



# Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Business Meeting - Minutes  
Catterline School (Hall) – 19:30  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

# Agenda



1. Attendees and Apologies
2. Previous Meeting and Action Points
3. Kinneff Scholl mothballing, Matthew Smart Aberdeenshire Council
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
  - a) Catterline playpark equipment.



# Attendees and Apologies

- Attendees

Rob Plummer, Duncan Grassick (Chair), Chris Wicks, Eeva-Kaisa Arter, Duncan Talbert (Secretary), Nichola Wicks, Margot Van Ryneveld, Bruce Van Ryneveld, Ross Williamson, Chris Hay, Piet voor de Port, Cllr George Carr, Cllr Dawn Black, Matthew Smart

- Apologies

Cllr Allison Evison, Eva Kaisa Arter



# Previous Meeting Action Points

Approval of June Minutes: Approved– Robert Plummer    Seconded – Duncan Grassick

| Action Item | Description                                                                                                                                                              | Assigned to:              | Due Date                   | Status  |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| 1           | Review options to merge CKDCC, Harbour Trust, Gala and Catterline Community Benefit Society committees. Phil to give update when next at CC meeting.                     | Rob Plummer / Phil Murray | 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept      | To Do   |
| 2           | Explore options to increase public awareness of funding opportunities with the CKDCC                                                                                     | All                       | 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan       | Ongoing |
| 3           | Investigate replacement IT equipment for CC meetings. Obtain costs for large portable TV screen.                                                                         | Duncan Grassick           | 29 <sup>th</sup> September | Ongoing |
| 4           | Organise defibrillator to be installed at Mill of Uras.                                                                                                                  | Piet voor de Poorte       | 24 <sup>th</sup> June      | Ongoing |
| 5           | Councillor Carr to copy relevant correspondence re Catterline Braes to Aberdeen Council to Facilitate support for CBAG work.                                             | Councillor Carr           | 21 <sup>st</sup> April     | Ongoing |
| 6           | Arrange a meeting of CKDCC, CBS, Harbour Trust, CBAG, to determine if there is benefit in working together, obtaining umbrella insurance, etc. (See action 1 & 7)        | Duncan Grassick           | 21 <sup>st</sup> April     | To Do   |
| 7           | Contact Gemma Morrison to check whether it is permissible for the community council to work with or integrate with other bodies such as the CBS, CBAG and harbour Trust. | Duncan Grassick           | 29 June                    | To Do   |



# Previous Meeting Action Points

## Points Arising

- **Action 3;** Duncan Grassick will investigate type of TV and cost.
- **Action 4;** The application for a defibrillator at Mill of Uras is with St Johns.
- **Action 4;** Dunnottar castle is installing a new Toilet block. A defibrillator will be installed on the outside of the toilet block when it is completed.
- **Actions 1, 6 & 7;** Duncan Grassick will follow up again with Aberdeenshire Council to determine how closely the community council can integrate with other bodies.

# Kinneff School

- Matthew Smart described his role to the meeting;
  - endeavours to connect Aberdeenshire communities to decisions affecting their health and well being
  - understanding the wider impacts in the community of mothballing Kinneff school.
- The main concern raised was the issue of free transport to Catterline School for pupils from the Kinneff catchment area who had elected to attend Catterline School before the decision to mothball Kinneff was taken.

# Kinneff School

- Points Arising;
  - CKDCC will write to Aberdeenshire council to raise the issue of providing free transport to Catterline school for all pupils from the Kinneff school catchment irrespective of whether they elected to attend Catterline before the decision to mothball Kinneff was taken.
  - Matthew Smart will attend a future CKDCC meeting to further discuss issues around Kinneff school mothballing and potentially future closure.

# Kinneff School

- Points Arising;

- A question was raised regarding what will happen to equipment at Kinneff school while it is mothballed. Can this equipment be used at Catterline? Since Mrs Fowler is head of both schools it is likely this has already been addressed.
- An action was taken by the Chair to ask Mrs Fowler if Kinneff equipment is being used, and if CKDCC can facilitate it's use.

