



# Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Business Meeting - Minutes  
Catterline School (Hall) – 19:30  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 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), Callum Cheshire, Rob Plummer, Nichola Wicks, Piet voor de Poorte (Treasurer and Webmaster), Chris Wicks, Cllr George Carr, Cllr Sarah Dickinson, Cllr Dawn Black, Cllr Alison Evison

- Apologies

Duncan Talbert (Sec), Eeva-Kaisa Arter, Ross Williamson, Jonathan Davidson, Phil Murray

### 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  
Nichola Wicks  
Phil Murray  
Callum Cheshire

#### Other:

Cllr George Carr  
Cllr Allison Evison  
Cllr Tracey Smith  
Cllr Dawn Black  
Scott Begg (UCW Energy)  
Tim Stephen (Aberdeenshire Council)  
Chris Hay  
Margot Van Ryneveld  
Bruce Van Ryneveld  
Ross Williamson



# Previous Meeting Action Points

Approval of March Minutes: Piet voor de Poorte – Seconded: Duncan Grassick

Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
1	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) 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. March meeting note: The CBS will cover these points. Action closed in CC minutes.	a) Rob Plummer / Phil Murray b) Duncan Grassick	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

1. Item to be removed from May meeting agenda.
2. Ongoing.



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Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
3	<p>Investigate replacement IT equipment for CC meetings.</p> <p>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

- 3. No update.
- 4. No update.
- 5. No update.



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Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
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

6. No update.

7. Consultation complete and action to be closed.

8. Tender awarded and the selected option is a tractor arrangement, including swings and a slide. No start date for the works but hoping for the summer period.



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Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
9	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
10	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.	Rob Plummer	28 <sup>th</sup> April	Ongoing

9. All being progressed and included in Aberdeenshire Council's work programme.  
10. No update

New action on Piet voor de Poorte: The top fence at Catterline playing field is loose and needs to be secured. Take photographs and send to Neil West at Aberdeenshire Council.



## Police Report

- Email received from David Charnley, community liaison officer.
  - He plans to attend the CKDCC May meeting,
  - At the May meeting he plans to present the proposed format of the Quarterly Report.

# Community Funding and KDP

## Upper Criggie Wind Farm Fund

- Previous balance current account
  - £2,924.65
- Expenditures
  - none
- Income
  - Unspent CCBS Grant: £3,393.73
- Updated balance
  - £6,318.38



Hillhead of Auquhirie wind farm community fund open until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026



# Treasurer Report



- Previous balance current account
  - £3,571.14
- Expenditures
  - none
- Income
  - none
- Updated balance
  - £3,571.14

Callum Cheshire is repairing the community notice board and it was agreed that the CC will reimburse Callum for any materials required.



## Planning Applications



- New applications:
  - APP/2026/0680 Erection Of Dwellinghouse (Change of House Type, Garage and Plot Layout to Planning Permission Ref APP/2018/2281), Land East To Cowieswells, Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire
- Updates:
  - None



## Correspondence

- Notice received from KDP (06/04/26) that the Hillhead of Auquhirie Windfarm Community Fund 2026 application process is open. The window for applications runs to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.
  - Nominations for CKDCC members of the panel are due by the end of May.
- Notice received (07/04/26) from Thistle Wind Partners (Bowdun Wind Farm) re its Community Donations Fund. See [Small Donations to Community Organisations | Thistle Wind Partners](#)
- Email (10/04/26) from Aberdeenshire Council Historic Asset Management Project asking for details of War Memorials in the CKDCC boundary, and the CC's role in maintaining them.
- Email from Aberdeenshire Council re Renewable Energy Community Benefits (10/04/26). Circulated to CKDCC members.

Rob Plummer volunteered to be on the Hillhead of Auquhirie wind farm community fund panel.

Intent behind the Aberdeenshire Council Historic Asset Management Project email unclear. In addition to the Stonehaven War Memorial, which sits within the CKDCC boundary, it is believed there is a war memorial at St Philip's Church in Catterline, and a plague situated within the Old Kirk of Kinneff. In addition, there are war graves in Catterline and Kinneff.



## Roads and Transport

No progress noted on fixing potholes in the CKDCC area, including the big pothole approaching Coastguard Cottages.

Robert Plummer mentioned a new, small but nasty pothole on the A92 northbound, approaching the filter lane to turn right into Stonehaven. Cllr Dickinson and Cllr Black volunteered to check it out on their way home and report it, if not already reported.

# Catterline Braes



- General inspections / maintenance completed
- Awaiting outcome of funding application to purchase materials to remediate the area which slipped in April 2024
- Community session planned for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to commence preparatory works in that area
- Call for volunteers!

## Any Other Business



- Grassroots Festival - Mearns Community Campus - 18th April 10:30 – 15:00. Attended by Duncan Grassick as part of his KDP role.
- Next meeting Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May @ 19:30.

Duncan Grassick reported that the Grassroots Festival was a successful event which was well attended. There were a number of stalls and it was good to see a lot networking happening. Everybody enjoyed it and the intent is to organise another festival next year.

Cllr Carr reported that:

- 1) The collapsed culvert between Catterline Grove and Coronation Cottages had been raised at the ward meeting and has been discussed with the farmer.
- 2) The Bervie Brow Research Station (just north of Inverbervie) is now open for general bookings and tours.
- 3) The turbine at Fernie Brae has been replaced and is significantly bigger. Local residents are concerned about sound. As other turbines are coming up for replacement with bigger models, this could become a wider issue.