

St Cyrus Community Council Meeting

Minutes

Date: 10th February 2026 **Location:** St Cyrus Village Hall **Time:** 7:30pm

In attendance:

- Community Council members - Peter Moir (Chair), Kirsty Forrester (minute taker), Jenny Bevan,
- Elected members – Cllr George Carr, Cllr Alison Evison
- Members of the public – Andrew Stevenson, Isabel Vernon, Joy Wells, Eric Wells, Lucy Black

Item	Update
1	Welcome & Minutes
1.1	Welcome by the Chair Peter welcome everyone
1.2	Safety briefing from the Chair.
1.3	Apologies Brian Fleming, James Henderson (St Cyrus Community Council members)
1.4	Declarations None
1.5	Minutes of the previous meeting – proposed by Peter and 2 nd by Jenny
1.6	All matters arising from the previous meeting on the agenda.
2	Items for Discussion.
2.1.	Planning applications – As at 10th Feb 2026 Outstanding applications as at 10th February 2026 Currently only two applications under consideration, awaiting decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• APP/2025/2096: Erection of 4 dwelling houses in Kirkview Brae (The Snowdrop development) Status – Awaiting decision.• APP/2025/0755: Resubmission from Snowdrop developments for full planning permission for the formation of an access road – Status: Awaiting decision.
2.2.	Correspondence since the last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free training delivered by Planning Aid Scotland• Funding Tables for Scotland 2026 2027, from Cllr Carr• Webinar for Community Councils - Local Governance Review - Wednesday 25th February 2026 6:00pm-7:30pm online via Microsoft Teams• Join SSEN's Stakeholder Workshops and help shape our new ED3 business plan• Agenda for Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee meeting 10th February 2026• Your Zurich Town and Parish policy is due for renewal [Policy Ref=165432383]• Flood Risk Management Plans - Phase 1 Consultation

- Travellers from the site at River North Esk moved to the park for 2 days because of the risk of flooding.
 - Cllr Carr has taken photos of the road in front of Steptoe's and shared – to be discussed at next ward meeting .
- Tullo & Twinshiels Windfarm Community Benefit Fund – *“information and the Nomination Form for your Windfarm Panel representatives. Please complete and return by the end of February. It is very important that we have representation from each of the Community Council areas. I will contact your representative in early April to offer potential dates for the meeting.”*
 - Brian willing to represent. Substitute Peter

All correspondence posted to the St Cyrus Community Facebook page.

2.3. Go Fibre Update:

- Meeting held in village hall – Peter attended meeting on behalf of community council – written update provided to meeting (attached at the end of this minute).

2.4. Grit Bins & Gritting –

- Correspondence received:

“Further to your application to adopt grit bins, the next step is for Aberdeenshire Council to assess the grit bins that are to be adopted. Grit bins that they assess as being in good condition will have a sticker placed on them with the contact details.

Grit bins that they assess as damaged or in poor condition will not have a sticker applied at the assessment stage. A sticker will only be placed once the grit bin has been replaced with one in a good condition.

Once the assessment stage has been completed, they will provide us with an update. This will then allow us to begin refilling the grit bins that have a sticker on them.”

- They aim to have the assessment stage completed by the end of March 2026, weather and resources dependent, and aim to have the replacement of any grit bins carried out during the first week in April 2026, with stickers placed on them at that time.

2.5. Northwater Bridge Maintenance

- An update from Cllr Carr – has requested a copy of the feasibility study for Community Council – Philip MacKay – Head of Roads and Gillian (??) said this was possible. If this is not forthcoming St Cyrus CC will follow up directly.
 - Cllr Carr also asked about who was managing assessment of the bridge following the retirement of the lead bridge officer. Was reassured that this was in hand that the council had adequate support from officers. Has been told they are monitoring it and that there has been work done recently.
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- The Viaduct is owned by English heritage trust – Council have some involvement as any problems with that bridge would have a negative impact on the road bridge.
- Jubilee Bridge in Bervie - Traffic calming measures are in place to extend the life of the bridge.

2.6. **Pedestrian Crossing.**

- Correspondence from Aberdeenshire council – *“data from the speed surveys for the 20mph rollout is currently being checked and will be available to view online shortly. As such, we cannot provide you with this data at this present time.”*
- Construction will be carried out by the Council’s Roads Maintenance team; due to the recent bad weather the team have been exceptionally busy dealing with winter maintenance and subsequent flooding related issues. The programmed start date of w/c 2nd February may need to be pushed back. However, if this happens, we will update you in due course.
- Andrew Stevenson – has emailed the council to raise his concerns.
- Members of the public attending the meeting raised concerns about how information is shared by the community council. Feel that they are not kept informed.
- Elected members have raised concerns with officers about the crossing. Officers explained the restrictions of the legislation – and that the proposed site was the only site that met the legislation.

