



Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Business Meeting - Minutes
Catterline School (Hall) – 19:30
Tuesday 27th January 2026

Agenda



1. Attendees and Apologies
2. Previous Meeting and Action Points
3. Jubilee Coastal Path Update
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

- CKDCC Attendees

Duncan Grassick (Chair), Chris Wicks, Rob Plummer, Eva-Kaisa Arter, Duncan Talbert (Secretary), Ross Williamson, Chris Hay, Callum Cheshire,
Cllr Alison Evison & Cllr Dawn Black (attended online)

- Jubilee Path Project

James Ferrier, Casper Lampkin, Charis Duthie

- Apologies

Piet voor de Poorte (Treasurer), Phil Murray



Previous Meeting Action Points

Approval of November Minutes: Approved – Rob Plummer Seconded – Eva Kaisa Arter

Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
1	<p>a). Arrange a meeting to review options to merge CKDCC, Harbour Trust, Gala and Catterline Community Benefit Society committees with a view to realise the benefits of working together, obtaining umbrella insurance, etc. (See action 1 & 7)</p> <p>b). 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</p>	<p>a) Rob Plummer / Phil Murray</p> <p>b) Duncan Grassick</p>	24 th Sept	To Do
2	Explore options to increase public awareness of funding opportunities with the CKDCC	All	28 th Jan	Ongoing
3	<p>Investigate replacement IT equipment for CC meetings. November Update: Duncan Grassick has discussed obtaining a 65” “Clear Touch” screen with the school, indicative cost is £1700 for the screen plus several hundred pounds for a stand. DG to agree final requirements with the school.</p> <p>January update: Duncan Grassick to follow up with school.</p>	Duncan Grassick	26 th January 2026.	Ongoing



Previous Meeting Action Points

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4a	Organise defibrillator to be installed at Mill of Uras. (November Update. The Defib has been received. The electrician has done the site survey and installation is imminent). January update: installation is waiting on the weather and availability of the electrician.	Piet voor de Poorte	24 th June	Ongoing
4b	Rob Plummer will chase the management at Dunnottar Castle for an update on progress with moving Defibs at the castle to locations which are accessible to the public 24/7. January update: Rob had a meeting in December with Dunnottar Castle management, this matter is still progressing.	Rob Plummer	24 February	Ongoing
5	Write to Aberdeenshire Council supporting free transport to Catterline School for all Kinneff catchment pupils irrespective of whether they attended Catterline school prior to mothballing Kinneff.	Duncan Grassick	26 January 2026	Complete
6	Confirm with Mrs. Fowler whether Kinneff school equipment is being used at Catterline. November Update – equipment from Kinneff school has been transferred to Catterline for use.	Duncan Grassick	14 November	Complete
7	Forward email correspondence re Grit Bins to Secretary. November Update see information at; How we decide where to place grit bins - Aberdeenshire Council	CLlr Evison	14 November	Complete



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8	Email Rob Plummer to ask him to explore the possibility of improved “Drive On The Left” signs at Dunnottar castle with the castle management November Update – Rob Plummer still to talk to Dunnottar Castle management. Including exploring the possibility of CKDCC sharing the cost of signage. Rob spoke to Dunnottar Castle management at a meeting in December. They are interested in a multilingual sign at the castle car park exit.	Rob Plummer	24 February	Ongoing
9	Respond to the consultation on Kinneff School closure to the effect that CKDCC feels that pupils in the Kinneff catchment should be directed towards attending Catterline School, rather than other schools.	Callum Cheshire	24 February	Ongoing
10	Follow up with Gordon Ritchie of Catterline Community Benefit Society on the return of the swings to the paly park.	Duncan Talbert	24 February	Ongoing



Jubilee Coastal Path Update

James Ferrier, Casper Lampkin and Charis Duthie gave an update on the Coastal Path.

- The coastal path is a long term project that will take 10 years or more to achieve.
- The name of the path will be the “Doric Way”. Sections of the path may have local names under this umbrella title for the whole path.
- The project officers’ main tasks are talking to landowners and farmers to obtain support and permission for the route of the path. Landowners and farmers fall into three groups, unconditionally supportive, supportive with provisos and unsupportive. The challenge is to move members of the last two groups into the first group.
- The coastal path project has support from Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Councils. These bodies are unable to fund the path so funds are being sought elsewhere.
- Representatives from the coastal path will attend the February CKDCC meeting to give a fuller presentation on current status and answer questions. To this end the February meeting will start 30 minutes early at 1900.

Police Report

November local report for Coastal Road;

Anti-social Behaviour calls

- There were no instances of Anti Social Behaviour, and no instances of Youth Disorder.

Acquisitive Crime

- There were no instances of Theft, one instance of Shop Lifting (which is under investigation), no instances of Motor Vehicle theft, and no Housebreakings or attempts

Road Safety and Road Crime

- There were no instance of Careless Driving, no instances of Drink/Drug Driving and one instance of Dangerous Driving (which is under investigation).

Police Report

November Stonehaven Snapshot;

Anti-social Behaviour calls

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

Acquisitive Crime

- Two Thefts(UI), two Shopliftings (both UI), no Motor Vehicle Thefts, one Housebreakings/Attempt (UI).

