Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 13 June 2018 – Crathes Hall

MEETING MINUTES

1. Introductions & Apologies

Present : James O'Flynn (chair), Peter Renwick (Minutes), Emma Windle (Part), Marion McNeil, Cllr A Ross, Cllr E Durno, Cllr S Dickenson, Cllr S Wallace,

Apologies, Cameron Reid, David Morrish, Mark Ansell, David Reaich

Guest : Allan Rae Kirkwood Homes (KWH)

Members of the public : Margaret Brown, Graeme Brown, Frank Charleson, Catriona Woodburn, Linda Robb, Kira Milne, Ashley Milne

The meeting was quorate.

2. Review & approval of previous meeting minutes.

No changes required for the main meeting minutes. They were proposed by M McNeil and seconded by J O"Flynn

The Special meeting minutes were corrected to state that the minimum number to be quorate is 4 community councillors. These were proposed by M McNeil and seconded by J O.Flynn.

Business arising

J O'Flynn took the action to forward these with our new constitution to the Area Managers.

3. Update from Allan Rae KWL, regarding APP/2017/2182

Mr Rae gave a status update on the situation regarding the KWH development at Woodland of Durris for 20 homes and the application to extend this by a further 3 homes. The current situation is that these houses have not been selling well and KWH are proposing more affordable styles. These delays have also in part delayed the developer contributions to make a playing field and to create a new car park for the Primary School as per the original Section 75 agreement. CDD CC and many of the local residents in Woodlands have lodged objections to the expansion because of concerns regarding the delivery of the developer obligations and to the impact on existing sewage systems.

The meeting had 7 members of the public from Durris including representatives of the school parent committee. The parents were willing to remove their objections if KWH agreed to a schedule to install the above commitments. It was therefore agreed that KWH will install the car park by 21 August and complete the playing field by 26 October. Mr Rae also agreed to keep the community fully informed of the progress.

CDD CC advised that they would wait for further discussions with Mr M Ansell and the wider community before considering removing its objections.

However, there is immediate concerns that the KWH development has overloaded the existing sewage system requiring KWH to vacuum truck away sewage weekly. This is creating unacceptable odours for the community. Mr Rae advised that responsibility for expanding the sewage system lay with Scottish Water and that despite many conversations, they had not progressed expansion of the system. KWH were incurring significant costs trucking away the waste to rectify the situation.

Cllr S Wallace explained that he had also been active within Aberdeenshire Council to try and speed up the process.

After much debate over possible solutions to pressurise Scottish Water including going public in the press and involving MSPs & Ministers, it was agreed to escalate the situation via Cllr Wallace. Mr Rae will e-mail the Minister directly seeking his intervention, and will copy same to Cllr Wallace. C Woodburn agreed to provide a summary of concerns and Cllr Wallace would take these to the appropriate levels in Aberdeenshire Council and to the minister in support of Mr Rae. **Action Cllr S Wallace and also Mr Rae and Catriona Woodburn**

Several Councillors urged the Durris residents to use the Community Council more and stop trying to act alone. CDD CC is a statutory body which can effect changes. However it is under represented by Durris residents.

4. Update on LDP 2021

J O'Flynn summarised the approach taken by Crathes in the Marr discussions.
Both Drumoak and Durris proposals will be heard on Tuesday 19 June in Stonehaven. M McNeil will attend on behalf of CDD CC and present for both wards. J O'Flynn & P Renwick would also try to attend. In preparation the following steps would be taken:

P Renwick would contact the Durris group for final comments by email
E Windle would contact the Drumoak group for final comments by Facebook
J O'Flynn would summarise comments and create a response document.

In response to a question, it was clarified that the Park Quarry application would be handled as if in Drumoak.

5. Craigneil Windfarm

J O'Flynn has been in contact with Mr Tim Mockridge of Savills who represents ESB – the operator. He advised that ESB were very keen to involve the communities affected and are offering generous funding. M McNeil proposed to involved KDP since she saw that they have effective systems and policies for liaising with developers. This was generally supported. Cllr A Ross advised that the CC should not be swung solely by the funds available as this would be a significant windfarm with towers 130m high.
It was also stated that > 100 lorry loads would bring the equipment in (via Aberdeen, S Deeside Rd then Slug Rd.)

6. Secretary's Report & Correspondence

Meetings & Events Attended
24th May D Reaich, chaired, and J O'Flynn attended, the K&M CC Forum
19th May D Reaich & J O'Flynn attended Community Council Training Event in Aboyne, this followed P Renwick's attendance at the similar K&M event on 21st April.
15th May D Morrish attended Marr Area Committee LDP 2021 Planning Event

Meetings were also held with Netco, Savills/ESB and Kirkwood Homes regarding their respective planning applications.

