



Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Meeting Public Agenda
Catterline School (Hall)
Tuesday 30th January 2024

Agenda



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



Attendees and Apologies

Attendees

- Chris Wicks (Vice-Chair), Duncan Grassick (Secretary), Eeva-Kaisa Arter, Cllr Allison Evison, Cllr George Carr, Andrew Manson, Callum Cheshire, Julie Robertson, Calum Robertson, Euan Robertson, David Ewan

Apologies

- Piet voor de Poorte (Chair and Webmaster), 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 Cheshire

Other past attendees;
Cllr George Carr, Cllr Allison Evison
Diane Henderson (Aberdeenshire Council)
Scott Begg (UCW Energy)
Stephen Hall

Another Councillor
David Ewan
Jane Robertson
Ian Robertson



Last meeting action points

- Approval of November meeting minutes
- Website update

Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
1	Request Community Council Forum slides	Duncan Grassick	Nov 28 th	Completed
2	Create poster for Upper Criggie Wind Farm Fund for school notice boards	Pieter voor de Poorte	Nov 28 th	Completed
3	Complete Community Council office bearers form and submit to Aberdeenshire Council	Duncan Grassick	Nov 28 th	Completed
4	Enquire as to the possibility of Police attendance at two of our monthly meetings per year	Duncan Grassick	Nov 28 th	Completed
5	Enquire as to the possibility of KDP joining two of our monthly meetings per year	Duncan Grassick	27 th Feb	Open
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Minutes of November Meeting

Approved: Eeva-Kaisa Arter

Seconded: Duncan Grassick

Police to attend the CC forum



Planning Applications

Key Application Points

- Concerns regarding new battery storage facility at Upper Westown from the Barras community

Battery Energy Storage System – Upper Westown – the proposed location is 2km away from the Fiddes substation. There are already multiple 49MWhr sites at Fiddes already (3 in total). The 49MWhr seems a consideration of peace meal approvals using clause 36 and seems a way to circumnavigate the application system.

In regards to the Upper Westown site, the British Geological Society (BGS) say it is peat bog area. SEPA not aware it is a flood plane as they only look at larger flood planes) There was a fire at a site in Liverpool which took 60 hours to get under control. There will only be one container of water at the site which will probably last 10 mins if there was a fire at Upper Westown. The watermains is inconsistent as experienced by the locals to the site so can no be relied on. The fire hazard is therefore of significant concern.

It was also commented that the site is next to woodlands and nesting Barn Owls (amongst other types of birds).

Batteries will need constant air conditioning adding to noise pollution. Also, the batteries will last for around 10 years and will therefore need to be replaced at least twice given consideration of a 25 year life span of the site

A new law in England for Lithium battery storage requires HSE, fire services and environmental considerations prior to approval and it seems like the Scottish planning application process is outdated.

Land looks to be an opportune purchase by a capital investment company – perhaps to buy cheap and sell expensive.

The electricity will be no use for local residence as it wouldn't continue to provide power

should there be a disruption in supply.

It was believed that Aberdeenshire Council doesn't really have a full understanding of the implication of battery storage sites and there is limited guidance from the Scottish Government.

It was asked if the pylon culminative policy could be used for this application policy?



Police Report



December Police Report

December local report;

This month's advice is how to drive safely in snow and ice.

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

- In December there were 4 calls received, with zero relating to youth disturbances

Acquisitive Crime

- There were three reported instances of acquisitive crime in the Coastal Road area, two remain under investigation with the other detected.

Drink/Drug Driving

- There was one instance of drink/drug driving which has been detected.

Dangerous Driving

- There were no reports of dangerous driving

Careless Driving

- There was one report of careless driving which has also been detected

Stonehaven snapshot – 18 antisocial calls of which 5 related to youth disorders. 6 thefts, 4 of which were shopliftings with 3 being detected. 1 drunk/drug driving, zero dangerous and 1 careless driving reported.

It appears there is a new directive where police will only attend the Community Council forums in the future and not individual Community Councils.

Community Funding and KDP

Upper Criggie Wind Farm Fund

- Previous balance current account
 - £8,613.22
- Expenditures
 - £0
- Income
 - £0
- Updated balance
 - £8,613.22
- Application received for a total of £1,963.74 by Kinneff School Parent Group
- Further discussion on subcommittee to take place
- Decision making panel required for St. Johns Hill Farm wind farm fund.



It was unanimously agreed to award Kinneff School Parent Group the full amount requested.

Treasurer Report



- Previous balance current account
 - £6,307.94
- Expenditures
 - £0
- Income
 - £0
- Updated balance
 - £6,307.94
- Expected Expenditures
 - £100 Kinneff Primary School Christmas Trees
 - £100 Catterline Primary School Christmas Trees



Correspondence

- Fiona Esson (Aberdeenshire Council) – Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2024 nominations now LIVE
<https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/inspiring-aberdeenshire-2024>
- Coastal Path Team – Would like to provide an in person update to stretch between Inverbervie and Stonehaven
- Gemma Morrison (Aberdeenshire Council) – Aberdeenshire Council no longer able to organise insurance so it will be the responsibility of each CC to arrange and pay with the premium being refunded once the details are forwarded.



Correspondence

- Ken Davidson (Aberdeenshire Council) – Rural transport survey

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/news/release.aspx?newsID=9229>



Roads and Transport

- Aberdeenshire Council now plan to revert the A957/A92 junction to the previous setup providing road safety team agree
- Still no repairs to roads surrounding Catterline
- Pavement parking

Concerns about gully clearance in the CKDCC area – Ross Anderson has commented that he is happy for people to clear the ditches themselves.

Catterline Braes



- Further slippages throughout the bay since the bad weather

Any Other Business



- Push for new members to join CKDCC

Next meeting Tuesday 27th February 2024

22nd February will be budget day for Aberdeenshire Council.

Waste recycling Centre in Stonehaven will now open all day without the need for booking online

School roles currently being reviewed within the area with considerations given regards the low numbers of Kinneff School.