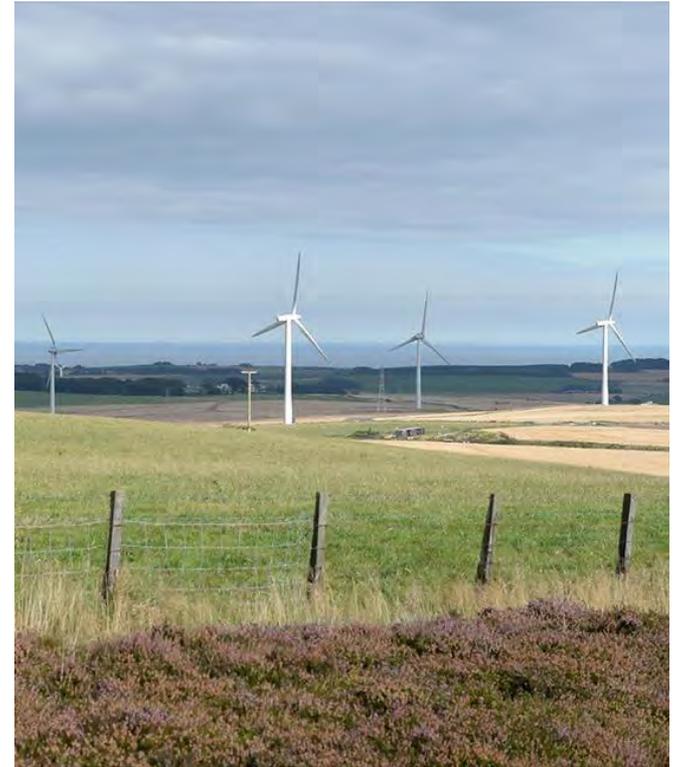
Road Safety and Road Crime

- No instances of Careless Driving (3D), Three instances of Drink/Drug Driving (2D, 1UI), and no instances of Dangerous Driving.

Community Funding and KDP

Upper Criggie Wind Farm Fund

- Previous balance current account
 - £3,110.43
- Expenditures
 - none
- Income
 - none
- Updated balance
 - £3,110.43



St. John's Hill wind farm community fund open until 31st March 2026, with **£19,534** available to the CKD area



Treasurer Report



- Previous balance current account
 - £ 3,193.34
- Expenditures
 - Catterline School Xmas Contribution - £300
- Income
 - none
- Updated balance
 - £2,893.34



Planning Applications



- New applications:
 - alteration to a storage shed at Uras Farm (APP/2026/0059)
 - formation of access to land adjacent to the Old School House at Barras (APP/2026/0067). Associated with building a BESS on this site (APP/2024/2125- yet to be approved).
- Updates:
 - Alterations to a dwellinghouse in Kinneff (APP/2025/2021)
 - Erection of Replacement Wind Turbine (APP/2024/2094)



Correspondence

- Public consultation, Safeguarding Scotland's Water Environment – Responses due by 03/03/2026 (SEPA email received 09/12/25)
- Northeast Scotland Community Councils Convention held in Stonehaven Town Hall on Saturday 13 December 2025. Revised unified statement received 15/12/25.
- Minutes of November Bus Forum received 18/12
- Notification of “Just Transition for NE Scotland” “Regional Assembly”, 21 March 2026. (Official application date has passed, attendance may still be possible). Rcvd22/12.
- Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2029 Call for Ideas has been extended until 16 March 2026. (Notification 23/12)
- National Flood Risk Assessment Report 2025 received 26/12. (NFRA data will be available March 2026)



Correspondence

- St John's Hill Windfarm Community Fund 2026 – applications open until 31ST March.
- Notice of Proposal - Closure of Kinneff School. Comments should be submitted no later than 4pm on 6 March 2026. Notice received 12/01. The January meeting discussed the closure of Kinneff school. The pupils from Kinneff should be directed towards Catterline School rather than other Schools. Callum Cheshire took an action to respond to the consultation to this effect.
- Stonehaven Library Engagement - for neighbouring community councils. Sessions at Stonehaven Library 27/1 (!) & 31/1 11:30 – 13:00. Notice received 14/01.



Roads and Transport

- No Entry signs installed on the dual carriageway A92/A957 junction southbound carriageway towards the slip road
- A90 North Water bridge works from 12th January to 23rd April
- The meeting discussed the junction of the A92 / A957 (top of Dunnottar woods). This is still problematic for drivers, who seem unsure of who has right of way, etc. It was noted that the “Give Way” lines on the road have not been reinstated at the end of the A957 where it meets the A92. A question was also raised regarding whether the requirement for traffic entering the A92 from the A957 could be changed from “Give Way” to “Stop”. Cllr Black undertook to discuss these points with the roads department. (Post meeting note; the roads department are looking to replace the Give Way lines as soon as possible. The work is weather dependent. The junction does not meet the criteria for a Stop sign.
- The meeting recognised the hard work that had been put in by the Council and local farmers in clearing the roads during the snowy weather in January.
- The meeting discussed the idea of community councils adopting grit bins. Charis Duthie, who was at the meeting to present on the Coastal Path but is a member of Johnshaven CC, advised that Johnshaven is not adopting any bins because of concerns over costs, and the open-ended funding required to keep the bins in service. The feeling of the meeting was that this issue should be revisited. The recent snowy weather emphasised the importance of these bins.

Catterline Braes



- Planning for inspections / maintenance of the braes in springtime
- Meeting held with GCU to discuss options for remediation of the area which slipped and caused a road blockage in April 2024 - current solution was meant to be temporary

Any Other Business



- The meeting noted the Death of Peter Hales, a former member and Chair of the community council. The secretary undertook to send a condolence card to his family. (Post meeting note – sent 30/01/2026)
- Next meeting Tuesday February 24th. This meeting will start with a presentation from the Coastal Path project at 1900, followed by a normal business meeting at 1930.
- Duncan Talbert will coordinate repair of the community notice board at the school gate. The meeting agreed to fund reasonable expenditure on materials for this purpose.
- A question was raised regarding the return date for the swings in the playpark. Duncan Talbert took and action to follow this up with Gordon Ritchie of the Community Benefit Society.