

Tap O’Noth Community Council Minutes - March 2026

Present	Sharon Stoneman, Tryphaena Jordan, Robin Baird, Paul Mannin, Carol Bristow, John Humphrey, David Grant, Cllr Goodhall, Janice Smith (Online) Public attendance 1 online, 4 in person Apologies Chris Thornley	
Welcome	Welcome and introductions. No objections to recording of meeting	
Declaration	Declaration of interest- None	
Minutes	Approval of Minutes of last meeting. Proposed CB, seconded RB.	
Treasurers Report.	Bank Balance- £7310.06 (£4.25 svc charge) Wetland Legacy Fund- £1083.47 (no change) Defibrillator Fund- £1440.63 (no change) Microgrant Fund- £783.13 (£500 dep to The Seed box, £500 pending) leaving a balance of £283.13 Unrestricted Funds- £4002.83	

Matters arising	Rhynie School Kitchen Nothing to report. Cllr G stated that the Council is planning to go ahead with closing. Leave on agenda until April when change occurs. Kennethmont Footpath Martin Hall, Aberdeenshire Council, making slow progress regarding landownership. Funds for the school path are from Safe Routes to Schools and are secure. CC to help with questions of landownership if needed/requested. Footpath expected to be operational by 2027. Correen Hill Windfarm Chris Hamlet reported nothing new since last update. Still awaiting HOF Public Inquiry report. No application made yet. Defibrillator All working well. British Heart Foundation can supply (Carriage and VAT included) for £168.00 for adults and £132 for Paediatric pads. PM just awaiting confirmation from BHF and will verify updated prices. Log bank TJ still has bags available. Some will be delivered this week. Contact TJ if any needed. Local Place Plan CB has started the process. She will make comments for Clatt as none have been forthcoming. JH had heard that community was wanting any new builds to be in keeping with existing houses in area. There is a shortage of job opportunities, especially ones paying over minimum wage. Lack of any reliable public transport is hindering youngsters etc. getting to college and or work.	
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7	Police Report No report. Remove from agenda	
8	Planning applications- NA	
9	Update from Aberdeenshire Councillors Cllr G. Hopefully end to cuts. Most government monies go to the Central Belt. Full meeting of Aberdeenshire Council on Thursday where they hope to address dire road conditions with reinstatement of surface dressing which had been withdrawn in past. Aberdeenshire Council exploring different revenue streams such as making/selling signage to other councils.	
10	Correspondence. All had been sent round to community councillors.	

11	Individual area reports. Clatt. Any help available for heating oil in relation to price hikes. Rural communities are in special hardship. Improvement needed in bus services. Cllr G pushing for DRT App to order a bus from a hub. School busses take public. Flashing signs still advising 'Slow 'at non-existent/ closed schools. Trees on the corner of Kennethmont/ Clatt Road obstructing view and scratching cars. JH to check On-going Issues with access to Clatt school and its sale as the building is landlocked. Kennethmont Rannes Hall seed and tatty event 14th March 10 -12 noon. Gartly. Leaflet re proposed Windfarm at Dunscroft. Curry Night and Dance on 28th March 7pm Tin Hut. Plant event for May date to be confirmed. Rhynie- Seed and tatty event, 28th March at No 14. Crash Barrier opposite the school has still not been fixed and is dangerous with loose metal work and plastic streamers on road. Teram on the Tap O Noth footpath coming through. PM has cut back the gorse etc. However, it is now impossible to go around on the path to the right of the gate due to overgrown gorse. This is believed to be the responsibility of John Mackie, Milton Farm Rhynie. TJ to investigate.	
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14	Next Meeting - 20 th April Rhynie. 7pm.	
Micro Grants	Application still on hold until suitable guidance is available and agreed and currently no funds available.	