

Minutes of the Cluny, Midmar & Monymusk Community Council Meeting  
Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 at Midmar Hall

Position	Name	Contact	Attendees	Apologies
Chairman/ Midmar C.C.	Frank Murray	07555-237903 <a href="mailto:frank.murray1@googlemail.com">frank.murray1@googlemail.com</a>	✓	
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Secretary/ Cluny C.C.	Ian Forbes	<a href="mailto:secretarycmmcc@gmail.com">secretarycmmcc@gmail.com</a>	✓	
<b>Note - Three Open Positions for Cluny Subdivision, One Open Position for Midmar</b>		Any members of the public interested in filling these positions should contact the Community Council Secretary; note the CC constitution allows one of these positions to be filled by a resident in one of the other subdivisions if required		
<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	✓ (via Zoom)	-
	CLlr Robbie Withey	07388-956147	-	-

**C.C. = Community Council**

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/738161263007490>

Web Site – <https://cmmcommunitycouncil.org/>

Members of Public	Invited Guests
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1	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b> Frank Murray chaired meeting. Apologies from CC member Lesley Tiernay.</p> <p>Group saddened to hear that due to work commitments, Martin Worth has tendered his resignation from the Community Council with immediate effect. Martin thanked for his Community Council work in the past. This leaves the Community Council with four open positions, and any members of the public interested in filling these open positions should contact the Community Council secretary (<a href="mailto:secretarycmmcc@gmail.com">secretarycmmcc@gmail.com</a>).</p>	<p>Info.</p> <p>Info.</p>
2	<p><b>Conflicts of interest</b> Robin Worsman declared an interest in Item 7 (providing technical/expert support for the HoFWIG group).</p>	Info.
3	<p><b>Adoption of minutes of previous meeting</b> Accepted as fair reflection of meeting. Proposer Robin Worsman, seconded by Mark Lappin.</p>	Info.
4	<p><b>Matters arising from 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 meeting/actions update</b></p> <p><b>Backhill/Castle Fraser dangerous camber</b> No change from last meeting, Cllr Walker will keep pressing the roads department for updates. Cutbacks in the Roads Department maintenance budget for this current financial year may slow progress. No new incidents reported since last meeting.</p> <p><b>Formalisation of the official boundaries for the Cluny, Midmar and Monymusk subdivisions of the community council</b> Ian recapped the situation (as minuted in the 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 minutes) and proposed that the CC's three subdivisions be geographically defined as per map below.</p> <p>Group unanimously agreed to adopt this. Group agreed to submit to Aberdeenshire Council for approval an amendment to our constitution to reflect this change, wording as follows. If approved, a formal vote to adopt this will be made at the next CC meeting.</p> <p><i>3.6 The allocation of Community Councillors between the subdivisions within the Community Area shall be as follows:</i></p> <p><i>Cluny – 4 Community Councillors</i> <i>Midmar - 4 Community Councillors</i> <i>Monymusk – 4 Community Councillors</i></p> <p><i>The geographical boundaries of each of these subdivisions being shown in the map below and detailed herewith as..</i></p> <p><i>Monymusk = Area contained within the Aberdeenshire Council Marr Area Committee Area and represented by Aberdeenshire Council Councillors in Ward</i></p>	<p>Info.</p> <p>Info.</p>

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14, the Ton Burn for the most part marking the southern boundary.

*Cluny = Area contained between the Ton Burn to the north and the A944 to the south. Residents represented by Aberdeenshire Council Councillors in Ward 13.*

*Midmar = Area to the south of the A944, residents represented by Aberdeenshire Council Councillors in Ward 13.*

*One person per subdivision should be allowed to represent another subdivision within the community council area, provided they are resident in one of the three subdivisions, once the initial 3 councillors per subdivision are in place.*



