



Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Meeting Public Agenda

Catterline School (Hall)

Tuesday 30th April 2024

Agenda



1. Attendees and Apologies
2. Previous Meeting and Action Points
3. Coastal Erosion Update (Tim Stephen)
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 Talbert (Planning Secretary), Duncan Grassick (Secretary), Eeva-Kaisa Arter, Cllr Allison Evison, Cllr George Carr, Callum Chesshire, Chris Wicks (Vice-Chair), Tim Stephen (Aberdeenshire Council), Rob Reglinski

Apologies

- Phil Murray,

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

Other past attendees;

Cllr George Carr, Cllr Allison Evison

Diane Henderson (Aberdeenshire Council)

Scott Begg (UCW Energy)

Stephen Hall



Last meeting action points

- Approval of March meeting minutes
- QR code project progressing

Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
1	Provide support letter to the Coastal Pathway group	Duncan Grassick	26 th March	To do
2	Review CKDCC insurance options with potential to bring in the Harbour and Gala committees	Phil Murray	30 th April	To Do
3	Seek Upper Criggie sub committee volunteers	All		Ongoing
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Minutes of March Meeting

Approved: Pieter voor de Poorte

Seconded: Eeva-Kaisa Arter

ACTION Duncan – Contact Zurich to pay for the premium

Coastal Erosion Update (Tim Stephen)

Tim has been visiting about 70% of community councils so far and would also like to hear our challenges out with the coastal erosion issue.

Aberdeenshire Council are looking into external funding and expertise as allocating its own funds evenly would be a big challenge. Tim thanked the group for the tour where it was commented that we are clearly ahead of other areas in terms of community self assistance.

Tim also mentioned that RockArmour looked as if it could be a good solution for the sea erosion.

It was noted that there are plans to bring Inverbervie, Johnshaven and CKD Community Councils together to identify the worse areas, best practices and where we might be able to get funding from. CKDCC are realistic in the budget constraints.

There is a potential for Aberdeenshire Council to hire a Coastal Engineer to assist.

The question was asked if there was any planning permission requirements if we were to action something ourselves. Without knowing what interventions we are looking at, Tim was unable to answer this but committed to asking the question within Aberdeenshire Council.



Police Report



March Police
Report

March local report;

This months operation was monitoring speeding in areas where communities have complained.

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

- There were 11 calls received, with one relating to youth disturbances

Acquisitive Crime

- There were zero reported instances of acquisitive crime in the Coastal Road area

Drink/Drug Driving

- There was zero instance of drink/drug driving

Dangerous Driving

- There were no reports of dangerous driving

Careless Driving

- There was no reports of careless

Stonehaven snapshot – 14 antisocial calls of which one related to youth disorders. 5 thefts, one of which related to shoplifting and all remain under investigation. 1 drug/drink driving, 1 dangerous (both detected) and 1 careless driving reported.

ACTION Duncan - chase up police report

Community Funding and KDP

Upper Criggie Wind Farm Fund

- Previous balance current account
 - £6,639.48
- Expenditures
 - £0
- Income
 - £0
- Updated balance
 - £6,639.48
- Further discussion on subcommittee to take place
- Hillhead of Auquhirie Windfarm Community Fund open for applications until 30th June 2024
- Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee funding for up to £5,000 available for applications



Consideration of Kinneff School closing in regards to previous award. ACTION Pieter – Ask for funds to be returned if not already spent.

Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee funding is a top up funding and it was mentioned that it has proved useful in the past helping to complete the road repairs to Catterline Harbour.

Treasurer Report



- Previous balance current account
– £6,107.94
- Expenditures
– £0
- Income
– £0
- Updated balance
– £6,107.94
- Ringfenced for QR project £2,884.20



Planning Applications



April Planning
Applications

Key Application Points

- One new application (extension) for Cloak Farmhouse
- Two decided approved applications;
 - For pruning trees at Catterline Grove
 - The memorial stone at the war memorial.



Correspondence

- Ken Duncan (Aberdeenshire Council) - Service Points in Banff, Ellon, Huntly, Stonehaven and Turriff closed on April 26th
- Michael Reid (Aberdeenshire Council) – Dial-a-bus service will go from 3 to 2 mini buses to help reduce costs from the 10th June. Michael is seeking feedback by 10th May.
- Ken Duncan (Aberdeenshire Council) – Trailing of solar-powered sonar devices at three sites across the region in a bid to deter gulls from nesting.

It was clarified in the meeting that it is still possible to have a face to face appointment with Aberdeenshire Council, the service points were merely a means to be able to book these and this can still be done either online or over the phone. No job losses occurred during this process, affected employees have been re-purposed to be available on the end of the phone

Seagulls are a concern for Aberdeenshire Council mainly in the big towns. The oil and gas industry has vast experience in gull deterrents and could be consulted.

Alternative methods of dial a bus service have been trialled in Inverurie but has proved to be very expensive. This service is not a statutory requirement and could be further affected by budget cuts.



Roads and Transport

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Keep reporting potholes through the regular channels. Some of the potholes in the area that were patched a month or so again are already starting to show issues.

A new matrix is being drawn up by Aberdeenshire Council for how to prioritise and tackle potholes

NESTRANS – Regional Active Travel Network consultation -
<https://www.nestrans.org.uk/projects/cycling-walking-safety/regional-active-travel-network/>

White lines on the A92 at Mill of Uras need redoing as they are starting to wear. It was highlighted that there have been two fatalities there in the past.

The slip road from A92 into Stonehaven continues to confuse the majority of drivers and there was no update on when and if the lines on the slip road would be removed.

Mill of Uras and Kinneff (south side) speed sign solar panels have corroded away so are not currently functioning so will need repaired.

Catterline Braes



- Landslip occurred on the 3rd April which blocked the harbour road. This slip occurred in an area which was known to have a very active spring and a drainage pipe was installed there in 2015, although it had not been checked since springtime 2023.
 - Quick action from the community saw excess water drained away to the side,
 - Followed by Aberdeenshire Council clearing the road.
 - Longer-term plan to drain and re-vegetate the area to be developed.



Consideration that it could be a mains water and could be easily tested (perhaps with a fish tank tester).

ACTION Duncan - Drinking water test from Amazon.

Any Other Business



- Kinneff School Mothballing/Closure
- Push for new members to join CKDCC

Next meeting Tuesday 28th May 2024

Aberdeenshire Council funding remains underbudget by £51M

It was asked if there was potential to repurpose the school to become the new Community Hall – it was confirmed that the school at this time had only been mothballed and as such can not be repurposed although this may change in the future.

Although there could have been more children attending Kinneff school, parents locally have preferred to send them to either Catterline or Inverbervie (which also benefited from an afterschool club). Those at the school have been offered a number of options to have their children attend school.

Chairman thanked Tim for attending our meeting.