



Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Catterline School (Hall) – 19:30

Tuesday 28th January 2025

Agenda



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



Attendees and Apologies

- **Attendees**

Duncan Grassick (Chair), Rob Plummer (Vice-Chair), Duncan Talbert (Secretary and Planning Secretary), Piet voor de Poorte (Treasurer and Webmaster), Cllr Allison Evison, Cllr George Carr, Eeva-Kaiser Arter, Andrew Manson, Harry Fleming, Callum Cheshire, Anne Lerche, James Lerche, Chris Wicks, Nichola Wicks.

- **Apologies**

Phil Murray, Cllr Tracey Smith.

List of potential attendees

Community Councillors:

Duncan Grassick (Chair)
Rob Plummer (Vice-Chair)
Duncan Talbert (Secretary and Planning Secretary)
Piet voor de Poorte (Treasurer and Webmaster)
Eeva-Kaisa Arter
Chris Wicks

Associate Members:

Phil Murray
Callum Cheshire

Other:

Cllr George Carr
Cllr Allison Evison
Cllr Tracey Smith
Nichola Wicks
Scott Begg (UCW Energy)
Tim Stephen (Aberdeenshire Council)



Meeting Action Points

Approval of November Minutes: Approved Piet voor de Porte Seconded Duncan Grassick

Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
1	Review options to merge CKDCC, Harbour Trust, Gala and Friends of the Creel committees	Phil Murray	24 th Sept	To Do
2	Explore options to increase public awareness of funding opportunities with the CKDCC	All	28 th Jan	Ongoing
3	Review past CKDCC spending and re-establish contact with local groups who might require funding (This applies to base CCD funding, not Windfarm funds.)	Pieter voor de Poorte	26 th Nov	Ongoing
4	Contact Mrs. Fowler to find out the school's need for "Christmas Tree" funds.	Pieter voor de Poorte	26 th Nov	To Do
5	Circulate Mearns Coastal path newsletter	Pieter voor de Poorte	28 th Jan 2025	To Do
6	Discuss location of the proposed defibrillator at Mill of Uras with the local residents.	Chris Wicks	28 th Jan 2025	To Do
7	Investigate if there is a defibrillator at Dunnottar Castle, or a current plan to obtain and install one.	Robert Plummer	28 th Jan 2025	To Do
8	Investigate if there is potentially funding available from ASDA for defibrillators.	Duncan Grassick	28 th Jan 2025	To Do
9	investigate replacement IT equipment for CC meetings.	Duncan Grassick	28 th Jan 2025	To Do

Updates to Previous Actions

#3 Piet voor de Poorte checked back to 2011 to see which bodies have previously received funds. There have been some one-off funding grants and some regulars. This review did not identify any bodies that have been neglected regarding funding.

#4 Closed. Funds were granted to the school to support the Christmas show (£300 – cheque yet to be cashed).

#5 Closed PvdP contacted the Coastal Path group to ask how to get on mailing list and has forwarded the details. (To subscribe to the mailing list, you would need to send an email to platinumjubileecoastalpath@gmail.com, requesting to be added).

The Coastal Path Group will attend the February CKDCC meeting to give an update.

#6 This action will be completed in February.

#7 Rob Plummer advised there are two defibrillators at Dunnottar Castle. One is inside the castle, the second is in the gate lodge. Both are only available during working hours. Plans are afoot to move the defib at the Gate Lodge outside so that it is accessible 24/7.

#8 Duncan Grassick advised that ASDA will run a funding programme this year, and will let DG know when this opens.

#9 DG will investigate and report at the February meeting. The meeting discussed donating this equipment, a screen and projector to the school, so that it is available to the CC for meetings, but available to the school for the rest of the time.

New Actions / Notes from 28/01 Meeting:

#1 Andrew Manson asked how to join Friends of the Creel. Duncan Grassick will advise.



Police Report

November local report;

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

- There were five calls received with no instances of youth disorder.

Acquisitive Crime

- There were no reported instances of acquisitive crime in the Coastal Road

Drink/Drug Driving

- There were no instances of drink/drug driving

Dangerous Driving

- There were no reports of dangerous driving

Careless Driving

- There was one report of careless driving which is under investigation

Stonehaven snapshot – 15 antisocial calls of which four related to youth disorders. three thefts (one detected, two under investigation), three reports of shoplifting (one detected, two under investigation), and one reported housebreaking/attempt (under investigation). Four drug/drink driving (one detected, three under investigation), one dangerous driving (detected) and three careless driving (one detected, two under investigation) reported.



Police Report

December local report;

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

- There were 13 calls received one of which was Youth Disorder.

Acquisitive Crime

- There was one report of theft of a motor vehicle (under investigation) and one Housebreaking / attempt (also under investigation).

Drink/Drug Driving

- There were no reports of drink/drug driving

Dangerous Driving

- There were no reports of dangerous driving

Careless Driving

- There was no reports of careless driving

Stonehaven snapshot – 16 antisocial calls of which seven related to youth disorders. two thefts which are under investigation, six instances of shoplifting of which three are detected and three are under investigation. One drug/drink driving (detected), one dangerous driving(under investigation) and five careless driving (four detected, one under investigation) reported.

