



# Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Business Meeting - Minutes  
Catterline School (Hall) – 19:30  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

# 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

- CKDCC Attendees

Duncan Grassick (Chair), Ross Williamson, Jonathan Davidson, Callum Cheshire, Rob Plummer, Nichola Wicks, Duncan Talbert (Sec), Piet voor de Poorte (Treasurer and Webmaster), Phil Murray.

- Apologies

Cllr Alison Evison, Chris Wicks, Cllr Sarah Dickinson, Cllr Dawn Black



# Previous Meeting Action Points

Approval of February Minutes: Approved – Seconded –

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 &amp; 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>March meeting note: The CBS will cover these points. Action closed in CC minutes.</p>	<p>a) Rob Plummer / Phil Murray</p> <p>b) Duncan Grassick</p>	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Closed
2	Explore options to increase public awareness of funding opportunities with the CKDCC	All	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ongoing



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Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
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> <p>March meeting note: The school doesn't need more IT equipment. The meeting agreed that the CC would fund other appropriate needs. DG to clarify the school's requirements with Mrs Fowler.</p>	Duncan Grassick	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2026.	Ongoing
4	<p>Following the installation of the new defibrillator at Mill of Uras, familiarisation training is to be organised in Kinneff Hall. PvdP to organise and advise.</p>	Piet voor de Poorte	28 <sup>th</sup> April June	Ongoing
5	<p>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. March update: Rob had a meeting in December with Dunnottar Castle management, this matter is still progressing.</p>	Rob Plummer	24 February	Ongoing



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6	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
7	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
8	Follow up with Gordon Ritchie of Catterline Community Benefit Society on the return of the swings to the play park. March update; followed up with Gordon and subsequently with Aberdeenshire Council. Notice of consultation exercise on replacement equipment circulated to CKDCC members on 10 March. Duncan Talbert to feedback to Aberdeenshire Council on consultation process.	Duncan Talbert	28 April	Ongoing



# March Meeting Action Points

Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
A	The arrows on the road at the exit to the Dunnottar Castle Carpark are worn to the point of illegibility. Highlight this to Dawn Black and ask her to raise the issue with the roads department.	Duncan Talbert	28 <sup>th</sup> April	Ongoing
B	Prepare a draft Facebook page for reporting driving incidents in Dunnottar Castle's environs. Circulate to CC members for discussion prior to posting on Facebook.			



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# Police Report

## February:

<b>Antisocial Behaviour, Violence, and Disorder</b>				
	Youth Disorder		Antisocial	
Coastal Road	1		3	
Stonehaven	7		12	
<b>Acquisitive Crime (D – Detected, UI – Under Investigation)</b>				
	Thefts	Shop Lifting	Theft of Motor Vehicle	Housebreakings / Attempts
Coastal Road	1UI	2D, 1UI	0	0
Stonehaven	1UI	4UI	0	1D
<b>Road Safety &amp; Road Crime (D – Detected, UI – Under Investigation)</b>				
	Careless Driving	Drink / Drug Driving	Dangerous Driving	
Coastal Road	0	0	0	
Stonehaven	0	0	1D	

# Police Report

A letter was received from Superintendent Jason Carrigan 23 March.

The letter apparently advises;

- Going forward the police will provide a quarterly tailored report for each community council.
- The police will attend a CC meeting every 6 months.
- There is a nominated contact for community councils in each area, for Kincardine and Mearns this is Inspector James Nicholson.

The secretary has emailed James Nicholson to confirm that the letter has been correctly understood, and to ask;

- when the first quarterly CKDCC tailored report will be published, (logically this will be published in June, as the last monthly report covered February)
- when the police will attend a CKDCC meeting.

# Community Funding and KDP

## Upper Criggie Wind Farm Fund

- Previous balance current account
  - £3,110.43
- Expenditures
  - Defib Enclosure Install: £185.78
- Income
  - none
- Updated balance
  - £2,924.65



St. John's Hill wind farm community fund closing today, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026



# Community Funding and KDP

Catterline CBS has submitted a close out report covering the funds granted by the Community Council to the Treasurer. The unspent funds will be returned to the CC.

The meeting noted that the CBS has run various initiatives that have increased footfall in the Creel. The CBS also organised the successful Catterline Festival in August 2025.



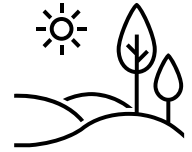
# Treasurer Report



- Previous balance current account
  - £3,668.34
- Expenditures
  - Public Liability Insurance: £97.20
- Income
  - none
- Updated balance
  - £3,571.14



# Planning Applications



- New applications:
  - Erection of Agricultural Building at Clochnahill (APP/2026/0442)
  - Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse Including Extension to Decking at Fordoun (APP/2026/0445)
- Updates:
  - Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse at Nether Toucks – Decided Approved (APP/2026/0216)
  - Renewal of APP/2023/0342 Siting of Catering Van – Decided Approved (APP/2026/0112)
  - Erection Of 3 Wind Turbines (Hub Height 4.1m Total Height 5.2m) and Associated Infrastructure – Decided Withdrawn (APP/2025/0792)



# Correspondence

- Revised environment and climate change policy agreed at Aberdeenshire Council – removing 70% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction by 2030 target. (email 03/03)
- Aberdeenshire development plan, consultation closes 10<sup>th</sup> April. ([Consultation launched on Development Plan Scheme 2026 participation statement - Aberdeenshire Council](#)). Email received 04/03.
- Email from Aberdeenshire council 05/03 stressing the importance of keeping batteries out of household waste following 2 recent fires.
- Invitation to take part in a survey of “our local community” to determine the attitude to “New Powers for Scotland’s Community Councils”. Email 13/03.
- Notice that the new 400 kV substation in Fetteresso Forest has gone to Scottish ministers for approval. Email 17/03
- Update on Funding of Aberdeenshire Public Services. Email received 17/03. Forwarded to CC members 30/03.



# Correspondence

- Aberdeenshire Nature Network. Email received 25/03. See [Draft Aberdeenshire Nature Network | Engage Aberdeenshire](#)
- Notice of SEPA Flood Risk Management Plans Consultation. Email received 25/03. See [Flood Risk Management Plans - Scottish Environment Protection Agency - Citizen Space](#)
- Community Council Training Modules. Email received 27/03, forwarded to members 30/03.



# Roads and Transport

- Cllr Sarah Dickinson forwarded correspondence re the A92/A957 junction that advises;
  - Removal of self-seeded trees on the eastern side of the A957 on approach to the junction.
  - Relocation of the Give Way sign
  - Enhancement of the Give Way sign with a yellow backing board which should increase forward visibility to the sign.
- The meeting discussed the poor condition of the road surface approaching Coastguard Buildings. Cllr Carr is believed to be looking at this issue. The meeting discussed whether CC funds should be spent on road repair.
- The meeting discussed using a Facebook page to report driving incidents around Dunnottar castle associated with driving on the wrong side of the road, etc. See actions.

# Catterline Braes



- Planning for inspections / maintenance of the braes in springtime
- GCU site inspection report and remediation recommendations received
- Funding application submitted to purchase the required materials

# Any Other Business



- Grassroots Festival - Mearns Community Campus - 18th April 10:30 – 15:00. This will be attended by Duncan Grassick as part of his KDP role.
- Next meeting Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> @19:30