

Minutes of the Cluny, Midmar @ Monymusk Community Council meeting  
Held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 at 7pm Midmar Hall

| Position                                  | Name                | Contact  | Attendees | Apologies |
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| <b>Chairman/secretary<br/>Midmar C.C.</b> | Richard Fyffe       | 01330-833295<br><i>Richard@corsindae.com</i>           |           | ✓         |
| <b>Treasurer/<br/>Midmar C.C.</b>         | Judith Stokoe       | 01330-833719<br><i>stokoej3@gmail.com</i>              | ✓         |           |
| <b>Midmar c.c.</b>                        | Frank Murray        | 07555-237903<br><i>frank.murray1@googlemail.com</i>    | ✓         |           |
| <b>Midmar c.c.</b>                        | Louis Backwell      | <i>louis@backwellassociates.co.uk</i>                  | ✓         |           |
| <b>Monymusk C.C.</b>                      | Robin Worsman       | 01467-651244<br><i>r.worsman@zen.co.uk</i>             | ✓         |           |
| <b>Monymusk C.C.</b>                      | Dr. Peter Fraser    | 01467-651360<br><i>peterjfraser2010@btinternet.com</i> |           | ✓         |
| <b>Cluny C.C.</b>                         | Alison Pirie        | 01330 860800<br><i>aepirie@btinternet.com</i>          |           | ✓         |
| <b>Deputy Chair<br/>Cluny c.c.</b>        | Maureen Clark       | 01330-833541<br><i>Maureen@jandmclark.plus.com</i>     | ✓         |           |
| <b>Cluny C.C.</b>                         | Ian Forbes          | <i>lanclunyc@outlook.com</i>                           | ✓         |           |
| <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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| Members of public | Invited guests |
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|           | <b>AGM Meeting</b>   | <b>who</b>  |
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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Welcome and apologies</b> – as noted above Maureen Clark chaired meeting in Chairman absence.   | <b>info</b> |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Election of Office Bearers declared as follows –</b><br><b>Chairman</b> – Richard Fyffe - proposed by Frank Murray seconder Robin Worsman<br><b>Deputy Chair</b> – Maureen Clark – proposed by Robin Worsman seconder Judith Stokoe<br><b>Secretary</b> – Ian Forbes – proposed by Frank Murray seconder Robin Worsman<br><b>Treasurer</b> – Judith Stokoe – proposed by Maureen Clark seconder Robin Worsman<br><b>Co-options if applicable</b> – Louis Backwell has been formally approved as Community Councillor for Midmar area. Mark Lappin and Sarah Flavell will be co-opted at our next meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2023 |             |

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| 3 | <p><b>Deputy Chairman report for year with thanks –</b></p> <p>It has been a busy year for our group representing our Community in some fairly lengthy and involved subjects which I have summarised as follows -:</p> <p>Storm Arwen follow up public meeting Monymusk with John Swinney then Keith Brown &amp; Council resilience team in attendance “supporting our Communities better” resilience documents prepared along with questionnaire responses. Lot of work went into this with other spin off areas linked to local groups being established.</p> <p>SSEN fault management “good will payments” challenges where we supported a big number of Monymusk residents chasing compensation payments - eventually achieved securing a £1400 lump sum that the people involved were happy to donate to the Community Resilience fund.</p> <p>Cluny School bus was to be withdrawn (August 2022) from Sauchen village to School due to the introduction of the new foot /cycle path being built. A safety risk assessment of the route was pushed for and removal of the bus was delayed to potentially this Aug 2023 as the Council have still some work to be under taken. We need to see the final risk assessment as speed limits and school crossing areas still high risk areas.</p> <p>Sauchen issues linked to speeding vehicles , potential flooding zones, new housing development challenges associated with road design lay out and retrospective infill soil application(to name a few) were all within our agenda activities .</p> <p>Monthly planning reviews –in general less applications this year on the domestic side however, the Hill of Fare wind farm &amp;Energy Storage proposal has the potential to significantly impact the Midmar area. To date two Roadshow have been under taken in Midmar Hall (and in other Communities) by RES the renewable energy developer in partnership with Dunecht Estates. Our Community group along with other Community zones have been invited by RES to be present at these information forums .In conjunctions with other Community groups involved a questionnaire was developed to use at the roadshows to help determine local views and concerns. The main local concerns are linked to size of turbines and storage area (largest turbines in Scotland) plus noise and light flicker. In addition to this private water supplies quality and disruption cannot be understated.</p> <p>The disruption period of the build and establishment of the wind farm will be horrendous for residents in the areas along with the ecology impact.</p> <p>An updated design document was produced in May 2023 by RES that reduced scale of turbines from 17 to 16 with height of 11 turbines at 180 meters and 5 turbines at 200 meters. The second roadshow outlined the</p> | info |
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|   | <p>changes. It is expected a planning application will be made in Summer.</p> <p>The Hill of Fare Windfarm Information Group (HOFWIG) has been established to provide information, question and challenge (where necessary) elements of the Hill Farm proposals. A number of "Information Sharing Sessions" are being undertaken in local Communities – expect to see details of these dates and locations advertised locally.</p> <p>Members of our Community Council group were thanked for their free time and effort given in representing our Area. Local Councillors who make the effort to attend and support our group over the year are also thanked for this which is much appreciated in taking our issues on board.</p>   |  |
| 4 | <b>Financial Report</b> – Judith Stokoe provided an update accounts statement for the year which has been audited and approved by an independent body and by our Community Council members. Richard Fyffe Chairman has the action to sign off.  | <b>Richard Fyffe</b>   |
| 5 | <b>Meeting frequency and dates confirmation</b> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2023 Monymusk Hall, 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 Midmar Hall, 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 Monymusk Hall, 6 <sup>th</sup> December Midmar Hall.  | <b>info</b>  |
|   | <b>Standard Meeting</b>   |  |
| 1 | <b>Welcome and apologies</b> – as noted above- Maureen Clark chaired meeting  | info   |
| 2 | <b>Conflict of interest</b> - Covered off as part of meeting where Frank Murray & Louis Backwell declared conflict against item 5 Hill of Fare on Agenda.   | info   |
| 3 | <b>Adoption of minutes of previous meeting</b> - Accepted as fair reflection of meeting. Proposer: Frank Murray seconder: Ian Forbes.   | info   |
| 4 | <b>Police Scotland update</b> – No one present at meeting statement provided – For period 16 <sup>th</sup> April – 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 with 1 public nuisance (noisy party) and 2 RTC. Recorded.   | info   |
| 5 | <p><b>Planning Matters – Discussed Dunecht Quarry, retrospective fence application in Sauchen and Hill of Fare update.</b></p> <p>Frank Murray has action to discuss Dunecht Quarry with planning. Retrospective application in Sauchen Owner present at meeting number of questions to qualify with Council Planner Maureen Clark has action.</p> <p>In Marr area concerned neighbour raised issue about APP/2023/1153 for erection of new house in brown field site. Robin Worsman to discuss with Planning Team.</p> <p>Hill of Fare RES update Road Show held at Midmar Hall earlier in the week where we invited attendees to complete a questionnaire giving us their views. The summary analysis showed 86% of completed returns were opposed to the proposed Hill Farm and overall from all of the Road Shows held 76% of attendees were opposed to the Wind Farm .We expect a planning application to be process in the Summer of 2023.</p> <p>On 13<sup>th</sup> June Aberdeenshire CEO Jim Savage was invited by local Councillors</p> | <p>Frank Murray /Maureen Clark</p> <p>Robin Worsman</p> <p>Info.</p> |