2.7. **Concerns about Snowdrop developments;**

- Isabel Vernon raised concerns about the completion of Snowdrop development- top surfacing of the roads, landscaping not completed as per planning.
- Cllr Carr has raised this with planning – officers have said they are supporting the developer and well aware of the concerns.

3	Treasurers Report	
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| 3.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bank Balance £10,709 broken down as follows ● General Fund £2,257 ● Newsletter Fund £3,865 ● Playpark Fund £4,587 ● Renewal for insurance and Website received in line with last year and will be paid in due course. ● Kirsty Forrester to be added to banking signatories |
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4	Sub- Committees	
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| 4.1 | <p>Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February issue should be out for delivery soon |
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| 4.2 | <p>Gala –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daffodil tea confirmed for the 22nd March – primary school will be involved in an art competition. |
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4.3 **CAP** – update given. Detail found at the end of this minute. [CAP](#)

5 **Updates from Councillors**

5.1. **Cllr Carr –**

- Discussions about budget - needs to be an increase in council tax and efficiencies. Last year's budget – savings were almost undeliverable.
- Cllrs are aware that with bad weather that we need to not cut any budget for infrastructure. Lots of concerns about roads and road safety.
- If cannot maintain roads, cannot maintain transport
- Very difficult decisions to be made
- Looking to move some assets.
- Energy from the waste plan is back up and running (Altens - black bins). Aberdeenshire – not performing as we should.
- There is money tied up in bins - we should be taking one bin from the kerbside like Aberdeen City does. All our recycling goes to Altens also.
- A full day to discuss the sub-station at Fetterresso – was rejected by the chair. Substations have been refused in Angus, Moray, Aberdeenshire...

5.2. **Cllr Evison –**

- When we talk about efficiency when we mean cuts. We have taken so much already that everything already is efficient. Essentially, we are looking at reduction in services.
- The budget will be passed on the 26th February – Council has one requirement – to balance the budget. Papers will be published on the website the week before

6 **Questions received from the Community**

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- None received in writing
 - Isabel Vernon and Joy Wells stated that they were not aware that St Cyrus Community Council no longer had “AOCB” on the meeting agenda. They were informed that the previous secretary had posted a letter on the St Cyrus Community Council page on the 19th August 2025 advising residents that *“Anyone wishing to bring up a topic at the September meeting, please send in their proposal to stcyruscommunity council@gmail.com so that this can be discussed at our (business) meeting and put onto our agenda. If no proposals are sent in, then they will not be accepted at the meeting”*.
 - <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1087242510183856&set=a.421320836776030>
 - It was stated by the Chair at the September meeting that, moving forward, agenda items would need to be submitted in advance (by the 4th Tuesday of the month preceding the community council meeting). This was unfortunately not recorded in the minute of the September meeting at the time. It was agreed that in future, this would be added to the monthly minute.

7 **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 10th March 2026 St Cyrus Village Hall at 7:30 pm

Anyone wishing to bring up a topic at Future meetings should send in their proposal 5 Working days before the Meeting to stcyruscommunitycouncil@gmail.com so that this can be discussed by Community Councillors prior to meeting and added to the agenda. If no proposals are sent in, then they will not be accepted at the meeting.

CAP update reports

1. Enhance existing parks with upgraded equipment suitable for all age groups.

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£4587 raised by the community to date.

Grant Applications

- Application to Awards for All – rejected.
- Application to Coastal Community Challenge Funds - submitted

Most local and national grant making trusts and funds will unfortunately not fund a project which is based on local authority land.

Scottish Government Playpark Renewal Scheme

- Aberdeenshire Council approved £20,000 of Scottish Government funding to be allocated to install a multi-unit playpark in St Cyrus.
- The potential suppliers have been asked to submit proposals by the end of the month. Those submissions will then be evaluated by Aberdeenshire Council officers before being added to the Engage Aberdeenshire Portal for the community to vote on their preferred option.
- Feedback on park equipment from the St Cyrus Action plan community consultation and further engagement with children and parents during the St Cyrus gala fun day in August has been submitted to Aberdeenshire Council to inform this decision making process.
- St Cyrus Community Council have written to Aberdeenshire Council to request that the community be actively involved in the decision-making around the placement of the preferred unit within the park.

All Weather Pitch

- Meeting held between Peter Moir and Kirsty Forrester (St Cyrus Community Council), Grant Ritchie and Ross Smith (Community Leisure Officer - Live Life Aberdeenshire) on 15/01/26 to look at all weather pitch and the pavilion.
- A community action day to replace the boards and improve the surface was agreed – planned for May. We hope members of the community will come along to lend a hand.
- Ross Smith seeking quotes to have the surface of the all-weather pitch rejuvenated.

Cllr Carr suggested contacting Neil and Peter Reid from Laurencekirk – they had used a local contractor in St Cyrus to renew the tennis court at the memorial park.

10. Additional bins should be provided to address littering concerns.

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Primary 4/5 class leading on dog fouling. Meeting with elected ward members Feb 2026 to discuss.