

Tap O'Noth Community Council Meeting Minutes

April 7th 2025 Gartly

Present. AB, RB, DG, PJ, TJ, SS plus 3 general public and 5 online.

Apologies. JG, PM, JS Declaration of Interests TJ for Planning Application at Kennethmont.(Friends)

- 1) Welcome and procedures. PJ objected to recording of Meeting and transcript. Therefore not recorded.
- 2) Approval of Minutes of meeting at Kennethmont on 3rd March 2025.
Proposed DG, seconded AB.
- 3) Matters Arising.

Kennethmont Footpath. No updates.

Coreen Hills Windfarm Proposal. RB relayed that at the Cashwig meeting the Application from the developers had not been submitted yet. TJ added that various landowners had been approached by Savills on behalf of Pylon construction company for information on land they own that might be on the proposed routes to Craig Watch. However, they had failed to enclose the maps which were to be used.

Log Bank. 84 bags are with T Smith who can be contacted for delivery. MAP are keen to continue the scheme next year, but need to find funding. This has yet to be discussed.

Defibrillator Update. PM checked and all fine.

Area by Moss Wood. Nothing to add.

Local Place Plan. SS had contacted Emma Storey and was awaiting a reply. RB had heard from Paul Ede of Place at the Table that he would be happy to offer his services for a fee. Agreed we should see what we could do for free.

Plants. RB stated that £300 had been placed as a deposit on plants. This was taken from the Micro Grant previously approved. It was explained that there would be many fewer plants than last year and that SS,AB and RB would look into fund raising. DG said Kennethmont was already growing some plants for Kennethmont.

Rhynie Public Toilets. S Stoneman had emailed RCT for clarification regarding this since Paul Manning had asked about this at the RCT AGM. Paul Manning had asked that the responsibility and therefore the funding for the toilets could be returned to the Community Council. J Smith had sent an email, in her role as RCT secretary, to reply. It was said that RCT had already signed a new contract for the toilets and returned it. SS is to contact Robin Henderson to discuss this as he had told TJ that RCT would be handing it back to TONCC.

- 4) **Pop up Bob.** Pop up Bob still not seen. There have been complaints and accidents caused by careless driving on the Huntly straight at Gartly and dangerous driving in Rhynie.
- 5) **Hybrid Meetings policy** To be reviewed at next meeting as some Community Councillors had not seen the email.
- 6) **Mains of Rhynie.** Kate Beverly reported that there is no further update.
“The application can not proceed to the public register until due diligence is undertaken regarding proper consultation. Scottish Forestry have confirmed that this is the case. Taylors/Treeline appear stalled in their application for the moment.
- 7) **Craig Quarry** The application has been passed subject to certain conditions regarding access and use of the Burns of Craig road and lack of passing places. Mr Forman is planning an objection. The meeting held at Craig Castle was well attended by objectors and covered by the P and J and STV.
- 8) **Ness Bogie.** No update.
- 9) **TONCC WEBSITE.** RB has made contact with Alford academy for student help. They will look at this after students have finished exams.
- 10) **Police report.** Nothing.
- 11) **Planning Applications.** There were no objections received or given to the current applications.
- 12) **Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors.** There were no councillors present.
- 13) **Correspondence .**

New Noth Woods. PJ to check if Gartly are aware of the FSC and PEFC FOREST Certification Consultation.

Tap O’Noth House. RCT, TONCC and Huntly Development Trust have all replied to say no interest in buying the property.

Budget proposal cuts are fairly savage and RB proposed that we should contact the Donside CC to be in support of their report.
- 14) **Treasurers Report** £11369.09 total funds.
- 15) **Individual area reports.**

Kennethmont, nothing.

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Gartly Church gate has been knocked over Cllr Goodhall to see PJ

Rhynie. TJ to see Brian Beverly re who to contact regarding the rubbish and fly tipping at Jock Cunninghams old burnt out house. Tap O'Noth track still to finish,

16) **AOCB**

17) **Any questions from the Public?**

What is Pop up Bob? - this was explained.

Chris Hamlet from Cashwig said Planning for Hil of Fare turned down. However there are several other applications in the pipeline (63 of which 13 are in Moray). Further information on facts and figures are available on Cashwig website.

Next meeting - AGM 5th May, Fourteen, Rhynie