# Police Report

## **August local report for Coastal Road;**

### **Anti-social Behaviour calls**

- There were nine instances of Anti Social Behaviour and one instance of Youth Disorder.

### **Acquisitive Crime**

- There were no instances of Theft, Motor Vehicle theft, or Housebreakings / Attempts. There was one instance of Shop Lifting (under investigation).

### **Road Safety and Road Crime**

- There were no instance of Careless Driving, Drink/Drug Driving or Dangerous Driving.

# Police Report

## **August Stonehaven Snapshot;**

### **Anti-social Behaviour calls**

- There were 19 instances of Anti Social Behaviour and two instances of Youth Disorder.

### **Acquisitive Crime**

- One Theft (UI), Three Shopliftings (1D, 2UI), One Motor Vehicle Theft (UI), No Housebreakings / Attempts.

### **Road Safety and Road Crime**

- No instance of Careless Driving, Drink/Drug Driving or Dangerous Driving.



# Police Report

## **Points Arising;**

Are contingency plans in place to address the scenario of the Inverbervie Bridge becoming completely blocked , in terms of emergency access, rerouting A92 Traffic, etc.

# Community Funding and KDP

## Upper Criggie Wind Farm Fund

- Previous balance current account
  - £ 4,110.43
- Expenditures
  - none
- Income
  - none
- Updated balance
  - £4,110.43



- Turbine breakdown from October 2024 to March 2025 with costly repairs, so no contribution for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025



# Community Funding and KDP

## Points Arising;

- A point was raised regarding whether the CBS is in a position to refund any of the monies previously advanced for work related to a community takeover of the Creel.
- The treasurer will ring fence funds to pay for the new defibrillator at Mill of Uras.



# Treasurer Report



- Previous balance current account
  - £3,240.34
- Expenditures
  - 2 July: ICO Data Protection annual fee £47
- Income
  - none
- Updated balance
  - £3,193.34

# Treasurer Report

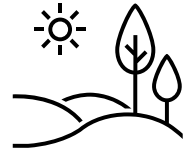


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# Planning Applications



- New applications:
  - Felling of Ash Trees at South Row Catterline
  - Erection of Replacement Garage at South Row Catterline
  - Erection of Shed / Log Store Barras
  - Existing Use - Erection of 2 storage buildings and sawmill at Bardspark
- Updates:
  - Approval of alterations to dwelling house at Mill of Uras
  - Approval of installation of replacement doors at Trelong Row Catterline



# Correspondence

- Copied on various correspondence from Inverbervie CC re traffic lights on Inverbervie bridge. (Surveys ongoing. Head of roads has been to speak to Inverbervie CC).
- Aberdeenshire Council Call for Ideas and Call for Sites as it prepares for the next Local Development Plan for the region. (Closes 31/10/2025)
- Bowdun Offshore Windfarm Proposal of Application Notice
- Aberdeenshire Council, grit bin removal.
- Response to road safety issues from AC. (See Roads and Transport slide)
- Healthcare improvement Scotland Dementia Grants
- Get set September – resilience planning. <https://publications.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/winter-weather-advice>
- RSE funding for community projects around healthy people and a healthy planet.
- 20 mph roll out <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/20mph>
- Invitation to respond to application for Kintore to Tealing overhead line. 11 October stoney townhall
- A92 Speed limit. See Roads and Transport.



# Roads and Transport

- Benholm and Johnshaven CC have written to ask if CKDCC has any interest in jointly pursuing speed limits on the A92 where it passes through areas of housing, e.g. Roadside of Catterline, Mill of Uras, Gallaton.
- Cllr Carr raised the issue of the lane closure on Inverbervie bridge, and whether there is a contingency plan to be followed in the event of complete bridge closure.



