Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 12 September 2018 – Durris Church Hall

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Introductions & Apologies**

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

Councillors : Cllr A Ross, Cllr S Wallace. Apologies : Cllr S Dickenson, Cllr R Bruce.

Members of the public : David Groundwater, Deryk Forbes

Police : PC Mark Camus (K&M Community Liaison Officer)

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.**

The minutes were reviewed and accepted with only one minor spelling change. They were proposed for approval by D Morrish and seconded by M McNeil.

Business arising - none

3. **Secretary report**

Meetings & Events Attended
M McNeil continued to represent CDDCC on the KDP Windfarm Funding Committee.

Communications Received
9th August: New community council handbook received from Aberdeenshire Council.
22nd August: Gillian Christie Projects Officer for Community Payback Unpaid Work Service for Kincardine and Mearns and part of the Marr areas with Aberdeenshire Council made contact with Marion McNeill.
24th August: Festive Lights new guidelines received.
25th August: Reminder received for this year's Supporting Communities events to be held on Saturday 15th September. The themes to be covered are parking & road safety, active travel, climate change and the new waste strategy for Aberdeenshire.

27th August: Email received from Chelsea Rocks, Communications Officer for the Office of Alexander Burnett MSP asking for details of any instances of known defibrillator vandalism in our area.
31st August: The 2019 Community Council Bedding Plants Application form was received from Aberdeenshire Council.
6th Sept: KDP Update Received covering: Opportunities for Young People 2018/2019, Scotrail Cultural & Art Fund, Big Lottery Scotland, Royal Bank of Scotland Skills & Opportunity Fund, Recycling & Waste Aberdeenshire, Prince Countryside Fund

Communications Issued
No major communications issued.

Numerous other ongoing communications were received regarding changes to Data Protection etc and are covered in the main minutes of meeting or in the action log.

Business arising
No community councillors were able to make the event on 15 Sept.
We have not had any recorded instances of vandalism of defibrillators in our area.
P. Renwick agree to follow up on the bedding plants for Crathes.

4. Community Updates

a. Crathes - Scottish Water - water supply & waste water

D Morrish reported that a house in Crathes has been found with high level of lead in its water (70 microgram/litre). Further testing is being requested to see if this an isolated case.

D Morrish also advised of discussions with Aberdeenshire Council regarding the handing of waste water in Crathes. Part of the original consent for the development was to allow connection for the existing houses to the new development if they so wished. At least one household now wishes to do that. D Morrish requested that AC progress such discussions with Stewart Milne now and not when the development is finalised.

b. Woodlands of Durris - KWH progress report
D Groundwater reported that Kirkwood Homes are making progress but are a bit behind schedule. The footpath behind the school should be done week commencing 17/9 and gates fixed between the school and the new development. The sewage system in the southern area is progressing. Scottish Water have approved

connection to the existing sewer. In the meantime, weekly truck loads are being taken away.

Deryk Forbes updated the meeting on the status of the football pitch. The Forestry Commission needs to be contacted to request them to clear a path on their land. **Action Cllr Wallace** to contact Darren Caddel.

c. Durris - Netco MTB Project
The recent communication from Jim McPhail of Netco was reviewed. He requested CDDCC's assistance in preparing and co-ordinating a public consultation. Cllr A Ross commented that CDDCC needs to very careful that it is not prejudicing itself in working closely with Netco as it needs to remain a neutral body or else it may need to declare an interest when official planning documents are submitted. Most councillors felt that helping Netco prepare a survey should not contravene this however it was agreed to a) consult with the K&M Area office (D Morrish volunteered in the absence of M Ansell to do this) and b) Cllr Wallace suggested to encourage the group "Friends of Durris Forest" to represent the community (it is a non statutory body).
P Renwick suggested D Morris or M Ansell also request guidance for the Area Office on how CDDCC would be expected to become a stakeholder in the future.

d. Drumoak
D Reaich advised that he had been in contact with a local resident who was interested to re-open and run the Irvine Arms pub. DR advised the current status of the development with approved permission to convert it to flats.
It was also noted that the Park Shop had recently open and seemed to be doing well.

5. Police Report

Mark Camus introduced himself as the key liaison officer for K&M. He writes a monthly community update and visits all the CC's in K&M. This was welcomed by all as contact with the Police over the years has been sporadic, albeit that we have a very low crime level in our area.

The key topics of the report (attached separately) is anti-social behaviour especially wild camping fires , illegal parking around schools and acquisitive crime.

We reinforced that a key issue for our area is road safety and in particular speeding. This led to a discussion if CDDCC / local persons could use speed cameras (real or dummies) to deter speeding. Previous Police officers suggested this could be possible if the local forces had spare equipment. PC Camus was not sure of the status and advised that a speed gun costed c. £800.

It was noted that we now also regularly receive a report from the Marr Police.

PS D Morrish circulated a BBC article showing that this is being done elsewhere in UK and can lead to prosecutions.

6. Finance

a. CDDCC Accounts.
P Renwick advised that there were no transactions and that the cheque for the Crathes Parkrun for £1,500 had been issued but not cashed. This leaves a balance of £2,100.60 for CDDCC's benefit. It was suggested we consider buying a speed gun.

b. Windfarm Funding
No new applications considered.
P Renwick requested clarification of the award to Crathes Parkrun – that they should show receipted spend on the items listed in their application. This was confirmed.
P Renwick also queried if we had informed Crathes School about their award of £2,000

P Renwick advised that the current amount available from Midhill is £4,215.

7. Planning applications

Crathes : nothing significant

Drumoak : several applications mostly to individual properties

Durris : nothing significant.

There was no objection raised to any application in planning this month.

8. **Any other competent business**

a. D Reaich discussed the situation in Park re the 40 / 30 mph levels. In order to progress this, a traffic speed monitoring exercise would be needed. He asked PC Camus if he could assist.
b. D Reaich & E Windle had received a completed application form nominating David Groundwater as a Community Councillor for Durris. This would fill a current vacancy. The matter was put to a vote and he was voted on unanimously to be co-opted. This bring the number of CDDCC Councillors to 9. (Note to secy to inform the Area Officers on the recent appointments)

c. P Renwick stated that he had lodged notifications of road defects on the A93 and also complained of the difficulty in using the system. Near Drumoak there are multiple pot holes at 5 or 6 different locations, some so severe the traffic is taking avoiding action.
d. Cllr A Ross reported that she is taking action as the Cairn O"Mount road is again closed due to an HGV hitting a bridge. This is the second time in recent months and she is initiating a campaign to reduce HGV's on this road.
e. Cllr S Wallace issued leaflets on NE Scotland Biodiversity Records study
f. J O'Flynn commented that we need to be ready to finalise our WW1 celebration plans at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be in Crathes Hall on 10th October at 19:30.

The meeting finished at 21:25