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North Kincardine Rural Community Council

Minutes for the NKRCC Ordinary Meeting 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
Rod Farquhar, Planning Officer
Bob McKinney, Treasurer
Peter Townsley
Dave Johnstone
Susan Astell
Richard Sharp

Elected Members

Cllr Catherine Victor
Cllr Mel Sullivan

Co-opted Members

Emma Lester-Smith
Carolyn Morrison
Rob Winmill

Members of the Public

There were 9 MOP in attendance.

Apologies

There were no apologies

1. Welcome

Henry welcomed everyone who remained for the Ordinary Meeting following the AGM.

2. Police Report.

This is available online with our local area comprising Portlethen and the surrounding area, including Durris and Drumoak. In future the police report for Kincardine will be received quarterly rather than monthly, providing local updates and Summer safety tips. There will be an increase in anti-social behaviour patrols.

3. Minutes

The minutes for the previous meeting were accepted and were proposed by Peter and seconded by Graham.

4. Finances

Over the year there was one payment into the NKRCC A/c and 20 payments out. We started the year with £204.50 in the account and ended with £629.81. Our income consisted of the Community Council Grant from Aberdeenshire Council of £968.00 which compares to last year's grant of £872.00.

The expenditure consisted of :

SDV donation	£75.00
Disclosure Scotland	£25.00
APRS Subscription	£30.00
Zurich Insurance	£97.20
ZincWeb	£60.00
ICO Data Protection	£52.00
Rosebowl wreaths	£120.00
Scotway Subscription	£30.00
Bank of Scotland x12	<u>£53.50</u>
	£542.70

Due to an E-mail glitch, there will be a slight delay with the audit for the accounts. These are in hand and will be completed shortly by Raymond Cowan as usual.

5. Matters Arising

Schools

The Chapelton School saga has stalled; it seems it is no longer part of the capital plan. Graham again mentioned working together with the other community councils on the issues of the school and healthcare facility. Richard will draft a letter on behalf of NKRCC and send copies to Henry, Graham and Rod.

Website, Media and Broadband

Nothing new to report.

Roads

- Aberdeenshire Council will publish the list of roads to be prioritized for repair work and top dressing.
- Clochandichter Road will close for two days to allow the whins to be cut back.
- The Corbie Park boundary fence has been damaged twice. Aberdeenshire Council have now accepted that they own it and so repairs should be completed. (Bill Lennox).
- Chapelton: Discussions and disagreements are ongoing between Aberdeenshire Council and EDC regarding modifications to the Cookney Road and a potential North access to the site.

Community and Individual Resilience

Nothing new to report.

6. Planning

The full planning listing is available online.

Applications Validated

Woodland at Kirkton of Maryculter:	Installation of composting toilet
Woodside of Ardoe Farm, Ardoe	Change of use of agricultural land to create 2 holiday camping units with decking and cycle store

Woodside of Ardoe:	Erection of agricultural storage building and 2 storage containers
Upper Craigwell, Netherley:	Erection of agricultural storage building

Applications Decided

32 Rothesay St Chapelton:	Erection of 1.8m fence and timber shed
Geddes Sq Chapelton	Change of house type for 6 plots

Merchants Cottage, Blairs	Alterations and extension to dwelling house. Application withdrawn
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Rod clarified the issue raised at our last meeting, with the permissions granted for changes carried out at Glenhaven. He explained that the Scheme of Governance has changed. Objections by members of the public are no longer relevant regarding an application being sent to the Area Committee. This has now been delegated to Council Planning Officers to make the decision, greatly diminishing the power of the public to be involved in decisions.

A Community Council will become a consultee if it puts in a comment, even if that is merely a holding objection.

Wind Farms

After the presentation by representatives of Cerulean Wind Farm, we were led to understand that two preferred sites were being considered for the landfall infrastructure with opportunities for the public to find out further details. Apparently in 2022 the Scottish Government granted powers of compulsory purchase of land and wayleave rights. The proposed site would involve an offshore unit leading to landfall near Newtonhill and a 10 hectare (25 acre) site where power would be stepped up from 200 to 400 KVA before being transported via underground cables to meet up with the grid at another vast site near Laurencekirk.

Local Development Plan

Nothing new to report. The call for sites (developers) and ideas (public) were submitted in March and decisions should be available in the Autumn. NKRCC will issue an invitation to a member of the planning department for our edification.

7 Correspondence & Licensing Application

Nothing new to report

8. AOCB

Ed Thorogood, Chair of Maryculter Woodland Trust, came to tonight's meeting to inform us that a developer had destroyed an historic dry stone dyke on the boundary of Maryculter Wood and the Church of Scotland plot. He was advised to contact the Enforcement Officer with Aberdeenshire Planning Department and agreed to send an e-mail to Rod. Henry carried out a quick visit to the site and sadly found the dyke had indeed been destroyed.

9. Date of next meeting

There will be no meeting in July so the next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 17th August 2026 at Lairhillock School.