# Roads and Transport

Responses to Councillor Black from Aberdeenshire council on points raised in the June CKDCC meeting:

1) A92 beside Gallaton Farm & houses– when turning left out of the access lane onto the A92 people have been encountered with vehicles on the wrong side of the road overtaking northbound traffic.

**Our Roads Safety team have advised that as this is a private access and not a minor road junction, and as such it would not be signed unless there were extenuating circumstances, such as very restricted sightlines. It is estimated that around 200m of visibility exiting the access to the south is achievable due to the visibility splay that has been provided and therefore vehicles will need to wait until vehicles, carrying out a perfectly legitimate overtake, have cleared the access.**

## **Extract from Traffic Signs Manual 4**

**2.2.6. Junction warning signs should be used sparingly where there is a justification. They are not normally provided on very minor rural roads.**

2) The signage on the Greenden Road (from A957 Dunnottar Avenue) stating 'not suitable for motorised vehicles' is not being effective with motorhomes and cars still using this very narrow road to access the castle and monument. Can further measures be taken.

**Our sign shop will look into a possible solution when they return from the summer break in mid-August.**



# Roads and Transport

## Responses to Councillor Black:

3) Many non-locals are driving down towards the Bervie Braes and finding it closed and having to do manoeuvres to turn in a narrow space, demonstrating that the signage at the junction to A92 is not adequate. Please can a permanent clear sign be placed at the top of Green Den Road indicating that the road down towards the Braes is for access to houses only.

**Our sign shop will look into a possible solution when they return from the summer break in mid-August.**

4) The bushes around the entrance/exit to the top car park at Dunnottar Woods on the A957 do tend to become very overgrown during the summer season which impedes visibility for those exiting, especially to the right with vehicles coming down the hill from turning off the A92 and speeding up. Can we make sure that this is kept cut back during the growing season.

**The area noted above is the responsibility of Forestry Scotland.**



# Roads and Transport

## Points Arising;

Action: CKDCC secretary to respond to Benholm and Johnshaven CC to confirm that CKDCC is interested in being involved in the initiative to lower speed limits on the A92 through areas of housing.

- There is a “queue” for speed limit revisions based on the number of incidents.
- Arbuthnot CC are looking at revised speed limits. Revisions are based on points allocated according to the number and type of properties in the area. Arbuthnot has 14 points. Councillor Black will circulate Aberdeenshire Council's Speed limit Policy.

Cllr Carr raised the issue of the lane closure on Inverbervie bridge, and whether there is a contingency plan to be followed in the event of complete bridge closure.

# Catterline Braes



- Autumn inspections / maintenance of the braes to be conducted during October / November

# Any Other Business



- Catterline Playpark
  1. When will the swings be restored? / Are they under maintenance by Aberdeenshire council?
  2. Should the Community Council consider allocating funds from wind farms or other sources to revitalise the playpark?
- Convention of NE community councils, this convention is concerned with responding to proposals for further renewable energy projects in NE Scotland.
- Aberdeenshire Council Funding Share. Westhill and Elrick Community Council has proposed an initiative by all Aberdeenshire community councils to raise the issue of the level of per capita funding from central government for Aberdeenshire.

# Any Other Business



## Points Arising;

- Playground Equipment
  - Aberdeenshire Council will work with CKDCC on new playground equipment, funding, etc.
  - Costs of installation can be as much as the cost of purchasing equipment.
  - Kinneff play park equipment also needs refreshing.
  - The issue of adult outdoor gym equipment should also be explored.
  - The Secretary took an action to contact the council to find out what is happening re the Catterline equipment and to explore the issues of Kinneff playpark and outdoor Gym Equipment. #
- Convention of NE Community Councils
  - CKDCC will maintain a watching brief.
- Aberdeenshire Funding
  - CKDCC will engage with Westhill and Elrick Community Council on this initiative.

Next meeting Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1930.