Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

19:30 – 21:30 – Wednesday, 10th January 2017 – Drumoak School

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. **Introductions & Apologies**
   Apologies – Peter Renwick, Sandy Wallace
   Introductions – Councillor Sarah Dickinson, Councillor Ann Ross, Marion McNeil, David Morrish, Mark Ansell, James O'Flynn, Emma Windle, David Reaich.
2. **Review & approval of previous meeting minutes.**
   Proposed by Mark Ansell
   Seconded by Emma Windel
3. **Secretary's Report & Correspondence**
   Communications Issued
   17th December: Ahead of a planned meeting on 19th December, David Morrish, wrote to Angela Funk, Principal Roads Engineer, resending her a summary of concerns first issued on June 6th 2017.

   20th December: Mark Ansell wrote to Cllrs Dickinson, Robertsons and Wallace regarding the recycling bins at Drumoak and the fact they were overflowing. Such instances of overflowing have occurred now on multiple occasions. A request was made to communicate with the waste team responsible, and also a request made on what action will be taken to further avoid repeats.

   5th January: The proposed dates and locations for 2018 Regular Monthly Meetings were issued to Aberdeenshire Council and Councillors.

   Numerous social media updates were issued, for example, Stagecoach festive bus timetable.
   Communications Received
   8th December: Cllr Anne Ross wrote to confirm she had contacted Aberdeenshire Council to pass on the CDDCC frustration that we were not included in discussions prior to consultation being issued about a park and ride for Crathes.

   8th December Cllr Anne Ross wrote to confirm she has asked Inspector Matt Smith to include CDDCC in any police reports for the Marr Area (A Report was received on 6th January).

8th December: Notification was received that potential funding was available for community projects through the Marr Area Committee Budget. Groups could apply for grants of up to £4,000. For consideration at the January committee meeting, applications should have been received by 4 January, 2018.

10th December: A TRAK update, originating from Cllr Sarah Dickinson, regarding a consultancy study to identify suitable land for the potential expansion of parking facilities at Stonehaven Train Station was received for information.

11th December: Cllr Sarah Dickinson provided further information on the gritting of the A93 on the morning of 30th November. She also provided a useful link to the priority road list.

13th December: Cllr Anne Ross arranged a meeting for Tuesday 19th December with officers from Aberdeenshire Council including Angela Funk Principal Roads Engineer with a member of CDDCC to attend (D Morrish attended).

19th December: A request was received to complete a survey for the Aberdeen City Region Strategic Transport Appraisal. (M Ansel to complete by January 31st).

8th January: An invite to attend Scottish Parliament North East Workshops for Budget Priorities and Community Views was received (including an apology of the late notice). The workshops are to be held 9th & 11th January.

8th January: The Police Short Life Working Group met for the first time on 11th December. The subject for discussion was the inability of the Police to attend monthly at each of the 72 Community Councils. To attend each meeting would consume 2,500 hours per year of Police time which is considered unacceptable. A slide pack has been issued from the meeting. We are now obliged to discuss the questions raised in the slide containing 5 points for a survey the Police have requested and return your comments for consolidation before 5th February.

9th January: The Secretary of Rathen, Memsie & Cortes Community Council wrote regarding teacher visiting specialists which are being phased out by Aberdeenshire Council. Included was a copy of an email from Gillian Milne (Aberdeenshire Workforce Planning and Staffing Manager, Education & Children's Services) which the Community Council received when they wrote to urge the Council to reconsider the initiative. The community council is asking us to discuss the issue and share awareness.

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**
   Crime was generally low and stolen cars where found in Banchory. Reports of Aberdeenshire council cars speeding were noted.
5. **Finance**
   (i) CDDCC Accounts
   The bank balance was noted to be £7300 as of the start of the year.
   (ii) Windfarm Funding Applications and Approvals
   A Mid Hill application for a public-access defibrillator in Crathes Castle Estate and Gardens £1326, was approved by all community councillors.
   Three approved applications have been completed in the last period: £4218 was given to Crathes Hall for wall heaters, and a thankyou note was received. £325 was given to the Durris Scorttish Women's Institute, and £2784 provided to Maryculter Driving for the Disabled Group.

6. **Planning applications**
   (i) Crathes - None DM
   (ii) Drumoak - None DR
   (iii) Durris - None
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7. **Any other competent business**
   (i) The election of new members was set to be during the next meeting
   (ii) Addition of trees and sound buffers along the Durris bridge was suggested to reduce background noise.