



# Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Business Meeting - Minutes  
Catterline School (Hall) – 19:30  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025

# Agenda



1. Attendees and Apologies
2. Previous Meeting and Action Points
3. Bervie Brow (Harry Flemming)
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 (Treasurer and Webmaster), Cllr Allison Evison, Eeva-Kaisa Arter, Duncan Talbert, Nichola Wicks, Callum Cheshire, Harry Fleming

- Apologies

Rob Plummer, Duncan Grassick, Phil Murray, Cllr George Carr, Cllr Dickinson, Cllr Black, Chris Wicks

### 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)



# Previous Meeting Action Points

Approval of March Minutes: Approved –Piet Seconded – Eva Kaiser

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.	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. Mrs Fowler has passed CKDCC details to the IT department to determine what CKDCC can provide. (March meeting DG awaiting feedback from Mrs Fowler)	Duncan Grassick	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Ongoing
4	Organise defibrillator to be installed at Mill of Uras	Piet voor de Poorte	24 <sup>th</sup> June	To Do

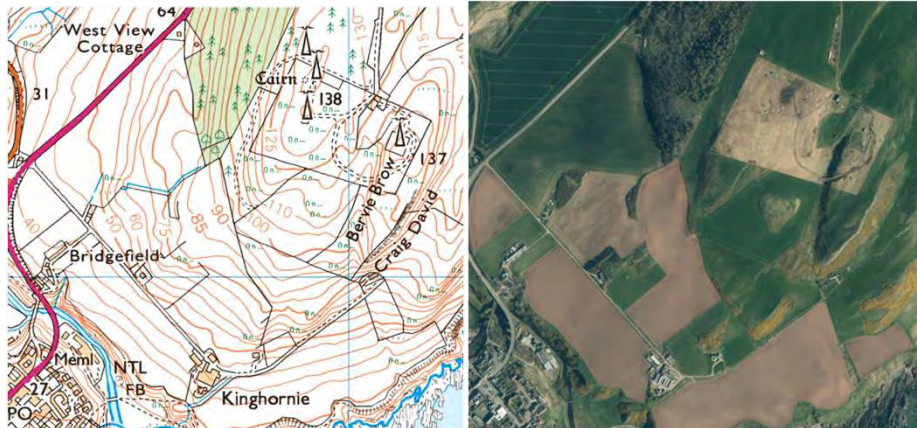


## Previous Meeting Action Points

Approval of February Minutes: Approved –Piet Seconded – Eva Kaiser

Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
5	Secretary should be receiving notification of Scams from the Police for circulation. Action, secretary to confirm that these are being received. Scam alerts not published by Police, however CKDCC is back on Aberdeenshire Council distribution of scam alerts.	Duncan Talbert	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Complete
6	Follow up Insurance Renewal	Duncan Talbert	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Complete
7	Nichola Wicks, Rob Plummer, Duncan Talbert, attend St Johns Hill Wind Farm Funding Panel.	NC, RP, DT	21 <sup>st</sup> April	Complete
8	Councillor Carr to copy relevant correspondence re Catterline Braes to Aberdeen CC to Facilitate support for CBAG work.	Councillor Carr	21 <sup>st</sup> April	To Do
9	Arrange a meeting of CKDCC, CBS, Harbour Trust, CBAG, to determine if there is benefit in working together, obtaining umbrella insurance, etc.	Duncan Grassick	21 <sup>st</sup> April	To Do

# Bervie Brow



Harry Fleming is a historian who bought the Bervie Brow site 9 or 10 years ago.

Bervie Brow is a Cold War bunker.

Mr Fleming now lives in the guard house and is working to restore the bunker for its historical interest, and to enhance the site's natural environment.

The bunker is probably the biggest civil engineering project in the CKDCC area. It was built between 1951 and 1953, the same period as "Scotland's Secret Bunker" in Fife. The bunker goes down to a depth of 150 ft below ground level and is in good condition. The original 25 acre site is still intact. The site was used by the RAF from 1953 to 1963. It was then used by the US air force until 1979. It was subsequently refurbished as an MOD communications centre and was kept by the MOD until 1999. 1953 – 1963 RAF then - 1979 USAF. Refurbished mid-80s as a comms centre.

Mr Fleming is looking to use the site for educational projects and heritage days. There may be potential for guided tours of the site for small groups. He does not envisage developing the site as a tourist attraction.

Mr Fleming is keen to involve local individuals and groups in development of the site, and he is seeking funding for developments.

there are more details at: <http://www.berviebrow.org>



# Police Report

## March local report;

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

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

### Acquisitive Crime

- There was no instances of Theft , Shop Lifting, Motor Vehicle theft or actual or attempted Housebreaking.

### Drink/Drug Driving

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

### Careless / Dangerous Driving

- There was no instance of dangerous driving.

### Careless Driving

- There was no instance of careless driving.

