

St Cyrus Community Council 9th December 2025

St Cyrus Village Hall @ 19.30 hours

Present:	Peter Moir (Chair), Brian Fleming (Treasurer), Kirsty Forrester (minute taker), Jenny Bevan,
In attendance:	Councillor George Carr;
Apologies:	Nicci Bruyère, Cllr Tracey Smith, James Henderson, Cllr Alison Evison

Item	
1	Welcome & Minutes
1.1	A warm welcome was given to all by chair Peter Moir.
1.2	Peter Moir (Chair) carried out the safety brief.
1.3	Apologies were received from people as mentioned above.
1.4	No declarations of interest received.
1.5	The November minutes had been approved offline as true, proposed by Peter Moir, and seconded by Brian Fleming.
1.6	No matters arising from the previous meeting that are not covered by tonight's agenda.
1.6.1	Noticeboard: The larger board on the Main Road opposite the Morrison Shop is in the process of being refurbishment by Chris Adam.
2	Items for Discussion
2.1	<p><u>Planning Applications:</u> - As at 8 December 2025.</p> <p><u>Planning Applications decided since last SCCC meeting:</u> Three in total</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APP/2025/1163: Woodlea, Main Road, St Cyrus. Full planning permission for alterations and extension to dwelling house & erection of a Boundary fence – Status: Approved. 2. APP/2025/0557: Planning in principle for a single house on a Brownfield site, land north of Criggie Steading – Status : Refused. 3. APP/2025/1216: The Old Smithy, Ecclesgreig, St Cyrus. Full planning permission for alterations and extension to the dwelling house – Status: Withdrawn. <p><u>New applications since last SCCC meeting:</u> Two in total.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. APP/2025/1845: Change of Use of Existing Cabin from Business (class 4) to Café with Shop (class 2 and 1A) 5. APP/2025/1750: Erection of 15 Dwelling Houses (Change of Design from APP/2018/0686) <p><u>Outstanding applications since last SCCC meeting:</u> Six in total.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. APP/2025/1765: Scottish Natural Heritage Visitor Centre, St Cyrus – Installation of Replacement Entrance Doors – Status: Awaiting decision. 7. APP/2025/1704: Rockhall Fishing Station, St Cyrus - Installation of Stairs and Erection of Retaining Wall and Formation of Footpath – Status: Awaiting decision. 8. APP/2025/1639: Erection of dwelling house west of West Mathers Farmhouse – Status: Awaiting decision.

	<p>9. APP/2025/0755: Resubmission from Snowdrop Developments for full planning permission for the formation of an access road – Status: Awaiting decision.</p> <p>10. APP/2024/1408: Alterations and extension to Burnside House on Ecclesgreig Road – Status: Awaiting decision.</p> <p>11. APP/2024/1461: Replacement of windows for Burnside House on Ecclesgreig Road – Status: Awaiting decision.</p>
2.2	<p>Correspondence since last SCCC meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberdeenshire Council Officers have visited the caravan site, with regards to taking part in the comfort partnership. The caravan site emailed on 08/12/2025 for an update. ○ Extension of the 20 mph (from the shop to the South end of the village) has been referred by Cllrs Carr and Evison to the Infrastructure Committee for a review. Chairperson of infrastructure committee said all the appeals did not meet the criteria so have agreed to have a policy review of speed limits in Aberdeenshire – this is expected in early 2026. ○ Speed is currently being monitored in the village to see the impact of the 20mph. As suggested by Cllr Carr, community council agreed that Brian Fleming would right to request the data on speed before and after the installation of the 20mph.
2.3	<p>Police Report: - Community Council agreed that moving forward the police report would be posted to the website and not reported at the meeting.</p>
2.4	<p><u>Website Update: -</u> All are functioning correctly under Nicci's supervision.</p>
2.5	<p><u>Grit Bins and Gritting: -</u></p> <p>St Cyrus Community Council has written to Aberdeenshire Council to say that we would adopt three grit bins – Davidson Place, Morphie Drive and Croft Place. We will not be adopting the two outside the village. Aberdeenshire Council will do an assessment to ensure the bins we are keeping are up to scratch.</p> <p>Cllr Carr advised that many Community Councils who had adopted bins had been querying how much it would cost to have them filled. He advised that we email Aberdeenshire Council to request a quote.</p> <p>Brian will send an email.</p>
2.6	<p><u>Northwater Bridge: -</u> Cllr Carr had received a response today (09/12/25) about the need for rock armour –Cllr Carr advised rock armour being used in Banff. Cllr Carr will provide an update at the next meeting.</p>
2.7	<p><u>Pedestrian Cross on St Cyrus A92 Main Road: -</u> Community Council had written to Scott Copland – he responded that he had engaged with elected members, members of the public. The response is detailed below:</p> <p><u>Aberdeenshire Council: Pedestrian Crossing Policy & Manual</u></p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council's Pedestrian Crossings Policy aims to achieve consistency in the assessment and provision of pedestrian crossings across the areas of</p>

