Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

1930 – Wednesday, 9th May 2018 – Durris Hall

MEETING MINUTES

1. Introductions & Apologies

Present : David Reaich (chair), James O'Flynn (part), Mark Ansell, Peter Renwick (Minutes), Marion McNeil, Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Cllr Sandy Wallace, Police : 2 policemen

Apologies: Emma Windle, Cameron Reid, Cllr E Durno, Cllr S Dickenson

Members of the public : Chris Charnley

The meeting was quorate.

2. Review & approval of previous meeting minutes.

Minor typographical errors were made to the minutes which were then proposed by D Reaich and seconded by D Morrish.

Business arising (not discussed below).

Cllr S Wallace commented that dog fouling in wild areas such as forests should not be considered the same as fouling of parks and footpaths.

P Renwick reported that Karen McWilliam advised that CDDCC could decide when to set the next term for councillors as a result of our next AGM being in June 2019. It could be 3 years from Dec 2017 or from June 2019. It was agreed that since several community councillors had already served before Dec 2017, that we should begin the next cycle in June 2019.
Note this supercedes the comments in April minutes.

3. Secretary's Report & Correspondence

Communications Issued

2nd May: David Morrish issued Summary for Information regarding the Walk About with Councillors on Wednesday 18th April.

3rd May: Invite issued to Crathes community to attend the fly on 5th May to discuss the LDP 2021.

Communications Received

6th May: A Crathes resident emailed us with comments on two planning applications for the area. These have been circulated to each community councillor.

4th May: Tim Mockridge from Savills & ESB got in contact regarding to say they have submitted an application for an 11 turbine windfarm at Craigneil and would welcome any discussion or questions we might have.

2nd May: Invite received to partake in consultation on the Update of Licencing Regulations .

28th April: Alexander Burnett, MSP, asked to be included on the distribution list of minutes and to commit his intention to attend more meetings when available.

27th April: We received the K&M CC Forum MOM. Next meeting is 24th May.

17th April: We received an invite to attend a training morning on Saturday 19 May, 10am-1pm at the Community Room, Deeside Community Centre, Aboyne. Topics will include: A Brief Guide to Community Councils and Introduction to the New Scheme; Community Councils and the Planning Process; General Data Protection Regulations Attracting New and Active Members

Numerous road closure notices were received and relayed on social media.
Weekly Planning Lists were received for Marr and Kincardine & Mearns, along with the KDP Weekly Updates and Police Report for Banchory Areas.

Business Arising

For LDP see below.

It was agreed that we should continue to attend Community Forums (K&M on 24/5 and Marr on 5/6) **Action All**
D Reaich and J O'Flynn confirmed they would attend the training event in Aboyne.

Cllr S Wallace stated his disappointment about the lack of co-ordination regarding road closures – namely Park Bridge could have been repaired when it was closed for AWPR work. The recent closure co-incides with closures in Durris further hindering access.

All CDDCC councillors did respond to the survey on community councils. This led to a broader discussion on its purpose and the place of CC's in future. It would seem that CC's

will be expected to get more powers over local matters, possibly influence council budgets and planning more than previously.

The Action log is attached at end of this document.

4. Police Report

2 Officers were present at the start of the meeting and gave updates based on their March 2018 report.
Although Deeside remains relatively crime free there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour in towns such as Stonehaven. Some of these were at social events and the Police asked to be informed of any events planned in our area so that they may make their presence known and engage with the public. **Action DR**

D Morrish asked if it would be possible for CDDCC to help reduce speeding by using speed gun surveys with permission of the Police. The PC replied that this may be possible, as they have spare equipment. We should email the Chief Inspector, Shiela McDerment and enquire. **Action DM / DR**

The Police reported a worrying trend spreading drugs such as cocaine through-out the NE of "cuckooing". This is where drug dealers take over the property of a vulnerable person and use it for distribution purposes. The signs are - unusual activities at a property, new people coming and going especially at night, excessive rubbish, drawn curtains etc. Any member of the public should call the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers if they suspect such activity.

The next Police report is due in June.

