



Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

Business Meeting - Minutes
Catterline School (Hall) – 19:30
Tuesday 26th May 2026

Agenda



1. Attendees and Apologies
2. Police Update
3. Previous Meeting and Action Points
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, Piet voor de Poorte (Treasurer and Webmaster), Chris Wicks, Cllr George Carr, Cllr Sarah Dickinson, Cllr Dawn Black, Duncan Talbert (Secretary), Ross Williamson, Eva-Kaisa Arter, Chris Hay.
- Police Attendees
David Charnley
- Apologies
Cllr Alison Evison, 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 Chesshire

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



Police Update

- David Charnley, Community Liaison Officer.

- The last community council meeting attended by a police representative was 3 years ago.
- There has recently been a change of policy. And going forward the police will attend a CKDCC meeting every 3 months. The June 2026 meeting is the first such attendance.
- Going forward police reports of crime statistics will have a more specific CKDCC focus, rather than Coastal Road. These reports will be made every quarter. (Post meeting note – the first of these reports covering March to May 2026 was issued on June 4 2026).
- David agreed that traffic incidents on the A92 continue to be a concern.
- The community council is free to contact David outwith meetings with any concerns. Any correspondence should be copied to the Community Policing Team to cover instances when David is unavailable.



Previous Meeting Action Points

Approval of April Minutes: Duncan Grassick – Seconded: Chris Wicks.

Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
1	Explore options to increase public awareness of funding opportunities with the CKDCC	All	28 th Jan	Ongoing
2	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. January update: Duncan Grassick to follow up with school. March update: 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.	Duncan Grassick	26 th January 2026.	Ongoing
3	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.	Piet voor de Poorte	28 th April June	Ongoing

2 – IT Equipment. Duncan Grassick spoke to Mrs Fowler to ask if there is any equipment that CKDCC can usefully share with the school. DG will report when Mrs Fowler has got back to him.

3 – DEFIB Training. Pieter voor de Poorte has been in contact with St John Ambulance. They are very busy and have suggested a date of 11th August. PvdP was asked to go back to St John and request a date at the end of August to avoid peak holiday season.



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Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
4	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.	Rob Plummer	24 February	Ongoing
5	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
6	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. April update: Consultation complete and action to be closed.	Callum Cheshire	24 February	Closed

4 – Dunnottar DEFIBs. Rob Plummer emailed castle on this point. At the time of the May meeting he had not received a response.

5 – Dunnottar carpark exit "Drive on the Left" signs . As per Action 4

6 – Kinneff school closure. Callum Cheshire followed up on this action with the council. Action closed. Remove from June Agenda.



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Action Item	Description	Assigned to:	Due Date	Status
7	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. April update: 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.	Duncan Talbert	28 April	Ongoing
8	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. April update: All being progressed and included in Aberdeenshire Council's work programme.	Duncan Talbert	28 th April	Ongoing

7 – Playground Equipment. Duncan Talbert chase up installation date. Note – the period 12th – 19th August covers the Gala and set up etc.

8 - Road Markings. Cllr Dickinson advised that markings on the A92 at the Dunnottar Woods junction will be addressed when the road is resurfaced. Cllr Dickinson will ask the roads department arrows on the road indicating "Drive on the Left" at the Castle car park exit and junction can be addressed at the same time. New action - Duncan Talbert to send Cllr Dickinson details of the degraded markings at Mill of Uras.



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9	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 th April	Ongoing
10	The top fence at Catterline playing field is loose and needs to be secured. Take photographs and send to Neil West at Aberdeenshire Council.	Pieter voor de Poorte	26 th May	Complete

9 – Driving Incidents Reporting. Rob Plummer has prepared a draft.

10 – Playing Field Fence. Pieter voor de Poorte has done this . On Aberdeenshire council to do list.

Community Funding and KDP

Upper Criggie Wind Farm Fund

- Previous balance current account
 - £6,318.38
- Expenditures
 - none
- Income
 - none
- Updated balance
 - £6,318.38



Hillhead of Auquhirie wind farm community fund open until 30th June 2026



1. Catkins need new footballs. The meeting agreed CKDCC would provide funding for this.
2. The school is considering enhancing outdoor learning facilities. The meeting agreed CKDCC could provide financial support for this initiative.
3. Potential beneficiaries for community funding should use the form on the CKDCC website to apply for Upper Criggie funds.

