

## Approved Minutes of Meeting

Monymusk, Midmar & Cluny Community Council

19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 7 PM

Monymusk Community Hall

### Present

Frank Murray (Chair)

Nick Ananin

Judy Stokoe (Treasurer)

Sarah Flavell

Mark Lappin

### Apologies

Ian Forbes

Lesley Tierney

Robin Worsman

Jeff Goodall

Iris Walker

20 local residents attended the first part of the meeting

1. Chair welcomed attendees and requested notice of any conflicts of interest. None were declared.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as a fair representation by Mark and seconded by Sarah.
3. Gravitate North East (GNE) proposal for an outdoor event centre, based around a cycling facility in the area, was discussed. Chair introduced the subject by summarising an informal discussion that Community Councillors had held with a representative of GNE on the evening of 13th November 2025 in order to better understand the proposal so that it could be conveyed to local residents.

Chair reminded the meeting that the Community Council is not a decision maker for such a proposal but can submit a position if the proposal is presented as a formal planning application, as can individuals from the area and, from anywhere.

It was noted that information was sparse; that there was confusion over the scope of the proposal relative to another similar proposal. This is partly down to

the early stages of the concept and the fact that GNE website security has been compromised. Residents expressed concern over this confusion and frustration that it has not been resolved given the perceived impact of the plan on the area.

Some clarifications were provided to the meeting:

- a. The proposed site has no water requirements
- b. That GNE is considering an alternative to composting toilets
- c. There are no plans for alpine sports
- d. The 'uplift' facilities were described (vehicles with specially fitted trailers)

There was some open conversation on the subject of GNE proposal and of the group in the room, there was generally a view of opposition. The meeting was reminded that the idea is at a very early stage and that no planning application has been submitted. GNE has suggested that likelihood of going ahead is low.

Chair informed the meeting that Community Council had suggested to GNE that they hold a drop-in session for residents to attend; hear of possible plans and ask questions. A drop-in session was considered preferable to a fixed 'town-hall' style meeting in order to provide flexibility of time for residents. Timing will be announced when this is arranged. This will not be a Community Council meeting but Community Council will help to arrange if needed.

Meeting was reminded that objections in a planning process need to be substantive within planning guidelines.

Following GNE discussion, residents left the meeting and Chair continued with ongoing business.

4. No matters arising
5. Treasurer provided a financial summary:

Bank balance: £3242-59

Imminent payments

Insurance, web site and Cluny war memorial (£702)

Sub-total: £927-25

Rentals for meetings £214

Sub-total: £2161-21

Total (forecast): £1081-38

6. Chair described attending a meeting of local community councils in Stonehaven 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025 with approximately 70 attendees. Various subjects were covered including the idea of developing an area-wide energy plan as these matters are emerging and single proposals can extend across a number of community council areas.

7. No Police Scotland Report had been provided to the meeting. The meeting discussed the recent move to change maximum speed limits in communities across Scotland to 20 MPH. Meeting noted there were a number of exceptions in the area including Millbank where maximum speed limit remains 50 MPH.
8. Of recent planning applications submitted and reported to the Community Council, none were considered to require input.
9. The subject of provision of grit bins was discussed by attendees. This is a subject of ongoing discussion with Aberdeenshire Council which will remain liable for road safety provision.
10. There being no other business, Chair closed the meeting at 21.30 with thanks for attendance and participation.

Chairperson –



Date – 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025