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	<p><b>APP/2021/2340 - Infill of Land (Retrospective) - Land To West Of Kirkwood Homes Ltd Kirkwood Business Park Sauchen Aberdeenshire AB51 7LE (REFUSED APR 2023)</b></p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, CC will escalate the complaint to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman following the refusal of Aberdeenshire Council to accept any of our concerns. Robin and Ian informed group that the appeal documentation is near completion with intention to submit in the next few days.</p> <p><b>Community Speed Gun (Monymusk)</b></p> <p>Robin informed group on progress.</p> <p>Robin confirmed that a group from the village has been formed to run this. Unfortunately, the cost for the project has increased and Robin asked the group to support an increase in the CC contribution to a total of £323.67 (the remaining balance to be paid for from local sources). Vote held and group unanimously agreed to the new amount.</p> <p>Group will be very interested to hear the results in due course, especially in light of the move to 20mph in most residential areas.</p>	<p><b>Info.</b></p> <p><b>Info.</b></p>
5	<p><b>Sale of the Donview Centre, Lords Throat, Monymusk by Forest and Land Scotland (FLS)</b></p> <p>There is community desire to take over the site via a new community group and FLS aware of this and supportive.</p> <p>Robin updated group on progress.</p> <p>New community group still in formation, 30+ members of public have expressed interest so far.</p> <p>Awaiting a form to allow submission of a grant application for a feasibility study for the project.</p>	<p><b>Info.</b></p>
6	<p><b>Police Scotland Update</b></p> <p>No update provided to the CC by Police Scotland.</p> <p>Cllr Walker informed group that our assigned contact for the area has retired (the CC was never directly informed of this change by Police Scotland).</p> <p>Cllr Walker to forward new Police Scotland contact details.</p>	<p><b>Info./Cllr Walker</b></p>
7	<p><b>Hill of Fare Windfarm Planning Application</b></p> <p>Frank updated group.</p> <p>Pre-examination meeting held by the Scottish Government reporter in Banchory. Meeting only discussed how the public inquiry would be held and no evidence for or against the application was heard. Will find out in due course which areas will be allowed further discussion.</p> <p>The public inquiry for the Hill of Fare Windfarm application is due to take place in the first 2 weeks of September (1st-13th), with the likely venue (TBC) being Banchory Town Hall.</p> <p>As a reminder, further information on the Hill of Fare proposal can be found in the following links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Developer Website</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Hill of Fare Windfarm Information Group</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Info.</b></p> <p><b>Info.</b></p>



- [Nae Fare \(Local Campaign Group\)](#)
- [Scottish Govt. Energy Consent Unit](#)
- [Hill of Fare Windfarm](#) (Local Campaign Group Facebook Site)

**8 SSEN Kintore to Tealing Project**

SSEN have published the latest proposed pylon location maps.

**Info.**

<https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/project-map/kintore-tealing-400kv-ohl-connection/>

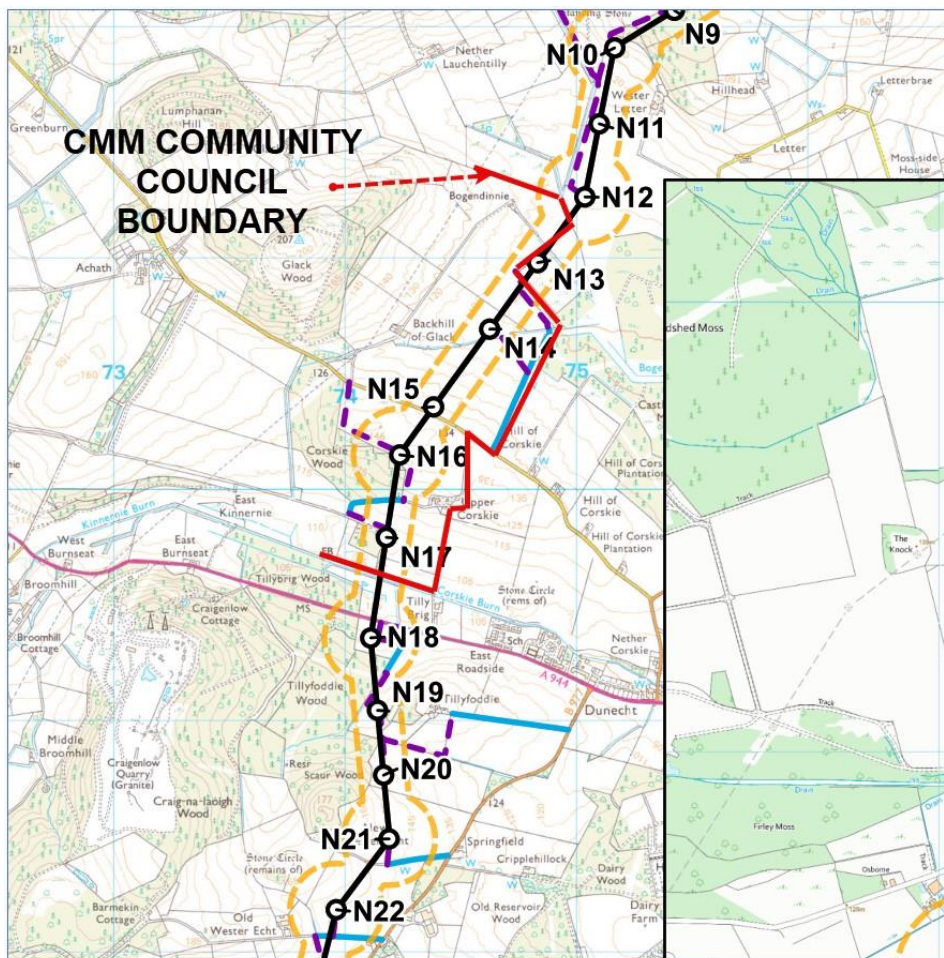
This latest map suggests that 4 pylons are proposed in the CC area, just cutting into the easternmost part.

