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North Kincardine Rural Community Council

Minutes for the NKRCC AGM held on 15th June 2026 at Lairhillock School, Netherley.

Subject to approval.

Community Councillors

Henry Irvine-Fortescue, Chair
Graham Norrie, Vice Chair and Correspondence Secretary
Bob McKinney, Treasurer
Susan Astell, Minutes Secretary
Rod Farquhar, Planning Officer
Dave Johnstone
Peter Townsley
Richard Sharp

Elected Members

Cllr Mel Sullivan
Cllr Catherine Victor

Catering

Jenny Norrie

Members of the Public

There were 9 MOPs in attendance.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of more accurate Minutes.

Apologies

Cllr Shirley Burnett
Cllr David Aitchison

2. Minutes

The minutes for the AGM from 17th June 2025 were approved as a true record of that meeting, being proposed by Peter and seconded by Rod

3. Chairman's Report

1. Community Council matters

The NKRCC has met at the Lairhillock School on a regular basis this year and I am happy to welcome you this evening. The community council remains in good health, with good attendance at meetings by our active members and we are pleased to have a healthy number of members of the public at our meetings as well. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

We are pleased to welcome Richard Sharp as a representative for the Chapelton area.

The Community Council has also taken part in a number of external committees, assessments, such as the KDP, the Chapelton Liaison Committee and a Community Resilience Forum.

2. Planning

All local planning applications are reviewed at our monthly meetings; only a few of these over the past year have given rise to any major concerns. We seek to have a fair and open discussion at our meetings, and the relevant documentation with any submissions by NKRCC are to be found on the website.

- There is still no news about progress on the pedestrian bridge at Blairs.
- There are currently no new proposals for the site of the Old Mill Inn.
- We continue to be in discussions about the proposed Chapelton Health Care Facility and the School there.
- We had a presentation from officers from Aberdeenshire Council regarding the new Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2029.
- It is with regret that we note the closure of Banchory Devenick School.
- A recent proposal for the wind farm in the North Sea and landfall for cables just to the North of Newtonhill is raising concern in the local community.

We try to keep the community informed of any progress with these and any other proposals which are of interest.

Our thanks go to Rod Farquhar our planning officer who has done a great job in keeping us all up to date.

3. Roads

We have the ongoing challenge with potholes and we would recommend members of the public report these to the Council using the online tool.

We are still waiting for new warning signs at the Banchory Devenick road junction.

4. Flooding and Storms

Thankfully no major incidents this year.

5. Finance

Thanks go to Bob McKinney for his ongoing work as treasurer. Our finances are in good shape and Bob will submit his report and annual accounts to the meeting.

There have recently been discussions with the Aberdeenshire Council regarding which items of expenditure by your community council may – or may not – be allowable as part of our annual grant.

We are exploring ways to utilise any un-used portion of the grant to help with the printing costs for the South Deeside View which is a valuable local resource.

6. Broadband

There seems to be a continuing if slow rolling out of broadband over the area.

7. Police reports

We receive monthly Police Reports. The police reports are available on our website. Note that in future the reports for North Kincardine will be produced on a quarterly basis.

8. South Deeside View

The SDV has produced two magazines over the last year which have been very well received. A successful Cookney cuppa and plant sale recently raised some funds which will help towards the next issue. It has previously been agreed that the committee members of the SDV have been appointed as Associate Members of the NKRCC.

9. Other matters

Website – Continuing upgrades are done, and many thanks to Graham for keeping this up to date. Likewise, the Facebook page continues to be a popular source of local information – again, our thanks to Graham and for his continuing support and work as Secretary.

Resilience Issues. This continues to be an ongoing matter and items are discussed as they arise. We have a 1000W battery box which Graham has available in event of an emergency.

Thanks to those who helped clean and tidy the memorials for the Remembrance Day services which were well attended.

Finally, I would like to thank our local Aberdeenshire Councillors and all Community Councillors for their help and support over the year.

Treasurer's Report

North Kincardine Rural Community Council

Income and Expenditure

for Year Ended 31 May 2026

	2025/26
	£
Income	
Administration Grant 2025/26	968.00

	968.00	
Expenditure		
South Deeside View	75.00	
Bank of Scotland service charge	53.50	
APRS	30.00	
CAF/ War Memorials Trust	20.00	
CC Insurance/ Zurich	97.20	
Website fee (Zincweb)	60.00	
ICO Data Protection Registration Fee	52.00	
Wreaths (Rose Bowl)	120.00	
Scotways Subscription	30.00	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	425.30	
Accumulated Fund as at 1 June 2025		204.51
Accumulated Fund as at 31 May 2026		<u><u>629.81</u></u>
Represented by :		
Cash at Bank		<u><u>629.81</u></u>

No Community Councillor submitted expenses claims for postage, stationery or mileage for attending extra-curricular meetings.

The accounts were once again audited by Raymond Cowan Chartered Accountant who has advised that he is happy to continue in the same capacity next year.

Bob offered the accounts for approval and they were accepted unanimously by those members present. Peter proposed them and they were seconded by Graham.

Bob will submit the accounts to Aberdeenshire Council and this will enable the release of the administration grant for the forthcoming year.

Bob proposed making a contribution to the South Deeside View of £500 and this was agreed by the meeting.

Meetings for 2026/27

2026

- JUL: No meeting
- AUG: 17

- SEP: 21
- OCT: 19
- NOV: 16
- DEC: 14

2027

- JAN: 18
- FEB: 15
- MAR: 15
- APR: 19
- MAY: 17
- JUN AGM & Monthly: 21

Henry thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM.

The next AGM will be held on 21th June 2027