



**STONEHAVEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
AGM MINUTES**

13th May 2025 – 19:00 – 19:30

Meeting held in the Sheriff Court Buildings, Stonehaven

Present
Community Council Members: Alistair Lawrie (AL), Andrew McArdle (AMcA), Audrey Malcolm (AM), Brian Menzies (BM), Caroline Duguid (CD), Daniel Veltman (DV), David Lawman (DL), James (Jim) Morrison (JM), James (Jim) Stephen (JS), Rachel Frame (RF), Raymond Christie (RC), Steve McQueen (SMcQ) Aberdeenshire Council Elected Members: Wendy Agnew (Cllr A) via Zoom, Dawn Black (Cllr B), Sarah Dickenson (Cllr D) via Zoom, Alan Turner (Cllr T)
In Attendance
Jane Cruickshank (Jane C) The Bellman, John Cruickshank (John C) Horizon Group, Joyce Esson (JE) The Bellman. Steve ? , TD Gordon, Carlo Williams, GT? all via Zoom
Apologies
Fiona Tavindale (FT), Ian Hunter (IH), Norman MacKay (NMck)

1	Chairperson's Welcome	Action
	DL welcomed everyone	
2	Roll-call	
	See above.	
3	Community Council's Annual Report: Chairperson, David Lawman (DL)	
	See attached.	
4	Consideration and approval of the independently verified Statement of Accounts & proposed budget for the forthcoming year: Treasurer, Norman Mackay (NM) (Will be presented @ June meeting)	
	This will be held over until the June Business meeting.	

5	Consideration and approval of the AGM Minutes 2024: Secretary Julie Lindeman (JL)																					
	The previous AGM Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting, RC proposed and AL seconded the 2024 AGM Minutes.																					
6	The election and/or re-election of Officers: Cllr. Dawn Black																					
	Cllr Dawn Black took the chair for the election and/or re-election of officers. The following were duly elected: <table><tr><td><u>Position</u></td><td><u>Name:</u></td><td><u>Proposed</u></td><td><u>Seconded</u></td></tr><tr><td>Chair</td><td>David Lawman</td><td>Alistair Lawrie</td><td>Caroline Duguid</td></tr><tr><td>Vice Chair</td><td>Alistair Lawrie</td><td>James (Jim) Stephen</td><td>Steve McQueen</td></tr><tr><td>Secretary</td><td>Audrey Malcolm</td><td>Alistair Lawrie</td><td>Brian Menzies</td></tr><tr><td>Treasurer</td><td>Norman MacKay</td><td>Andrew McArdle</td><td>Alistair Lawrie</td></tr></table>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	Chair	David Lawman	Alistair Lawrie	Caroline Duguid	Vice Chair	Alistair Lawrie	James (Jim) Stephen	Steve McQueen	Secretary	Audrey Malcolm	Alistair Lawrie	Brian Menzies	Treasurer	Norman MacKay	Andrew McArdle	Alistair Lawrie	
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7	Consideration and approval of the Business Meeting program for the forthcoming year: Chairperson, David Lawman (DL)																					
	DL proposed that SDCC will continue to meet as usual on the 2 nd Tuesday of each month, with the Agenda discussion meetings being held on the 1 st Tuesday of each month. All agreed.																					
8	The approval of the Annual Budget: Treasurer, Norman Mackay (NMck) (Will be presented @ June meeting)																					
	This was held over until the June Business meeting.																					
9	Voting on any proposals for amendment to the Community Council's Constitution – (No changes were proposed this time around)																					
	All agreed to keep the current constitution as it is, , i.e. no changes were made. DL thanked everyone for their work over the past year, and for their attendance at the AGM.																					

Chairperson's Report 2024-25

- **Planning:**
- **APP/2021/2094** – Erection of 3750sqm Retail (Class 1) Unit (Amended Design to APP/2015/3716 and APP/2018/1842) | Phase 1 Land At Ury Estate Ury Stonehaven Aberdeenshire

Approved – 21st Oct 2021 – No Progress – Morrisons confirmed they had stepped away from the project

- **APP/2022/1676** – Erection of Visitor Centre (Class 10) Including Class 1 (Retail), Class 3 (Cafe/Restaurant), Class 3 (Kiosk) and Erection of 10 Dwellinghouse (Enabling Development) and Associated Infrastructure Land At Dunnottar Castle Stonehaven

The project was not given planning permission, mainly due to the 10 Dwellinghouse (Enabling Development) being out with current guidelines.

- **APP/2023/0395** – Erection of Roadside Services Comprising Class 1 (Shops), Class 3 (Food and Drink) Unit with Drive-Thru Facility and Petrol Station (Sui Generis) with Associated Car/HGV Parking, Infrastructure Works, Alterations to Existing Junction and Access Road and Landscaping – Land To The South West Of Megray Farm Adjacent To The A90 AWPR Stonehaven Interchange Ury Stonehaven

Approved – 12th Dec 2023 –Work has not commenced

- **APP/2024/0962** – Erection of Retail Store, Electric Vehicle Charging Hub and Class 3 Cafe/Restaurant with Associated Car Parking, Servicing, Landscaping and Access.

Awaiting planning decision

- **APP/2024/1951** – Construction and Operation of 400 kV Air Insulated Substation, Formation of Associated Earthworks, Access, Drainage, Landscaping, Security, Creation of Temporary Construction Compounds and Set-Down, Equipment and Materials Storage Areas
SDCC carries out an online survey and held public meeting to understand the communities view.

Awaiting planning decision

- **Stonehaven Conservation Area Review by Planning Aid Scotland (PAS)**

Review ongoing.

- **Masterplan Framework Ury Estate**

Update provided by J. Milne, slow progress being made to date, but hoping to golf course and low-cost housing project completed in the year or two, but link road / bridge is a challenge.

- **Aberdeenshire Council:**
- Stonehaven Library – Where we are advised it is to remain open, there is potential it may relocate due to Aberdeenshire Council policy to not to have stand-alone libraries.
- The Leisure Centre opened after its refurbishment.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Points – Some progress, new point at Viewmount, but no progress at other locations.

- Beach Toilets Closed again (after Leisure Centre reopened) – still poor signage directing folks from the Beach Toilets to the Leisure Centre Toilets.
 - Town Bus Service reduced, but a small weekend service reintroduced – Issue with low bridge on the Slug Road.
 - Funfair – Fly posting still an issue, but an improvement thanks to Licensing asking them to remove posters before they left town - Some removed from down town, but many not removed from the upper town locations.
 - Stonehaven Boardwalk – Confirmed it will not be fully reinstated as before, but the temporary repairs will become more permanent. Pleased to report this has worked out well, but not been tested by bad weather conditions.
 - Traffic Management Study – slow progress due to funding issues, but council trying to get funds to move forward with the works on the promenade (outside pool and cafes etc.)
 - Town looking unkept – This is unfortunately is getting worse. Potholes; street lighting issues; limited street sweeping; over grown weeds etc.
 - Dunnottar Primary School and Carronhill Special School – Replacement postponed.
 - Aberdeenshire Council – Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan (STIDP) Report – Request for community involvement with plans – No real progress.
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- **Other Topics:**
 - Stonehaven Recreation Grounds (SRG)
 - Safety Concern at B979 / A90 (South) Traffic Light Controlled Junction AWPR / A90 / B Road Junction – Safety concerns.
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- **SDCC Committees / Sub-Groups:**
 - Local Place Plan was completed – thanks to the team who put in a power of work to get this over the line.
 - Community Resilience Plan – Both tie in points (Fetteresso and St James) have been installed; Getting closer to sorting out a generator, also been told we should have funding for Portable Power Stations via Aberdeenshire councils (SSE Funded) Communication Solutions Grant.
 - Invercarron Resource Centre / Older People's Services – We keep nibbling away at this, thanks to Cllr Agnew.
 - Achères & Stonehaven Twinning Partnership – Still on hold
 - Swim the Bay – After Risk Assessment, team agreed not to proceed.
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- **Outside Bodies / Committees:**
 - Transport Action Kincardine-shire (TRAK) – Thanks to Ian
 - Town Centre Improvement Group
 - Kincardine and Mearns Community Council Forum
 - Kincardine and Mearns Community Planning Group – Thanks to Ian • Windfarm Grant Dispersals – Thanks to Steve

- Stonehaven Medical Centre – Link with Patient Participation Group
- **SDDC Projects:**
- Stonehaven Christmas Tree
- Nippy Dip (Helps fund our projects)
- Stonehaven 24 Hour Public Access Defibrillator Network
- Hannah Dyson Award & Community Award
- **Thanks to all!**