Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 10 October 2018 – Crathes Hall

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Introductions & Apologies**

Present : David Reaich (Chair), David Morrish (Minutes), James O'Flynn, Emma Windle, Marion McNeil, Mark Ansell, Chris Charnley. Apologies: Peter Renwick, David Groundwater.

Councillors : Cllr A Ross, Cllr S Wallace, Cllr R Bruce. Apologies : Cllr S Dickenson, Cllr E Durno, Cllr W Agnew.

Members of the public : NA

Police : NA

The meeting was quorate.

D. Reaich held a safety briefing outlining the emergency exits and the type of alarms.

2. **Review & approval of previous meeting minutes.**

Review & Business arising for items not covered below: NA

Approval: The minutes were proposed for approval by D Morrish and seconded by M McNeil.

3. **Secretary report**

Meetings & Events Attended
NA

Communications Received
5/Oct: Aberdeen City & Shire Strategic Development Plan – Representations are being requested and the window for this consultation is 8th October to 17th December.
24/Sep: Stuart Radley of 'Save Clachnaben – Stop the Glen Dye Windfarm' requested Community Council Support.
21/Sep: Community Resilience – Community Resilience Planning is happening around us in answer to the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. Emma Windle pointed out that Banchory CC had completed a plan that our CC should be aware of.

19/Sep: Participation Request – This is about the CC participation in the potential CC control of local budget. In the first instance this request has come from K&M. It is understood that this pertains to an amount roughly equal to 1% of AC's budget to be subdivided between the shires CCs. Although little more was known or understood, it was agreed that, as a default, our CC should participate.

Communications Issued
No major communications issued.

Business arising
Participation Request form to be completed. **Action: James O'Flynn**

Post meeting note: No actions were allocated for submission of a CC representation on the Aberdeen City & Shire Strategic Development Plan or for the creation of a Community Resilience Plan

4. Community Updates

a. Woodlands of Durris - KWH progress report

KWH progress as expected.
Cllr Wallace, in following up on the last meeting, had walked the path to the football pitch which he found to be fit for purpose, requiring no further Forestry Commission (FC) action. Mark Ansell had contact FC's Dan Caddel who will nevertheless complete an 'Operational Appraisal'.

b. Durris - Netco MTB Project

The importance of maintaining Community Council impartiality while supporting potential developers in achieving local consultation had been raised at the previous meeting. As actioned, David Morrish sought guidance from the K&M Area office. In a telecon with K&M Area Manager W Munro, the CC's position was explained. Essentially, the CC should support the consultation process, making sure that all local views are heard. The CC should stick to process and avoid content, ie: not helping developers with their PR. This is regardless of whether they support or object to a potential future planning application.

It was noted that the Netco consultation leaflet was being distributed across the local community and that Netco has asked the CC to advertise this on the CC website as well as advertise the planned consultation in the Durris Hall on 7th November from 2:00-8:00pm. It was agree to do this as it supported the consultation process.
Action: David Reaich – website, Emma Windle – Facebook

Hall booking to be confirmed. **Action: Mark Ansell**
It was also agreed that the CC should be present at this consultation and attend a CC table to give attendees an 'independent' ear, should they require it.
Action: 2:00-5:00pm David Morrish & Chris Charnley; 3:00-8:00pm Mark Ansell; 6:30-8:00pm David Reaich

c. Windfarms – Glendye
Re the 'Save Clachnaben' request, it was agreed that it was up to individuals to respond to that particular initiative and that we would not respond as a community council. It was agreed to find out how the Feughside CC viewed this potential planning application. **Action: David Morrish**
This prompted a discussion about how the CC felt about windfarm presence in the area. It was agreed that a position from which to judge future applications would be useful. This should be researched and the CC briefed at the next meeting prior to reaching a position. **Action: Chris Charnley**
Post meeting note: This action is also linked to any potential representation by the CC on the ACSDP with respect to future strategic deployment of wind farms.

d. WWI 100 year Commemoration
Marion McNeil updated the meeting on local planning for the commemorations handing out the Dumoak-Durris Church Remembrance Day program and the wider national 'Battle's Over' leaflet. It was agreed to make the material available via the CC website and Facebook page. **Action: David Reaich – website, Emma Windle – Facebook**

5. Police Report

NTR

6. Finance

a. **CDDCC Accounts.**
With respect to the cheque for the Crathes Parkrun for £1,500, it was agreed that the CC should request a receipt for items purchased. **Action: Emma Windle**

b. **Windfarm Funding**
NTR

7. Planning applications

Crathes : NTR

Drumoak : NTR

Durris: Mark Ansell noted an application for 3 new houses in Woodlands of Durris and mentioned some on going changes to an application for a kennel/cattery. He stated that Durris appeared to subjected to what was amounting to a significant amount of applications for sporadic development and that this was very much counter to our views expressed at an LDP planning workshop aimed at deriving a settlement objective for the 2012 LDP. It was agreed that the CC needed an overall position statement that reflected our views that would allow a consistent approach for CC representations to Durris planning applications while also allowing a case by case response. Form of words to be produced. **Action: Mark Ansell**

Post meeting note: The current 2017 LDP Vison states "Woodlands of Durris is also identified as a settlement for organic growth in order to help to support the primary school roll."

8. **Any other competent business**

    a. David Morrish mentioned that the Crathes community had been approached by a Duke of Edinburgh Award participant looking to help with community activity. In particular this person was helping with litter initially. It was noted that there may be other DoE participants looking to assist communities.
    b. Not unrelated to a. it was suggested that we advertise for a secretary. **Action: James O'Flynn**
    c. Cllr Sandy Wallace requested some clarity regarding the CC input to the Area Committee 'Seminars' on 2021 LDP development bids. In particular, the K&M sessions regarding the Drumoak area. The CC had agreed to abide by the Planning Policy Unit's request not to discuss these matters until the MIR report is issued for the next stage of consultation. This is believed to be January 2019.
    d. Crathes Hall: It was noted there was no wifi in the hall and there was no safety briefing material. These points to be taken up with the hall committee. **Action: David Morrish**

The next meeting will be in the Drumoak Primary School on 14th November at 19:30.

The meeting finished at 21:30