Community Funding and KDP

Upper Criggie Wind Farm Fund

- Previous balance current account
 - £4,194.42
- Expenditures
 - none
- Income
 - none
- Updated balance
 - £4,194.42

St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund Open until 31st March,
with **£23,383.73** available for the CKDCC area

Promotion required!



Treasurer Report



- Previous balance current account
 - £3,787.54
- Expenditures
 - none
- Income
 - none
- Updated balance
 - £3,787.54



Planning Applications

- New applications:
 - Installation of a battery energy storage system BESS to the north-east of the Old Schoolhouse Barras.

To date CKDCC has received eleven emails asking for the community council to object on residents' behalf. For discussion AOB.

- A number of residents attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding the proposed BESS north-east of the Old Schoolhouse Barras. These points had also been made in the correspondence received by the community council prior to the meeting. These points include:
 - The distance of the proposed site from a suitable connection point to the grid.
 - The availability of fire water at the site.
 - The fate of fire water run off in the event of a fire.
 - The potential of the proposed site to flood.
 - Lack of bunding and noise screening.
- Cllr Carr advised that developments of this type should be considered in light of the Local Development Plan, other Aberdeenshire council policies and the National Planning Framework. He also stressed the right of residents to go to the area planning committee to make representations. The planning department can advise when an application will come before the committee.

Action: Duncan Grassick asked Andrew Morrison to correspond directly with him to detail residents' objections to the proposal. The Community Council will then write to the Aberdeenshire reflecting residents' concerns.

- Two New Applications were omitted from the meeting Agenda;
 - Erection of a replacement wind turbine north-east of Ferniebrae Barras.
 - Erection of a dwelling house at Whistleberry Radio Station. (This is a renewal

of a 2022 application).
(These applications are on the planning update sent to CKDCC members on
27/01/2025).



Planning Applications

- Decided Applications:
 - Approved
 - APP/2024/1860 – Erection of Large Shed at Uras Farm
 - APP/2024/1602 – Realignment of footpath at Dunnottar Castle
 - Refused
 - APP/2024/1534 – Erection of three holiday lodges at Uras
 - APP/2022/1676 – Erection of Visitor centre at Dunnottar Castle and enabling housing development.

The meeting briefly discussed the refused application for a Visitor Centre at Dunnottar Castle. The main reason for the refusal is that the enabling development is against council policy. Cllr Carr pointed out that this development could have been built elsewhere in a location that met council policy.

Circulate decision on lodges refusal.

GC Brae – replacement wind turbine.



Correspondence

- 06 Dec. Aberdeenshire Council Housing – Sheltered Housing Vacancies
- 09 Dec. Aberdeenshire Council Aberdeenshire LDP – Evidence Report
- 09 Dec. Louise Malcolm – request from a resident to ask Aberdeenshire Council for an extension to the deadline for responses to the Hurlie Substation planning application. (Letter subsequently sent). (Subsequently granted).
- 10 Dec. Muir Mhor Offshore Wind Farm Application for Consent.
- 17 Dec & 19 Dec. Aberdeenshire Council. Emergency Closure of C26K Lumgair Burn Bridge **for 6 months.**
- 18 Dec. Aberdeenshire Council. Recording of Community Council Forum.
- 10 Jan. Transport Scotland. National Speed management Review Public Engagement
- 17 Jan. SSEN – Public Consultation Dates February / March 2025 Kintore to Tealing 400 kV Overhead Line.



Roads and Transport

- Emergency Closure of C26K Lumgair Burn Bridge **for 6 months.**
- [Bus forum meeting minutes - Aberdeenshire Council](#) from 28 November Forum
- No planned works on major roads.

Catterline Braes



- New Coastal Erosion Reporter tool on <https://www.dynamiccoast.com/>
- Minor slip halfway down harbour road, which originated nearer the top
- To be investigated



The new slip halfway down the harbour road will be investigated.

Cllr Carr advised that rock armour has been effective for coastal defence at Johnshaven. This is considered longer lasting than gabions. Councillors are keeping up pressure to get refreshed defences for a number of coastal communities.

Any Other Business



- CKDCC Fibre Rollout Update

Next meeting Tuesday 25th February 2025

- The R100 programme upgraded 300 premises in the CKDCC area to full-fibre versus 249 premises envisaged in 2022.
- There are 47 premises still eligible for up to £5,000 grant to install a super fast broadband connection.
- Project “Gigabit” should bring full-fibre to properties in the CKDCC area that don’t yet have it.
- Every property should get full fibre by 2030.
No funding is required from CKDCC to progress fibre rollout.
- Cllr Alison Evison asked if the community council would welcome the attendance of a Stonehaven councillor at CKDCC as there may be issues, such as the Castle visitor centre, of interest both in Stonehaven and in the CKDCC area. The meeting felt that this would be useful. Cllr Evison undertook to contact Stonehaven councillors to let them know their attendance at CKDCC meetings would be welcome.
- Cllr Carr reiterated the straitened circumstances in which the council finds itself.