	<p>Aberdeenshire, targeting locations where they are most needed. The <i>Pedestrian Crossing Manual</i> is directly referenced in the Policy and <i>shall be complied with for all crossings in Aberdeenshire</i>. The proposed St Cyrus Zebra Crossing is compliant with the Pedestrian Crossing Manual.</p> <p><u>St Cyrus Community Council Request for a Zebra Crossing on the A92 Main Road</u></p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council have considered the request from St Cyrus Community Council for the provision of a Zebra Crossing on the A92 Main Road within the St Cyrus village settlement, which addresses the <i>“Key Criteria of Safety, Convenience and Accessibility”</i> of such a crossing for the inhabitants of the village; but particularly with regard to the provision of a <i>“Safe Route to School”</i> for village children living to the west of the Main Road in the Ecclesgreig Road and general surrounding catchment area of Ecclesgreig Road.</p> <p>Aberdeenshire Council have consulted the Ward 19 Council members, St Cyrus Community Council and held a Public Consultation on the design and position of the location proposed for the Zebra crossing and why other locations suggested will not be possible, to meet the three “Key Criteria” outlined above.</p> <p>The public consultation period has now finished, and Aberdeenshire Council have confirmed that the scheme will proceed as per the layout proposed. Aberdeenshire Council are currently in discussions with their Local Roads team about their availability to carry out this work and hope the installation programme will be in the Spring of 2026. Once they have some firmer dates, St Cyrus Community Council will be kept informed.</p> <p>Once installed, citizens of St Cyrus using the Zebra, should acquaint themselves with the guidance contained in the 2022 Version of the Highway Code, on how to best use a Zebra.</p> <p><i>Kirsty will email the school and suggest a learning opportunity.</i></p>
3	<p>Treasurer's Report: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance of funds: £6725 • General fund. £2,294 • Newsletter fund. £1,064 • Play Park fund. £3,367
4	<p>Sub Committees:</p>
4.1	<p><u>Newsletter: -</u></p> <p>The next issue of the St Cyrus Newsletter is scheduled for issue in January 2026.</p> <p>Submissions deadline for articles for the next newsletter is 15th December 2025</p>
4.2	<p><u>Gala: -</u> SCCC note for the record that 2026 is the 20th year of the gala.</p>
4.3	<p><u>Community Action Plan (CAP): -</u></p> <p>Kirsty Forrester provided a verbal update. Please see <u>Appendix 1: Community Action Plan Update – December 2025</u> at the end of this minute.</p>
5	<p>Councillors Updates (Cllr George Carr)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents are working with the developer and elected members to move forward the adoption of the roads and pavements in the new Snowdrop development. £35M deficit in Aberdeenshire. Energy from waste plant is now working again. Pre-hearing into new SSEN sub-station held last week – full day. To be heard and decision made in early January. Elected members were invited to comment Streetlights – budget savings plan to switch 10pm – 6am – elected members have rejected this plan. Elected members concerned about removal of streetlights and has requested the criteria for decision making changed.
6	Questions from the Community: There have been no written questions to St Cyrus Community Council, in accordance with Standing Orders, in the period since the last Community Council meeting.
Next Meeting Tuesday, 13th January 2026, St Cyrus Village Hall at 7:30 PM	

Date: -

Chair Signature: -

Appendix 1: Community Action Plan Update – December 2025

Update	07/12/2025 (Kirsty Forrester)
A meeting with Kincardine and Mearns Local Community Planning Officers, staff from Live Life Aberdeenshire, the Active Travel team and Economic Development is planned this week to go through the recommendations of the action plan and identify how actions can be progressed with support from Aberdeenshire Council.	
Enhance existing parks with upgraded equipment suitable for all age groups.	
Update	07/12/2025 (Kirsty Forrester)
Fundraising - TOTAL raised: £5134	
Community Donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £851 - Just Giving (19 local people) £500 - St Cyrus Solos £100 - St Cyrus Community Council £2000 - Accord Group £284 - Spooky walk £458 - Ross Agri towards a charity calendar printing £440 - St Cyrus Church (calendar sales) £50 - St Cyrus Nursery School – Sponsored walk £451 - Calendar sales and lucky squares at Ecclesgrieg holiday park, NixSnacks, St Cyrus Gala, St Cyrus Parent Council Christmas Fayre 	Grant Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A funding application was submitted to the Tullo Twinshiels Windfarm fund on 15th September 2025. The panel met on 3rd December, and funding was NOT awarded because it was deemed that the application did not meet the criteria – I have asked for detail about how it did not meet the criteria to help inform future applications. Guidelines can be found here: Tullo-Guidelines.pdf We have inquired about other funding but have been told that we do not meet the criteria as the council own the land or because it is for capital funding. A funding bid has been submitted to Awards for All for the maximum award (£20,000), if granted this will leave a shortfall of around £6,000.
Installation of equipment by Aberdeenshire Council Neil West, Landscape Services Officer, advises that AC are progressing plans to install a new play unit at the park. He hopes it is on Engage Aberdeenshire mid-February to allow local residents to have their say on what they would like. Neil has stated that he is keen to work with the community on locations for this new unit.	
Aberdeenshire Council should implement traffic calming measures and enforce speed zones to prioritize the safety of pedestrians and children. The installation of a pedestrian crossing along the A92 is deemed essential..	
Update	09/12/25
Update to be provided and discussed at Community Council meeting.	
Work collectively to improve walking and cycling paths around the village for safer commuting and recreational activities.	
Update	08/12/2025 (Caspar Lampkin)
We have been out auditing the route from Montrose to Inverbervie and identifying where signs and way markers are needed. We are also gathering thoughts about the Mearns Coast through a short online survey. Mearns Coastal Path Survey . Our most recent update is out... MERCHAT Update Autumn 2025 . There is further news in there including over £52,000 of successful funding applications.	
We have cut the gorse along the Rockhall to Woodston cliff path and planted over 200 trees to the North of Tangleha. The high tide and south easterly gale last Friday brought a lot of pebbles, seaweed, and litter up onto parts of the Tangleha to Johnshaven path.	