5. Discussion on LDP (& SDP)

LDP 2021
There are 14 applications in our community area for consideration in the next cycle 2021-2025
It was noted that Community Councils are being consulted earlier in this process than in previous years. Marr and K&M are on different timetables. The current requests are a first stage and CDDCC will get a chance to further review applications when the main issues reports are sent out by the Council.

D Morrish summarised what had been done for Crathes; we had emailed a summary of 3 key applications to approx. 100 people and did a mail drop in Hirn & Crathes. We also held

an open session at the Fly on 5 May. The feedback was collated into a document which could be sent to the Marr Area in lieu of attending the meeting on 15 May.
D Morrish requested approval to proceed. This document was emailed to all. **Action All.**

For Drumoak & Durris there are many more applications (mainly Drumoak), however the deadline is in June so there is more time.
D Reaich stated that the Drumoak CC'ers need to create a vision for Drumoak and this will take time and effort. **Action DR / MM / EW**

M Ansell stated his concerns regarding the applications for Durris and especially the Upper Balfour area which is in danger of overwhelming Woodlands of Durris. The application at Kirkton is also on greenfield and extensive. M Ansell stated that he needs help as he will soon be away for a month. **Action DR / MA**

Cllrs Bruce and Wallace were briefed on the repeat applications in this area conflicting with the general plan for Durris. Cllr Wallace also commented that he is lending weight on Kirkwood Homes to comply with their developer obligations and finish building their estate.

SDP
P Renwick attended a review session let by Tom Walsh of the SDP Agency and summitted a report. The key aspects were

- The Deeside valley remains outwith any Strategic development corridors and will not be focussed on for development.
- The main issues inhibiting development in our area are the transport network and schooling
- The AWPR has consumed most of the roads budget and the Council wants to see how it operates and limit any development which would constrict junctions. It specifically wants to limit development near the key junctions (Kingsford stadium has already created a precedent).

CDDCC has the opportunity to comment on all the key issues in the report and it was agreed to do this. **Action PR / JOF**

6. **Update on Crathes walkabout**
D Morrish had previously circulated a memo summarising the outcomes from the walk about. Most of the topics were well known and the objective of informing the Cllrs of our issues was achieved. D Reaich suggested putting any actions into our action log. **Action JOF & DM**

Of the main ones on road safety, Cllr R Bruce advised that she was meeting with Roads dept to look at the specifics. P Renwick urged her to request the Roads engineers to look closely at the road layout between the bus stops and the hall as there may be space to realign the roads and make space for a wider pavement as well as an island refuge. **Action Cllr Bruce**.

7. **Update on Craigneil Windfarm**

CDDCC has been notified by Savills of progress in the development of this windfarm. It was noted that the windfarm at Craigneil could potentially benefit CDDCC with significant funds.

8. **Finance**

(i) CDDCC Accounts

No activity in the month. The CC bank balance remains at £2,120

(ii) Funding

No funding was discussed in this meeting.

9. **Planning applications**

(i) Crathes

Nothing significant

(ii) Drumoak

Nothing significant

(iii) Durris

Nothing significant

10. **Any other competent business**

(i) Data protection

P Renwick attended a training session in Laurencekirk and reported on what actions CDDCC need to take. With the GDPR regulations coming into force on 25 May it was agreed to a) post a Privacy Policy asap **Action DR/PR** and b) set up a working group of PR/DM/JOF to work out the mechanics to managing our contact lists**. Action PR / DM / JOF**

In the mean time we need to be very careful about sending out blanket emails.

P Renwick therefore proposed that we adopt the draft Privacy Policy and publish it. This was seconded by D Reaich and carried unanimously.

(ii) Nominee

CDDCC has received the nomination of Mr Chris Charnley to be a Community Councillor for Crathes. Our new constitution requires this to be publicised 10 days before approval. It is hoped this can be done at our next meeting.

(iii) Minute Secretary

It was noted that as Cameron Reid will be going to University in Sept that we should begin the process of looking for a new Minute Secretary **Action All**

PS. P Renwick confirmed with Cameron that he wishes to stop.

(iv) Distribution lists

The confusion over distribution lists needs to be resolved **Action JOF / DR**

The next meeting will be in Crathes Hall on 13 June 2018 at 19:30.

The meeting finished at 21:35

Action Log as 8 May