

Approved Minutes of the Cluny, Midmar @ Monymusk Community Council meeting  
at Midmar Hall 7pm 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Position	Name	Contact	Attendees	Apologies
<b>Chairman/secretary Midmar C.C.</b>	Richard Fyffe	01330-833295 Richard@corsindae.com	✓	
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<b>Aberdeenshire</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Ward 13:</b>		
	Cllr Ron McKail	01224-742095		✓
	Cllr Iris Walker	07876-475272	✓	
	Cllr Craig Miller	07788 187521	-	
	Cllr Fatima Joji	07787 955311	-	
<b>Aberdeenshire</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Ward 14:</b>	-	
	Cllr Gwyneth Petrie	07891-296064	-	
	Cllr Lauren Knight	07787 824950	-	
	Cllr Jeff Goodhall	07788 144320	-	
	Cllr Robbie Withey	07388-956147	-	

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Web Site – [w.w.w.cmmcommunitycouncil.co.uk](https://www.cmmcommunitycouncil.co.uk)

Members of public	Invited guests
7	-

	Agenda Meeting	
1	Welcome and apologies – as above	info
2	Conflict of interest-Covered off as part of meeting. R Fyffe noted interest against item 12.	info
3	Adoption of minutes of previous meeting - Accepted as fair reflection of meeting. Proposer: Ian Forbes seconder: Judith Stokoe	info
4	Police Scotland update – No one present at meeting from Police Scotland. Read through from report received. Nothing significant reported in our area. Focus increased on road safety, enhanced checks, stop and search.	info
5	Hill of Fare – update given on early stages of proposals. Clearly number of unknowns, on which we are trying to determine full details as part of scoping stages. Very mixed views in the Community often linked to where you reside in proximity to the potential location of the aero generation units. Community Council response details recorded on our web site.	Info



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	<p>RES Road show meetings on the 11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> October – our function is to represent everyone in our Community, listening to people’s feedback etc. At the Midmar Hall event we will be provided with a Community Council table where we plan to have a questionnaire (template developed and agreed with other Community Councils involved) for the public to complete asking for views etc, as we really need to understand people’s views on the proposals. The 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 is the closing date for the first stage of this project so all comments need to be submitted to the RES Project Management Hill of Fare Group by this time.</p> <p>Separate to this a “Hill of Fare information group” has been established to help gather and inform the public on facts about this project. A series of leaflets will be produced and distributed in the Midmar area plus a website will be launched soon to link to. Our Community Council website and Facebook page will also display the information as it becomes available. Frank Murray will be the liaison person between both groups.</p>	info
6	<p><b>Planning</b> – reviewed Marr applications main issue linked to request to build holiday Pods beside Bennachie. Concerns around water supply, drainage issues, hot tubs chemicals, fire pit risks. Robin Worsman to follow up with the Planning Officer and keep us informed.</p>	Robin Worsman
7	<p><b>Sauchen update</b> – discussed latest feedback from Kirkwood /Fairhurst on infill of soil /material in flood plain area. We do not agree with comments, given no qualification information supplied. Unacceptable situation. Ian Forbes to reply on behalf of Community Council.</p> <p>Replacement black bins in the Village. A number of issues with the agent used. Ian Forbes notifying local residents using Facebook page etc. on where to notify Council contact person to rectify matters.</p> <p>Recycling area Cllr Iris Walker advised Council Waste Dept. will pick up old damaged fencing asap.</p> <p>Storm Arwin BBC Scotland looking for local people in our Community to speak on camera about their experiences. Ian Forbes to update Facebook page with contact information.</p> <p>Re-instatement of the climbing frame in Sauchen remains outstanding. Maureen Clark to write to Kirkwood Homes.</p>	<p>Ian Forbes</p> <p>Ian Forbes</p> <p>Info.</p> <p>Ian Forbes</p> <p>Maureen Clark</p>
8	<p><b>Post Storm Keith Brown MSP meeting</b> – In attendance was the Aberdeenshire resilience team and Ann Overton also from the Council. Maureen Clark gave an update on the informal meeting format and contents covered. We focused on 4 main feedback discussion points – the document used will be posted on our Community Council web site. The main thrust is to ensure these points are captured in the Aberdeenshire resilience improvement plans which are under development currently.</p>	Maureen Clark /Hugh Falconer.
9	<p><b>Kemnay Surgery Dr Glennie feedback</b> – Peter Fraser circulated a fairly comprehensive 3 page letter that was received from Dr Glennie following a telephone call they had together.</p> <p>Core summary - Unfortunately no practice has been immune to a combination of lack of investment in general practice by successive governments, a reduction in younger doctors choosing a career in general</p>	Peter Fraser to invite Dr Glennie to our next meeting



