were approved.



Correspondence

- Coffee with a Copper (Police Officer)
- Muir Mhòr floating offshore wind farm to begin consultation early 2023
- Jude Chalmers (Aberdeenshire Council) – Local Holiday proposal sent out
- Caspar Lampkin and James Ferrier (Coastal Path Project) – Update sent out showing continued progress
- Diane Henderson (Aberdeenshire Council) – SSEN Emergency Power Cuts [Electricity Supply Emergency Code \(ESEC\) – SSEN](#)
- Ken Duncan (Aberdeenshire Council) – Loves Local Aberdeenshire Gift Cards

Wednesday 2nd November is the next meeting with a Copper in Kinneff Hall. It was suggested that we should ask them to attend our community council twice a year.

ACTION Duncan – Request police attendance at two meetings per year to see if this is feasible

Roads and Transport



- *Signage* - Feedback received from AC Roads Team on the 10th October. Generally positive. Meeting held with dive club, harbour trust and sign designer on the 12th October. Wording for the signs at the harbour discussed and agreed. Now with sign designer. Design proof to be reviewed before these signs are fabricated.
- *Resurfacing Work* - Additional quotations and recommendation submitted to AC on the 4th October. Positive feedback received on the 10th October, subject to confirmation of AC receiving funding from the Scottish Government..

Catterline Braes & Operandum



- Community update and AGM organised for 19:30 16th November in the Creel Inn.
- Operandum Project holding workshop on the 16th November <https://workshopcatterline.eventbrite.co.uk>
- The CoastSnap mount has been installed



Any Other Business



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Next meeting Tuesday 29th November 2022

Pieter voor de Poorte provides his apologies for the next meeting.

Barrier system for recycling centre to be removed along with the booking system.

Bin standardisation now likely to occur in December.

Recycling centre in Altens is likely to be rebuilt.

Castleton Bridge to set to be rebuilt.