

Tap O’Noth Community Council Minutes

Monday 3, August, Rhynie

Present	Sharon Stoneman (SS), Robin Baird (RB), David Grant (DG), James Grant (JG), Carol Bristow (CB), Chris Thornley (CT), John Humphrey (JH), Janice Smith (JS), Tryphaena Jordan (TJ), Paul Manning (PM). 3 public online, 7 public in attendance. No apologies
Welcome	Welcome by chair and introductions
Declaration	Recording allowed. No declaration of interest. No Micro-grant applications
Minutes	Previous minutes approved as amended. Amendments must be discussed at the meeting and voted upon if there is an inaccuracy. Please do not ask for amendments in emails prior to meeting. No objections to DG adding his name to suggestion regarding finding out about those on private water supplies. Thanks, given by chair to TJ for doing the minutes. Addition of the transcript of Sophie Child talk at the meeting added to the minutes.
Treasurers Report	Bank balance £10,647.83 as of August 1, 2026 Wetland legacy £1,083.47 (no change) Defibrillator £1,940.63 (no change) Micro-grant £3,684.17 (no change) Unrestricted £3,939.56 (no change)

Dunscroft Wind farm	Patricia Carr, Snr Stakeholder and Project Manager Angus Thompson, for the developer, Low Carbon, will be speaking at the September 7 meeting. CB- has spoken to Elisabeth Tully- Aberdeenshire Council. TONCC is not a statutory consultee on EIA scoping requests, so will not be consulted as part of formal scoping process. Advised CC to go to the developer with queries. Anyone - even the cc, can still submit comments. Once the planning application goes in, comments from the CC will be more applicable. CC should be consulted at the planning stage. There is a need to raise anything scoped out at the planning stage. Comments made about the Foudland Scoping report were taken into consideration, but this response was made to the ECU. Dunscroft responses will be to Aberdeenshire Council. Not at the stage to respond yet. Angus Thompson, Project Mngr, Low Carbon, should have the scoping report by Friday Aug 7, delay of 2 weeks. Question from public- Checks on the water supplies by SEPA and Scottish water should they apply for an FOI? Shona Child advised that advice from DG regarding water supplies was good. We encourage the public to come to the next meeting when the developer will speak.
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Matters Arising	<u>Kennethmont Footpath-</u> no formal update. Community wants footpath. Aberdeenshire Council dragging their feet - DG. No update re: online feedback form yet -JG. Please can this be queried. SS to check with Cllr G. CB- Do we have to go through Cllr G for updates? Can't we go directly to Aberdeenshire Council? Yes- last update from the Council, was regarding ownership of the land the pathway will go through. Legal is working on this -PM <u>Defibrillator -</u> PM, New pads to Kennethmont, seems none available from British Heart Foundation. RB notes that the website is difficult, but she has contacted BHF and they do have pads. PM and RB to liaise <u>Log Bank-</u> TJ -12 bags left. This is the end of the scheme and topic will be removed from agenda. <u>Pop Up Bob-</u>has been passed on to Gartly. Has not been erected yet. <u>Micro-grant Scheme-</u> Correspondence from Berry Jordan, Vattenfall had not been sent out as SS was away. RB read letter from Berry Jordan (Vattenfall). Discussions have been had within the Community Benefit Fund and FS regarding the Micro grant Scheme and the confusion the information disseminated by Foundation Scotland has caused. Levels of funding are not to exceed £500/£500. The chair has received a new MoU from Debbie Heron. This will be sent out to all. Until the new MoU is signed, the old MoU applies. The new MoU will be signed with an electronic signature by the chair.
Planning Applications	Arena at Caldrain, N/A; Agricultural Building, Beverly's, N/A; Mains of Gartly Farmhouse, N/A.
Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors	No update as none in attendance.

Correspondence	Application for Nicola Hellyer to serve on TONCC. Vote will be taken at the September meeting Correspondence re: damaged notice board at Kennethmont. DG to investigate. Email from Phyllis Beverly re: Barflat Road. Complaints about the state of and the intermittent closure of the road by Mark Cockburn for sheep handling. Further concerns about emergency access to Barflat Farm if needed. Phyllis believes the road is council owned. TJ understands there is some confusion over ownership of the road. She is not sure of details and will discuss with Mark Cockburn and confer with Aberdeenshire Council.
Area Reports	Rhynie-PM, Playing fields were topped by Brian Beverly. There is some confusion as to who asked for this to be done and who should pay. There was agreement within the CC that Mr Beverly should be paid and, in this instance, as a one off, the money will be taken from the Wetland Legacy Fund. It should be noted that RCT have applied for a grant from FS for a mower for the benefit of the community. JS reported that there are many hoops to jump through before this is finalised. Hanging baskets at toilets were stolen. Water heater in ladies toilet is malfunctioning. JS to check with Phyllis. Toilets have been painted. Clatt- Fly tipping has occurred at the village hall. CC TV cameras have been installed, and responsible parties will be reported to the council. Gartly-Nothing Kennethmont- Dead flowers from the Seed Box were questioned by JG. Has there been compensation? £50 credit allowing us to ignore the delivery invoice. £1000 spent on flowers for all four villages last year.
AOCB	CB- TONCC appears to have more meetings than the other CC's- Other CC's have one month off in summer and one at Christmas. Can we do the same? After much discussion, it was agreed to leave as is as this is a better service to the communities. Examples of missed planning application dates in the past.

Questions	None
Next Meeting	September 7, Clatt 7PM - Please note earlier start time.