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|    | Iris Walker, Ron McKail and Craig Miller to attend the Midmar area (as part of yearly nominated location visit) to hear about the Hill of Fare Wind Farm proposal which was hosted by Frank Murray. Main concerns discussed (as raised by local residents) were private water supplies impact, noise of units, blade flicker and scale of proposed farm with battery storage facility.  |  |
| 6  | <b>NHS primary and secondary care proposal model concerns</b> – we need to be clear what our strategy approach needs to be before we involve other Community groups. Maureen Clark & Robin Worsman to discuss further and outline thoughts at future meeting  | Robin Worsman/Maureen Clark                          |
| 7  | <b>Sauchen Update</b> – Sauchen footpath area after bridge to old shop road closed for upgrade to section of path second week July for 3 weeks. Maureen Clark pursued climbing frame issue with Kirkwood Development who have now proposed an upgrade to the equipment that supports 2 seat swings, tower climbing frame, balance beams, suspended rings and safety surface. We were happy to support this and fed back that perhaps the play zone could be moved further away from the new house for privacy reasons.  | Info.  |
| 8  | <b>Cluny issues</b> – Cross Road surface still not repaired and it has been reported for many months now. An emergency type report is to be raised as it really is dangerous for cycle users.   | Maureen Clark  |
| 9  | <b>Midmar issues</b> – nothing to report apart from Hill of Fare issues noted above under item 5.   | Info.  |
| 10 | <b>Monymusk Issues</b> – Continued difficulties with Mar planning applications not appearing on our Community area. Ian Forbes as new Secretary to contact appropriate administrator.<br>Monymusk Hall broadband issues Robin Worsman to discuss with Committee member involved.<br>Street Light furniture in Monymusk Square area mixed types and is in conservation zone could standardisation of units be done?<br>Council maintain car park beside Hall /Grave Yard area we seem to have lot of weeds growing up side of Hall building which needs to be dealt with plus a wheel chair use had an accident recently as 3 bad pot holes on route to Church. – Cllr Iris Walker to pass details raised to Cllr Jeff Goodhall for follow up. | Ian Forbes<br><br>Robin Worsman<br><br>Jeff Goodhall |
| 11 | <b>AOCB</b><br><b>a.</b> Millbank Hall Committee keen to attract users – lots of Children’s toys too.<br><b>b.</b> Deflection of water due to finished soil levels at Sauchen Development area - will view this after footpath has been upgraded to see if still flooding road zone.<br><b>c.</b> Opposite bus shelter in Sauchen area just a mess with high grass /weeds still to determine Owner for follow up.   | Info<br><br>Cllr Iris Walker                         |
| 12 | <b>Next Meeting Date Wednesday 7pm 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 Monymusk Hall</b>   |  |

**Chairperson – Maureen Clark      Date - 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023**