

**CRATHES, DRUMOAK & DURRIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 3rd June 2015 – CRATHES VILLAGE HALL**

**1. PRESENT**

**Community Councillors:** H. Scholey (Acting Chair), P. Renwick, (Minute Secretary), M. McNeil, R. Mitchell, A Bichan

**Aberdeenshire Councillors:** R. Christie, L Clark, W. Agnew

**Police :** Neil Fraser, Steven Ingles

**APOLOGIES:** M Smith, M. Ansell, G Clark

The acting chair declared that a quorum was met.

**2. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES**

The only amendments requested to the final draft minutes, were corrections to the distribution list. Corrections were required to the website ([www.crathesrumoakdurrisc.org](http://www.crathesrumoakdurrisc.org)), Police contact (Fionnuala McPhail) and Drumoak & Durris newsletter editor (Will Taylor).

With these corrections, the minutes were then proposed as approved by P Renwick and seconded by M McNeil.

**3. POLICE MATTERS**

S Ingles reported that of 152 incidents in the Kincardine / Mearns area only 9 were in the CDDCC district. Of these 2 were crimes – an assault between 2 men and a speeding offence in Drumoak (53 mph in the 30 mph zone). H Scholey asked how this was detected and S Ingles replied by mobile speed detectors.

In the wider region there remains occasional opportunistic theft from unsecured property and the community was asked to be diligent locking cars and property.

Current Police initiatives include

- high visibility patrols in the area including our CDD district, particularly with more summer visitors and travelling groups
- Stay safe online – aimed at children
- Operation Redwall - Raising awareness of “legal highs” aimed at teenagers

A written report was included and is appended to the minutes.

**4. MATTERS ARISING from the May meeting**

**Wind Farm Funds**

M Ansell had prepared fliers for distribution by CC members. P Renwick had given some to Crathes Primary School which would be put into their newsletter and the June Crathes Fly will be targeted.

£373.10 was received from Mid Hill as payment for our (Mark's) efforts for administrating the 2 applications for funds.

**Minutes Secretary**

M Smith reported by email that she had placed notices of the vacancy on the Facebook pages, was organising an advert in the Deeside Piper and was being circulated in the community .

Cllr P. Bellarby suggested making direct contact with Banchory High School for teenagers as candidates as we were in its catchment area. .

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**Drumoak School Pedestrian Access**

On-going discussions here have raised a second option and straighter route for pedestrians. A Bichan also reported that requisition of land is only possible if requested by the CEO of the Aberdeenshire Council. (Jim Savage).

**Website Status and Managing CC e-mail**

M Smith reported that on-going management of the website was occurring and she also volunteered to funnel all email to correct people or respond accordingly.

**Communication with the community**

This is still unresolved.

**Funding**

A Bichan and R Mitchell outlined an idea to raise funds by selling raffle tickets linked to lottery numbers (or similar) with a cap and guaranteed winners ("400 club"). **Action A Bichan & R Mitchell** to outline a methodology on how CDDCC could initiate a similar raffle for the August meeting and the possible need for a gaming license.

**Road Safety**

H Scholey reported that he had found the previous Cliff Grover report on speed limit decision making for Crathes. Re-reading the report HS suggested that revisiting it could potentially mean lowering the current 40 mph to 30 mph on the A93.

Cllr L Clark advised that there is a new Head of Aberdeenshire Roads and this might be an opportune time to revisit it. **Action H Scholey** to prepare draft proposal by August and aim to address this in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2015.

A Bichan reported that further communication re Park Bridge between Park Estate (William Foster) and Head of Roads (S. McFarlane). Update requested for next meeting. **Action A Bichan.**

**Super- fast Broadband Connections**

Jim Singer has written an article for the Drumoak & Durrus newsletter and we can also publicise this success via the website.

**Vacancies**

Following communications back from Area Managers, H Scholey agreed to escalate this action for the start of the next school term. **Action H Scholey.**

**Connecting communities**

M Smith reported that the draft questionnaire was in progress.

**5. 2015 – 16 PRIORITIES**

**Bringing Communities Together**

The Community Council agreed that the questionnaire being developed by M Smith was critical and that every effort should be made to launch this. It was discussed that we should all review the content in June and provide email feedback so that this can be launched after the summer. **Action H Scholey** to co-ordinate this with M Smith.

Cllr R Christie stated that a good opportunity to distribute the questionnaire could be the social event on 3 July (Come Awa wi' me) – this was also suggested by M Smith & M McNeil.

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H Scholey asked if this event could be publicised further. **Action M McNeil** to send by email posters to H Scholey & P Renwick.

**Road safety**

A Bichan discussed the possibilities of a pelican crossing in Drumoak and offered to write to Jim Savage to review the matter. **Action A Bichan**

**Wind Farm funding**

see 4. above

**Budgets and CC Funds**

P Renwick reported that the CC had paid out the £1500 received from ASC for the Christmas light project and it had been cashed.

The sum of £373.10 was received from Mill Hill Windfarms Ltd.

The balance is now £982.75

P Renwick reminded everyone that future finances would be better managed if we had a plan of what we wanted to achieve and how we would go about it.

**6. Crathes Crematorium**

H Scholey reported on communication with the developers. After failing to receive a reply from his letter in January, HS wrote to James Burnett in May and received a reply that Mr Burnett would follow up this in his organisation. HS subsequently received an email from Brian Smith suggesting a face to face meeting.

HS agreed to proceed with P Renwick to arrange a meeting and raise our concerns. **Action HS**

**7. Planning**

2 small applications were noted in Drumoak ref no 1444 & 1609. This drew no comments from the committee

**8. Correspondence**

Other than already recorded above, P Renwick noted that he actioned a reply via Facebook re litter on the Deeside Way. PR asked for clarification whose responsibility this was as ASC website only addresses dumping. **Action PR** to email L Clark.

**9. Recruitment**

See 4 above

**10 AOB**

- A Bichan agreed to contact Keith Melvin re Drumoak Christmas lights
- P Renwick noted that the April minutes were not on the website and requested clarification on whose responsibility it was – it was agreed that the Secretary should issue minutes to the distribution list and to M Smith for the website
- The next meeting is 5<sup>th</sup> August and chair is P Renwick. Minutes by A Bichan. Location Crathes Hall.
- The potential to use the Drunmoak school in September was raised **Action : A Bichan**

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:15pm

<b>Drafts</b>	<b>Final approved by email</b>		
CDDCC Councillors	Kirkton of Durris Hall Notice Board (via Gillian Edward)	Police - Insp. F. McPhail	<a href="http://www.crathesdrumnoakdurriscc.org">Website</a> <a href="http://www.crathesdrumnoakdurriscc.org">www.crathesdrumnoakdurriscc.org</a>
Cllrs. Linda Clark, Karen Clark, Jill Webster (Ward 16)	Crathes Hall Notice Board (via Nicola Chambury)	Maureen Newlands (KMAP/MAP/STP)	<b>BY POST</b> Banchory Public Library
Cllrs. Peter Bellarby, Graeme Clark, Raymond Christie, Wendy Agnew (Ward 18)	Drumoak Church Hall Notice Board (via Mary Robertson)	Alison Ritchie, Community Learning	<b>BY HAND</b> Park Shop Drumoak Post Office
Mr W Munro, Area Manager, Kincardine & Mearns	Local Newsletter Editor – Will Taylor		
Area Manager, Marr Jeanette Clark	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator - Alister Bisset		