Treasurer Report



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

Carmel Vaughan will verify the CKDCC accounts prior to the June AGM.



Planning Applications



- New applications:
 - APP/2026/0820: Erection of 2 Wind Turbines (Height to Hub 45m, Height to Blade Tip 69m) Formation of Access Track and Associated Infrastructure, Land at Brigstanes Farm Catterline.
There are no documents associated with this application posted on the portal currently.
 - APP/2026/0800: Installation Of Interpretation Panel, Site North East Of Black Hill War Memorial, Applicant - "Species on the Edge"
 - APP/2026/0771 & 0773 (Full planning permission & listed building consent): Part Demolition and Conversion, Alterations of Coaching House to form Dwellinghouse and Installation of Air Source Heat Pump. Site Former Rob Roy Inn Roadside Of Kinneff.
CKDCC has received an email from the applicant seeking "moral support" for this application.
 - APP/2026/0763: Erection of 8 Dwellinghouses. Land At West Mains Of Barras. Houses have following rooms; 4 bed, 4 shower room /toilet, 1 toilet. 2 house "types" cosmetic differences.
- Updates:
 - None

APP/2026/0820 is erroneous. This is a planning "Enquiry", rather than an "Application".

There was a general discussion in the meeting regarding the benefits of turbines, specifically around the question of planning gain / community benefit; what was done re St Johns Hill application, and whether there is any guidance relating to this point? Post meeting note; the Scottish Government provides guidance on this issue – see [Local-Energy-Good-Practice-Principles.pdf](#). Amongst other measures this guidance proposes an annual payment of £5,000 per installed MW.



Correspondence

- 30/04/2026. Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm - Updated Proposal of Application Notice
- 01/05/2026. Shaping the Future of Scotland's Forests: A Survey for Your Community
- 07/05/2026. Bowdun Offshore Wind Farm - EIA Section 36 Consent and Marine Licence Application - Consultation - Response Required by 19 June 2026
- 07/05/2026. Aberdeenshire Council "Local Development Plan Bid Assessment forthcoming engagement". (Proposed "bid" sites at Catterline and more extensively at Dunnottar). See - [Aberdeenshire Call for Ideas 2025](#)
- 11/05/2026. "East Coast Future Transmission Projects" booklet received from SSEN.
- 13/05/2026. Notice of KDP AGM. (To be held 1900 11 June in Kinneff Hall).
- 14/05/2026. Scams Bulletin for Aberdeenshire Council.
- 15/05/2026. Press release from Aberdeenshire Council re Giant Hogweed.
- 18/05/2026. Request from applicant for planning applications PP/2026/0771 & 0772 for "moral support".

Action, planning secretary to look at the Local Development Plan to see which bids fall into the CKDCC area.

The meeting discussed whether food sustainability is addressed by the developments in the LDP. The conclusion was that the LDP doesn't really address this point.

Aberdeenshire council can't influence the Scottish government on this issue..



Roads and Transport

- Email from Aberdeenshire Council advising that roads 2026 Surface Dressing campaign has started.

The Cllrs present advised that a number of points arose at the last Area Meeting;

- Flashing 30 signs are now deemed redundant according to policy.
- Inverbervie A92 bridge – Aberdeenshire council has retained contractors to report on management measures for the bridge structure.
- Potholes – will need to be addressed before surface dressing.
- Aberdeenshire council has an interactive map showing proposed works, etc.

Catterline Braes



- Funding awarded to purchase materials to remediate the area which slipped in April 2024, with thanks to the St John's Hill Wind Farm Community Fund
- Successful community session to prepare the area
- Planning for next stage of the works



Any Other Business



- AGM on Tuesday 30th June @ 19:00
- Followed by the regular meeting @ 19:30

The following points arose under AOB

- The meeting recorded its thanks to Callum Cheshire for refurbishing the Community Notice Board at the school gate.
- The issue of providing additional parking at Crawton for the RSPB reserve is closed from Aberdeenshire Council's perspective.
- It should be suggested to the Community Church that they put in a funding application for a DEFIB that is compatible with the others in Catterline, Kinneff and at MoU.