Stonehaven snapshot – thirteen antisocial calls and eleven youth disorders. One theft (Detected), one theft (Under Investigation) three reports of shoplifting (both Detected), and one reported housebreaking/attempt (Under Investigation) four motor vehicle thefts (three Detected, one Under Investigation). One instance of careless driving (Under Investigation), one drug/drink driving (Under Investigation), and no instance of dangerous driving.

The 40 mph speed limit at the junction of the A90 / A92 / A957 will be policed over the next period.

# 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 awards made
- Hillhead of Auquhirie Wind Farm Community Fund open until the end of June





# Community Funding and KDP

- St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund awards;

- Kinneff & Catterline Parish Hall Committee – Repairs to meeting room floor - £1,100.00
- Catterline Coastal Rowing Club – Trolley & trailer - £2,194.25
- Catterline Braes Action Group – Stabilisation work - £4,920.00
- Kinneff Old Church Preservation Ltd – New noticeboard - £1,100.00
- Catterline School Parent Group – Refurbishment of outdoor learning area - £2,330.00
- Catterline Community Benefit Society – Catterline in bloom - £976.00
- Catterline Community Benefit Society – Catterline Gala, Creelstock music festival, Tour de Catterline - £4,075.00

Approximately £6,000 of funds available to CKDCC applicants were carried over to 2026.



# Treasurer Report



- Previous balance current account
  - £3,487.54
- Expenditures
  - £97.20 – Community Council Insurance
- Income
  - none
- Updated balance
  - £3,390.34

The Treasurer, Piet voor de Poorte, is organising verification of the CKDCC accounts. He has contacted Carmel Vaughan to see if she is available to do this and is checking with ACC that Carmel is an acceptable verifier.

# Treasurer Report



- Payments to approve;
  - Donation of £150 to Catterline School rising 5s programme
  - Funding for 8x AAA batteries for defib enclosure lights

The meeting approved the payments of £150 to the rising 5s programme, and for the purchase of 8x AAA cells for the defibrillator enclosure lights.

The meeting also approved the use of Upper Criggie funds for a payment of £78.99 for public liability insurance for CBAG to allow the funding award from St Johns Hill wind farm to be accessed.



## Planning Applications



- New applications:
  - New dwelling house in Kinneff.
  - Change of house type at Byrneside Barras..
- Updates:
  - Retention of Dwelling House without compliance with Condition at Druidsdale Barras – Decided Approved.
  - Erection of Dwelling House at Kinneff Radio Station – Decided Approved.



## Correspondence

- 25 April - CC Training re Renewables and Energy Planning Consents.
- 17 April - email from Aberdeenshire CC raising awareness of the Employment Support Team.
- 16 April. Email from Thistle Wind Partners, advising that the Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm (44km off Stonehaven, grd connection in Fetteresso forest) will be carrying out formal consultations later in 2025. They will also be at Gourdon “Party in the Park on 31 May and the Feein market on June 7.
- 07 April K&M Committee Funding Grants. See AOB.



## Roads and Transport

- Emergency Road closure at Whistleberry 23/04 – 01/05

The emergency road closure at Whistleberry was for utilities works.

The 40 mph speed limit at the junction of the A90 / A92 / A957 will be policed over the next period.

Callum Cheshire noted that the size of 40 mph signs at this junction may not be in accordance with relevant standards.

# Catterline Braes



- Funding awarded from the St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund, for GCU to assist CBAG to investigate and remediate the two most recent landslips (Apr 2024 and Jan 2025)
- However, the funding award is subject to CBAG having public liability insurance in place
- Quotation received for £78.99, which includes personal accident insurance
- Given the relatively low cash reserves in the CBAG bank account (£363.92), CBAG would like to request the CC to consider (part) funding the purchase of the insurance, either from CC funds or from the Upper Criggie fund

The meeting approved payment for insurance from the Upper Criggie funds.

# Any Other Business



- K&M Community Council Forum 25 June. Seeking input from CCs.
- K&M Committee grants:
- Cleaning War Memorials

**Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee Grants 2025/26**

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Community groups in the Kincardine and Mearns Area are invited to apply for funding towards projects to improve local communities.

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to constituted groups.

Applications should demonstrate how they relate to:

- Community Action Plans
- Settlement Plans
- Town Centre First approach
- The Local Community Plan
- Local Place Plans
- Community Empowerment Act

For further information scan the QR code or visit:  
[aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communities-and-events/funding/kincardine-and-mearns/](https://aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communities-and-events/funding/kincardine-and-mearns/)

SCAN ME

The image is a promotional flyer for Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee Grants. It features the Aberdeenshire Council logo at the top right. The main text is in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text and a bulleted list of criteria. A QR code is located at the bottom right, with the text 'SCAN ME' below it. There are two small images: one showing a war memorial and another showing a coastal landscape.

Next meeting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 19:30