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	<p>practice as it is not seen as an attractive option, GPs like my ex colleague Dr Rigby emigrating to countries with more attractive careers and GPs retiring earlier than they wished to, because the extra taxation due to NHS pension rules means the alternative is essentially working for free. We have suffered on all of these, and the pandemic has been the straw on the camel's back.</p> <p>Over the summer period I completely accept that waiting times have been unacceptable. My colleagues have worked tirelessly for months and it is important to have holidays.</p> <p>We have also been let down by the contract that the Scottish government agreed with general practice in 2018. However the government made the decision that funding would not go to practices directly to fund this and had to be kept at health and social care partnership level (health board). The north of Scotland has been particularly hard hit as we have huge recruitment issues compared to the central belt, and we are nowhere near the numbers that the contract agreed.</p> <p>We totally agree 2 weeks is not ideal and risks patients waiting too long for problems that may cause harm. Ideally we would like to keep this to around 7 days, which is what we managed, pre-pandemic although this was criticised for being too long at times. We always have a duty team, often comprising of a GP and nurse practitioner, and receptionists are trained to offer same day calls for urgent problems or issues that cannot wait for routine.</p> <p>I appreciate that the people who complain the least are paradoxically the most likely to be the most seriously ill, and are often elderly or not keen to make a fuss. We oppose all the current messaging to stay away from NHS facilities as we do not know who is unwell until we have spoken and assessed that person. There is no easy solution and sadly being over capacity is the cause.</p> <p>We will look at this specific issue of waits for routine appointments and what questions receptionists ask to identify patients who should be spoken to urgently, and now that we are back to full staffing I would expect the wait to reduce. At the moment 10-11% of our entire practice population have an appointment with a GP or nurse every single week. The funding formula was designed for an average of 3 visits by everyone in a year, which means we are dealing with twice the workload that we were originally funded for, and whilst in no way meant to be an excuse for not providing a satisfactory service, might help explain why without massive change there is no way we can hope to provide the personal known GP care that many of our patients experienced 15 or 20 years ago.</p>	
10	Aberdeenshire Recycling facilities booking arrangements review –Meeting this week to conclude local recycling zones arrangements.	info
11	<p>Cluny issues – School bus to continue with extension to March 2023.</p> <p>20mph zones to receive funding from Scottish Government. Councils awaiting guidelines to roll out of this project.</p> <p>Ian Forbes has been in discussions with Dunecht Community Council who have big issues with speeding vehicles. A recent speeding survey gave alarming results where 100% of vehicles were over the 20mph limit when it was activated at the school area and one vehicle was recorded at 95mph at 4pm!</p>	



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	We are pushing to have another speeding survey carried out at Cluny and in Sauchen Village - Ian to ensure our request is recorded on the cameras waiting list managed by the Police (Gareth Cannon)	Ian Forbes
	A letter in support of lottery funding for the repairs to the Cluny Mausoleum was sent.	Info.
12	<b>Midmar -access path restrictions</b> -Alexander Scott Access Officer has ruled that the gate should be opened/openable. Locals are to be mindful to respect people's private property. Improvements to the newly constructed alternative route down to Comers for horses will be carried out, so as to be safe for horses and avoid damaging pedestrian path.	Info.
13	Monymusk Glamping Pods – covered off under item 6 above.	info
14	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>a. Clynes Dam area fallen trees blocking footpath. Sir Archie Grant has reported he is in the process of purchasing a tree cutting attachment for a digger which will be used in this area in due course.</p> <p>b. Castle Fraser gardens have been troubled by vandalism, with damage to greenhouse glass and vegetables being thrown around, plus youths frequenting the outside summer house area in the evenings and weekends drinking and taking drugs. Has been reported.</p> <p>c. A local resident highlighted that in earlier years Kirkwood Homes were called upon to clear a flooded drain beside the burn opposite their Head Quarters as this was one of the reasons for flooding in that zone. Maureen Clark will add these comments to her email to them about the climbing frame.</p> <p>d. Castle Fraser Woodend ditch – recently yet another vehicle has landed in the very deep ditch at the bad corner on the Cluny to Castle Fraser road. Richard Fyffe to write to Brian Strachan Roads Dept. to request an Engineer visits to conduct a safety survey.</p> <p>e. Ian Forbes undertook an online connectivity and software test to prove the concept of providing potential online access to our Community Meetings. Further information will be provided on full scope of this function in due course. All members approved the development to take this forward.</p>	<p>Info.</p> <p>Ensure reported to local Community Police man Andrew Pierless.</p> <p>Maureen Clark</p> <p>Richard Fyffe</p> <p>Ian Forbes</p>
15	<b>Next Meeting to be held at Monymusk Hall 7pm 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022.</b>	Info.

Chairman's Signature:

