



**Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – Google Video Conference**  
**MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT 1**

**1) ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES**

**Present:**

Community Councillors:

- Peter Renwick – Chair & Crathes rep.
- Chris Charnley – Secretary & Crathes rep.
- Mark Ansell – Treasurer & Durris rep.
- Lynn Coull – Drumoak rep. (PT)
- Anne Shearer – Drumoak rep.
- Joyce Scott – Durris rep.
- David Morrish – Crathes rep.
- Phillippa Jensen- Crathes rep.

Councillors:

Banchory & Mid-Deeside - Marr Area, Ward 16:

Stonehaven & Lower Deeside – K&M Area, Ward 18:

- Cllr Sarah Dickinson
- Cllr Wendy Agnew (PT)

*(PT) reflects attendees whose attendance was partial*

**Apologies notified:**

- Cllr Rosemary Bruce
- Cllr Dennis Robertson
- Emma Storey, ASC Committee Officer
- Cllr Ann Ross

**2) COVID-19**

- There have been emails from both Area Managers requesting feedback on the impact of Covid on communities. All agreed that the online surveys can be completed by individuals if desired, and the two Skype sessions will be attended pending community councillors availability.
- Emma Storey has funding remaining for communities, e.g. the Durris Hub proposal; Peter Renwick will forward the email to the Durris Hall committee.

**3) DRUMOAK GLEBE**

- Anne Shearer reported that camping is still a major issue; a new litter bin has been installed, but lack of toilets is another major problem. The police have been called on several occasions regarding anti-social behaviour. Anne suggested that the CC progress with signage indicating 'no camping' and basic rules for the public.

- Cllr Dickinson pointed out the need to engage with Aberdeenshire Council officers, to gain support for signage meeting the 'park regulations'. Aberdeen City may be able to provide procedures.
- Philippa Jensen mentioned the need to indicate that the Glebe is a community space; Lynn Coull also mentioned that the school may be able to contribute with signage/notice board. All agreed that the CC can contribute to signage costs. **ACTION ANNE SHEARER and LYNN COULL**

**4) TRANSPORT**

**a) Park Bridge – (Lead: Anne Shearer)**

- The planned meeting with Donald MacPherson went well, and all agreed that the summary of the meeting produced by Chris Charnley, was an accurate record.
- Cllr Wendy Agnew mentioned the Aberdeenshire Council's financial situation affecting the bridge's future

**b) NESTRANS Public Consultation**

- Revised Stagecoach bus timetables have been received.
- The NESTRANS Transport Strategy consultation is open, and Anne Shearer suggested the CC provides feedback. Anne is happy to receive comments from all, and submit for CDDCC. **ACTION ALL**

**5) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**a. LDP**

- Comments from all CC Areas, including comments on Chap's Kinclunly Village, have been submitted and receipts received from Aberdeenshire Council.

**b. Planning Applications:**

- Planning applications for all areas consisted off largely garages and outbuildings, and the CDDCC has no objections.

**c. Chap Park Quarry Planning Liaison Process**

Complaint to ASC now submitted 18 August from David Morrish regarding follow-up on lack of Planning Department enforcement of planning conditions associated with Park Quarry.



David Morrish has arranged an onsite meeting with High Craigie, CHAP MD for Wednesday 26 August 2.00pm Also attending will be Anne Shearer, Joyce Scott and Mark Ansell. David will email relevant documents prior to the meeting.

Anne Shearer mentioned that a local resident had noticed a recent increase in trucks entering the quarry carrying (possibly) top soil and building waste. **ACTION DAVID MORRISH, ANNE SHEARER, JOYCE SCOTT, MARK ANSELL**

#### **Woodlands of Durris School**

- An email has been received from Catriona Woodburn, Friends of Durris School & Crossroads Nursery, regarding the poor condition of the open field area behind Durris School. Catriona has emailed Kirkwood Homes copying in Cllr Dickinson and CDDCC, and Cllr Dickinson indicated that the Planning department are due to respond to the issue raised, notably the compliance by Kirkwood Homes with agreed community benefits in providing a usable area.

#### **6) INCINERATOR BOTTOMS ASH (IBA) PROCESSING PLANT – (Lead: Anne Shearer)**

- The formal planning application is due in from HFM/Rocksolid. Mark Ansell asked whether there will be a formal response from AC to the POAN submission. Cllr Dickinson will check if there is any formal feedback.

#### **7) ENVIRONMENT / GREEN TOPICS**

##### **Durris Glass Recycling**

Joyce Scott advised that a new location is being looked at for the glass recycling collection covering Durris, this being in the vicinity of Woodlands of Durris.

##### **Local Electricity Bill**

The email from 'Power for People, Local Electricity Bill Initiative, with the aim to empower local energy suppliers, was discussed, with no specific views expressed.

#### **8) HEALTH**

- The 4<sup>th</sup> instalment of the Mental Health Bulletin has been issued. Suggestion that CC could re-issue on Facebook. Chris Charnley mentioned certain groups that may be in need of support. Philippa Jensen suggested that this may well link to item 2. above, regarding the survey. David Morrish raised the point of moving carefully as the impact of Covid is very much still emerging.

Stonehaven CC undertook a survey, which may provide help how we signpost this issue as a CC, and maybe worth contacting them.

#### **9) FINANCE**

- Mark Ansell reported he current bank account total is £5,074. The annual grant of £724 from AC was received.

#### **10) POLICE REPORTS**

- Criminal activity in the area has been fairly quiet. Anne Shearer mentioned that the police have been called to the Glebe on several occasions.

#### **11) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The previous minutes were approved, and proposed for acceptance by Anne Shearer and seconded by Lynn Coull.

##### **Outstanding Actions from the Previous Minutes:**

- none

#### **12) AOB**

- Future Meeting Dates
  - **NEXT MEETING: 1930HRS ON WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER BY GOOGLE VIDEO CONFERENCE (all agreed that Google was an improvement over Skype, and to continue)**
  - October, Wed. 14<sup>th</sup>: Drumoak School
  - November, Wed. 11<sup>th</sup>: Durris Kirkton Hall
  - December, Wed. 9<sup>th</sup>: Crathes Hall

##### **a) Website/Special Media Update**

It was agreed that anyone interested in taking up the training offered by Alison McLeod, Marr Area Committee Officer, could contact Alison directly.

##### **b) Council Elections Update**

Peter Renwick proposed that the CC continue with the AGM in October, but with no elections at this time. The Chair and Treasurer will provide annual reviews.

All agreed that CDDCC is still in need of additional councillors, especially with Chris Charnley stepping down. At this time, the CC are able to co-opt a total of 6 individuals to cover the three areas. David Morrish mentioned the previous efforts and difficulties to attract new councillors from the Crathes Gardens development.



c) **Replacement CDDCC Secretary**

The position of Secretary was discussed, with no one currently being in a position to take on the role. Further ideas on filling this and vacant councillor positions are to be considered by all.

**ACTION ALL**

d) **Illegal Signage**

David Morrish referred all to his emails on the issue at the Banchory St Ternan Football Club ground, Crathes, and the new sign erected by the club, closing the path to the river, to the public. All agreed that the sign could be re-worded to focus on their problem and not stopping all access to the river. David Morrish will contact the football club by email/letter. **ACTION DAVID MORRISH**

e) **Drumoak BT Payphone**

BT have notified CDDCC that they propose to remove the kiosk from Drumoak, as the recorded usage data of 7 calls per month, did not warrant their continued operation. Besides publishing this proposal on social media, Lynn Coull suggested placing a sign indicating the BT plans in the kiosk, with a note for individuals to make contact with their views. **ACTION LYNN COULL**

Peter Renwick concluded the meeting by offering his and all the community councillors' and Aberdeenshire Councillors' a sincere thanks to Chris Charnley for all his work for the community council and our communities.

- The meeting closed at 21.25hrs

**MOM DISTRIBUTION:**

**By email**

- CDDCC Website: Peter Renwick
- CDDCC Members: email
- Councillors: email
- Police Liaison – Marr (Banchory): email 'BanchoryMidDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk'
- Police Liaison – K&M (Stonehaven): email to Donna Kelly
- Area Committee – Marr: email to Alison McLeod – Committee Officer Marr
- Area Committee – K&M: email to Emma Storey – Committee Officer K&M
- KDP Liaison: email to Marion McNeil
- DDCG Website: Anne Shearer

**Hard Copy: -**

- Crathes Hall – Notice Board: Chris Charnley: CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- Durris Kirkton Hall – Notice Board: Mark Ansell: CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- Drumoak Church Hall – Notice Board: via Marion McNeil: CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- Drumoak Post Office: Notice Board: via Marion McNeil
- Drumoak – Park Shop: ??
- Banchory Library – Author: CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19