



# Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Meeting Public Agenda  
Catterline School (Hall) and Online  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

# Agenda



1. Attendees and Apologies
2. Coastal Path Update – Caspar Lampkin
3. Previous Meeting Action Points
4. Police Update
5. Community Funding and Kincardineshire Development Partnership (KDP)
6. Treasurer Report
7. New Planning Applications and Updates
8. Correspondence
9. Roads and Transport
10. Catterline Braes (CBAG)
11. A.O.B



## Attendees and Apologies

### Attendees

- Piet voor de Poorte (Chair and Webmaster), Duncan Grassick (Secretary), Cllr George Carr, Duncan Talbert (Planning Secretary), Phil Murray, Chris Wicks (Vice-Chair), Caspar Lumpkin, Alison Lynch, Charis Duthie

### Apologies

- Cllr Allison Evison, Eeva-Kaisa Arter, Callum Chesshire,

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)



## Coastal Path Update

Caspar Lumpkin and Charis Duthie on behalf of  
MERCAT

<https://mearnscoastaltrail.scot/about.html>

MERCAT (Mearns Coastal Trail) – Formed approximately 5 years ago to look into the possibility of a coastal path throughout the Mearns area. The Lord Lt. Alastair Macphie asked for the path to be considered as part of HRH Jubilee and to go between St Cyrus and Aberdeen. They are currently concentrating on the Inverbervie to Stonehaven section.

As part of this plan, MERCAT are engaging with the communities and want to know what we think about it. They also want to support other groups to do the same and suggest it works best to do it in phases. It does not necessarily need to be a tarmac path as there are lots of natural solutions. Also looking at heritage opportunities along the route such as story boards. Currently mostly locals use the existing paths. They are currently surveying the remaining potential routes to identify land owners, engage with them and price up options. The southern gully of Catterline is a challenge due to its geograpy. Crushed stone paths are not allowed in regards to farmers subsidies. Coastal Communities fund could be used for path applications. It was also mentioned that over the years, there are been numerous 'lost villages' along the coast. The crown estate money is also another option for funding. Once the paths are completed, there would need to be a maintenance plan with volunteers looking after them. It was recommended to walk south of Johnshaven to understand the work that has been conducted.

Therefore MERCAT is looking for the Community Council support and volunteers.

An option could be to write to MSP (lobby) asking for technicalities for paths in the

Agricultural bill currently moving through.

Requesting updated statement for next news letter. Gordon Ritchie deputy lord Lt. 'Opportunity North East' look at tourism which this path falls under. Question was raised how the pathways interact with nature and this has been and is being considered.



## Last meeting action points

- Approval of November meeting minutes
- Upper Criggie Wind Farm (See Funding)
- Defibrillator update
  - St John Scotland defib awareness training has been organised for 7pm on Monday 20th February at the Kinneff & Catterline Community Hall.

Minutes of November Meeting

Approved: Pieter voor de Poorte

Seconded: Duncan Grassick

Stickers/signs still to be organised for the defibrillators. Every three months the defibs should be checked.



# Police Report



December Police  
Report

## December updated local report;

Stonehaven police currently concentrating on parking violations and the 'park smart' initiative around our schools

Anti-social Behaviour calls within the Coastal Road area for the months as follows:

- December there were 4 calls received and 1 youth annoyance call.

Acquisitive Crime

- There were no acquisitive crimes in the Coastal Road area

Drink/Drug Driving

- There was no instances of drink/drug driving in the Coastal Road area

Dangerous Driving

- There were was 1 report of dangerous driving for the month of December

Careless Driving

- There was no instances of careless driving in December

Inland there is a concern for car keys being stolen from houses followed by the car itself.

ACTION Duncan – Feedback that the Police report is improved.

## Community Funding and KDP

- St John's Hill Community Fund now Open – Closes for applications 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Upper Criggie Wind Farm Fund
  - Previous balance - £2,701.62
  - Income - £4,500
  - Closing balance - £7,201.62
- CKDCC Funding Sources
  - <http://kdp.scot>
  - <https://www.avashire.org.uk/funding.html>



Consideration for requesting funds for 'QR' information boards positioned throughout the village. Question was raised regarding where this information would be hosted?

1st of July- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept will open the Upper Criggie Wind Farm for applications. Consideration of sub committee with independent available should there be conflict of interest.



# Treasurer Report



- Previous balance current Account
  - £3,463.86
- Expenditures
  - £150.00 Haven in Stonehaven Donation
  - £150.00 Bervie Pantry Donation
  - £100.00 Catterline Primary School Xmas Tree
  - £100.00 Kinneff Primary School Xmas Tree
- Income
  - £625.00 Aberdeenshire Council CC funding
- Updated balance
  - £3,588.24



# Planning Applications



January Planning  
Applications

## Key Application Points

- During this period there was two new applications (one of which was withdrawn), a further withdrawn and three approved
  - Steading At Kernoon to be demolished and new house built
  - Consultation feedback request from Aberdeenshire Council regarding the Installation of Battery Energy Storage System (ref: APP/2022/2676)

Question was asked if it is permitted for steadings to be demolished.



## Correspondence

- Piers Blaxter (Aberdeenshire Council) – invite to make comment on the draft Aberdeenshire Development Plan Scheme 2023. To help you with this process we have prepared a questionnaire on the draft development plan scheme on the LDP Engagement Hub (<https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/hub-page/local-development-plan-2027>)

‘Place planning’ to be focused on for the next development plan.

Aberdeenshire Council has previously applied for more housing allowance than had been allotted but despite this, still seems to be a demand for houses in Aberdeenshire Councils area as properties continue to be sold.

# Roads and Transport



- Signage erected, although the final sign, which has been fabricated, cannot be installed until Aberdeenshire Council has installed the dead-end sign at the top of the harbour road.
- Harbour road repair funding from the Coastal Communities Fund 2022/23 and the Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee Budget has now been confirmed. The work requires to be completed before the end of March 2023 and will be carried out by Hammerfield Contractors.
- The pot holes on the access roads to the village are getting progressively worse
- Road Management– Ian Peacock; [ian.peacock@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:ian.peacock@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
- Road Maintenance– Ross Anderson; [ross.anderson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:ross.anderson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
- Generic emails regarding Road Management/Maintenance in the South area;
  - [kincardineandmearns.roads@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:kincardineandmearns.roads@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
  - [marr.roads@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:marr.roads@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Fixmystreet and myaberdeenshire app still to be used for reporting potholes.

# Catterline Braes & Operandum



- The CoastSnap sign was installed mid-December, and has proven useful already.
- There was a landslip at the Nature Based Solution below the harbour road car park. The slip was reported through the CoastSnap station on Boxing Day, and further slippage has been observed since then. GCU have been informed and a post-mortem plan is being formulated.

## Any Other Business



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Next meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Catterline Harbour Trust meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Last meeting had the diving club coming along. Looking to get the Harbour surveyed this year.