No new information received/updates since the last meeting.

Local campaign group now has a Facebook site active -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3525527471024401>

SSEN have this website detailing the project - <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/project-map/kintore-tealing-400kv-ohl-connection/>



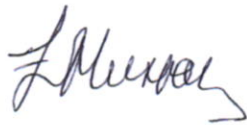
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9	<p><b>New Planning Requests/Planning related updates, to include, but not restricted to the following applications:</b></p> <p>NOTE - In all cases Community Council limit attention to proposals which raise issues of genuine community interest/breach planning guidelines or potential breaches in process.</p> <p><b>APP/2025/0476 - Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse, Beech Cottage The Lane, Sauchen AB51 7PA</b></p> <p>No objection or further community council involvement required.</p>	Info.
10	<p><b>Financial Position and Community Council Expenditure</b></p> <p>Judy updated group.</p> <p>Funds in account at 23<sup>rd</sup> April stand at £4174.13.</p> <p>Expected outgoings over coming year around £770.</p>	Info.
11	<p><b>Cluny/Sauchen Issues</b></p> <p>Ian noted that the ownership of the land on which the recycling centre is located is still unclear. No change in ownership is noted on the ScotLIS site since the insolvency of the previous owner (Stewart Milne) and Aberdeenshire Council have still to provide evidence that ownership was transferred to Kirkwood Homes (still to hear back from them).</p> <p>Confirmation of ownership will open up a possible path to resolving the lack of maintenance of the landscaping in that area.</p> <p>Ian commented that he had posted on the local Facebook sit the availability of some funding to help renovate the Telephone Box and Notice Board. Some positive feedback and offers of help received as a result, which hopefully will be followed through.</p>	Info.
12	<p><b>Midmar Issues.</b></p> <p>No changes or updates since last meeting.</p>	Info.
13	<p><b>Monymusk Issues</b></p> <p>Local resident noted to one of our community councillors that FLS have changed their car park policy such that they now allow the overnight parking of self-contained motorhomes and camper vans at select sites across Scotland, including Donview and Back o'Bennachie.</p> <p><a href="https://forestryandland.gov.scot/stay-the-night">https://forestryandland.gov.scot/stay-the-night</a></p> <p><i>“Stay the Night is only for self-contained motorhomes and campervans. This means vehicles that include accommodation and toilet facilities. It doesn’t include tents beside cars, pop-up, pup or toilet tents, or any motorhome or campervan without its own toilet facility.”</i></p> <p>Resident concerned about the potential of noise, littering and pollution (including from any fires). Group will monitor situation but individuals affected likely to get best results by complaining to FLS directly on a personal basis.</p>	Info.

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14	<p><b>Any Other Competent Business (AOCB)</b></p> <p>Group had discussion on level of personal detail given out on our website, discussion prompted by the receipt by some CC members of a sophisticated phishing email. Ian commented that, with the exception of the secretary email, its entirely up to members what level of contact details are visible. Noted that other CC's have different approaches with some only using a single point contact email whilst others have full visibility of member contact details (phone numbers and individual emails).</p> <p>Frank noted that the less visible members are, the more remote we are to the community. Group decided to leave it up to individual CC members to decide what level of detail they are comfortable with sharing to the public.</p> <p>Discussion held on the new 20mph zones.</p> <p>Confirmed by councillors present that the introduction of the new 20mph zones is a Scottish Government initiative. The cost of introducing the new limits will be covered in full by the Scottish Government. Any future modifications will have to come out of the local council budget. Cllr Goodhall clarified that the scope of the public consultation is strictly limited to just the proposed 30mph to 20mph changes. The consultation will not consider any representations about other speed change requests (e.g. 40mph to 20mph, 30mph to 20mph not included in proposed changes).</p> <p>These requests will have to be considered at a later date. Unclear how this will be handled by Cllrs Walker and Goodhall requested that they be kept informed of any such requests in this CC area.</p> <p>Due to unavailability of many CC members, Frank proposed to group that the date of the next meeting be postponed by 2 weeks until the 25<sup>th</sup> June. Ian noted that AGM must be held in June so no later date allowed. Group agreed to the date change, Ian to change meeting hall arrangements and inform Aberdeenshire Council of the change.</p>	<p>Info.</p> <p>Info.</p> <p>Info./Ian Forbes</p>
17	<p><b>Next meeting date – 7:30pm, Wednesday June 25th 2025, Monymusk Hall</b></p>	

Chairperson –



Date -

25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025