Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

1930 – Wednesday, 7th February 2017 – Durris Hall

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. **Introductions & Apologies**
   Present: Peter Renwick, Mark Ansel, David Moorish, Emma Windel, David Riech, Marion McNeal, CCLR Ann Ross, Sergent Chris Smith, James O'flynn, CCLR Rosemary Bruce, CCLR Eileen Durno.

   Apologies: Sandy Wallace, CCL Dickinson, Rosemary Bruce

2. **Review & approval of previous meeting minutes.**
   Proposed by Mark Ansel and seconded by CCLR Ann Ross
3. **Secretary's Report & Correspondence**
   Communications Issued

   14th February: David Reaich, on the subject of the Statutory Consultation – Traffic Regulation Order – James Gregory Road wrote to Michael Neave, Engineer (K&M) indicating our support and also asking for consideration to be given to effective signage as the current design is not lending itself to the enforcement of people driving at 20mph.

   14th February: James O'Flynn wrote to Nikki Nicol, to ask for details as to how we can check if our Public Liability Insurance is up to date.

   29th January: Peter Renwick, attending on behalf of the CDDCC, issued minutes of his meeting with the Ward 16 Councillors and Chief Executive.

   Numerous social media updates were issued, for example, for road closures, Crime Stoppers Scotland, Group Funding Workshop, the big Recycling Challenge etc…

   Communications Received

   12th January; Cllr Ann Ross wrote with further explanation of the role of community councils in the Planning Application for Kingsford Stadium.

   12th January: Cllr Ann Ross provided details of the Aberdeenshire council Snow Warden Scheme. Emma Windle is taking the action to post this information on facebook.

25th & 26th January: Cllr Sarah Dickinson on the subject of the Recycling Point in Drumoak wrote to say she has been informed the issue would be solved by allocating more bins at the site. More frequent collections are not possible at this time.

1st February Cllr Ann Ross wrote to say she had discussed the issue of noise from the Durris Bridge with various Department including Environmental Health and regretfully the noise did not fall within their parameters of being excessive or unreasonable and as such they were unable to assist further.

1st February: a Model Constitution for the scheme of establishment was received from Karen McWilliam.

1st February: Notice of the next Community Council forum on 28th February was received.

1st February: Nikki Nicol issued a briefing note on the current position of Community Councils and Public Liability Insurance. James O'flynn was to manage this action and will keep the council up to date on this.

7th February: Isla Stevenson, 4th Year Student at the University of St Andrews, wrote that she was undertaking a dissertation on Scottish Land Reform and how it may be impacting the relationship between private landowners and the local communities in Royal Deeside and was wondering if any individuals or a group from the Community Council would be interested in participating in an interview or a focus group regarding this?

12th February: An update from the Police Short Life Working Group was received, a new format report has been initially agreed upon. There was also discussion that due to reduced contact the Police are becoming more distant from community groups. In order to address this further communication will be issued however it looks as though each CC should appoint a focal point for Police contact should it be required.

14th February Diane Strachan, Area Project Officer / Committee Officer provided advance notice of plans to commemorate 100 years since the of WW1 on the basis that we may wish to organise our own local commemoration or join with other groups. Marion McNeil was to manage this and inform the council on any further information from the event.

Weekly Planning Lists were received for Marr and Kincardine & Mearns, along with the KDP Weekly Updates and Police Reports for both Areas.

4. **Police Report**

   The full Quarterly report is due to be released in march and can be found on the police website.

   Not much crime was reported in the community although, the police request that the community report all crimes they find. The police has sent up a task force in order to combat antisocial behaviour in the community, this includes patrolling the local communities for speeding. The police would like to make the community aware of phone scammers and that they have a simple method to avoid these scams on their website. The police has also been looking out for poachers in rural areas and would appreciate locals to communicate any suspicious behaviour they spot – for example: cars with guns, and animals strapped to the car.

5. **Finance**

   (i) CDDCC Accounts

   After expenditures and received finances the CDDCC had £1634.60 in its bank account.

   (ii) Windfarm Funding Applications and Approvals

   Crathes Castle and estate requested funds for a De-fibrillatory – the CCC will discuss this in a future meeting further

   There were two pending applications sent in from the Woodend barn and the Deeside rugby club – both of which need to be re-submitted as they require more information so that the council can make a decision on whether or not it qualifies for funding.

6. **Planning applications**

   (i) Crathes:

   A retroactive planning application for a kennel near Crathes primary school was send it in to the council.

   (ii) Drumoak

   A garage extension near west park was filed

   (iii) Durris

   In Durris an application for three further houses was filed.

7. **Any other competent business**

   (i) Dates and locations for 2018 meetings – The CCC will continue running meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.

   (ii) There Is a De-fibrillatory teaching event running in Durris in the evening

   (iii) Marion McNeal raised a concern of the primary school requesting a de-fibrillatory for the school. The CDDCC voted against this as Durris already has one defibrillator and it wouldn't be financially viable.

(iv) James O'flynn decided to take up an action log and will keep the council updated on this as time goes on.

(v) Due to financial restriction Peter Renwick suggested that the local community should participate in clearing the grass that grows on the pathways next to the road.

The meeting ended at 21:22