Communications Issued

5th June: P Renwick liaised with Cllr Durno regarding the speed awareness stickers distributed in Crathes for use on Wheelie bins.

29th May: P Renwick liaised with Craig Paton of the Evening Express regarding updates on our Facebook page urging vigilance and awareness of potential drug related activity.

21st May: Comments were returned to the SDLP Main issues report coordinated by P Renwick. The expected publication date of the Main Issues Report is now January 2019 and the new Local Development Plan will be approved by the end of March 2022 at the latest.

13th May: Marion McNeill returned comments to the consultation on Updating of Licensing Procedure Regulations 2007.

9th May: community councillor returned comments on Community Council questionnaire issued by the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC).

Communications Received

30th May: We received an invite to pass comment on Democracy Matters Conversation regarding the new legal rights for communities which will run over the next 6 months.

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

Not discussed

7. Police Report

New Police Reports were received from Kincardine and Marr Police Groups. These will be published on our social media.

8. Finance

(i) CDDCC Accounts

Midhill WF deposited £300 which was the amount requested for the Mesolithic Group.

A cheque was issued to Durris Hall for £20.

The current balance is £2,400.60 with £300 due to be issued.

(ii) Funding

E Windle raised the need for additional funding to support the Deeside Parkrun which will be based in Crathes Castle grounds. As this supports the whole community we agreed unanimously to support / apply for funding of £1,500.

9. Planning applications

(i) Crathes

We noted the application for the rugby pitch changing rooms on the outside of Banchory

(ii) Drumoak

Nothing significant

(iii) Durris
Nothing significant

10. **Any other competent business**
(i) Data protection

P Renwick noted that our Privacy Policy was on-line on the website, and that he was still reviewing our contacts lists.

The next meeting will be in Drumoak Church Hall on 8th August at 19:30.

The meeting finished at 21:25

Action Log as 13 June

Crathes Durris Drumoak Community Council Action Register					
	Action	**Update**	**Person Responsible**	**Intended Close Out**	**Actual Close Out**
1	Scheme of Establishment to be incorporated	The new constitution was adopted on May 9th. The minutes of this meeting are to be approved on June 13th.	P Renwick	13th June	
2	Local Development Plan 2021	All LDP Bids have be communicated to each community Crathes/Durris/Dromoak and comments invited. These comments are for return at the LDP seminars. • Crathes on May 15th (attended) • Durris/Drumoak June 19th/20th June	D Reaich / D Morrish / M Ansell / M McNeil	20th June	
3	Scotland & Battles Over - Potential to organise own local commemoration of 100 years since WW1	M McNeill has distributed details of church plans for commemoration to aid further discussion on potential CDDCC contribution To be added to meeting agenda for June/July?	M McNeill Info / JO'F	 11th July	
4	Public Liability Insurance for Community Council	We have received the insurance schedule and updated the necessary details (address / focal point etc). As part of the new schedule we must hold the following: • Risk assessment • Training Logs • Abide by rules given by relevant authority • Insurance for under 16's	J O'Flynn	11th July	
5	Lack of Play Facilities at garden of Crathes - Letter to be issued to Stewart Milne	Letter to be Drafted for issue. There is a gathering of residents from the Gardens at Crathes on 7th April and the issue shall be raised then to gauge opinion.			

		At the 14th March meeting Cllr Ross conveyed that after discussion with Senior Stewart Milne Management we were unlikely to make progress on this topic until such time as the site is completed. It was recognised this may be years now. Letter to be drafted and prepared ahead of the Crathes Walkabout on Wednesday 18th April. Letter to be updated based on comments from Crathes walk about and new resident feedback.	J O'Flynn	14th April	14th April
6	Collaboration and idea sharing with Banchory CC	It was noted that Banchory CC have a good resilience plan and we would benefit from obtaining a copy. David Conroy is the suggested contact point for this.	E Windle	15th July	
7	Defibrillators	Is there sufficient coordination regarding Defibrillators and their locations and funding across the communities? Feedback from Crathes Hall Community to be sought on progress regarding Defibrillator for that location. Social Media message regarding the importance of calling 999 and confirming the locations of existing Defibs to be posted	J O'Flynn / M McNeill	15th July	
Parked & Ongoing Actions					
	Confirm distribution list for Monthly MOM	Draft Minutes to be issued to Councillors & Community Councillors. Final Minutes to go to Councillors, Community Councillors, Area Managers, Social Media and Hardcopy Locations. Distribution as follows: Digital copy as to those on meeting invite Hardcopies distributed by M Ansell in Durris, M McNeill in Drumoak and D Morrish in Crathes. Copy also to be placed in Banchory library.	Secretary	Ongoing	Ongoing

	Crathes Path - from bus stop to Deeside way for school kids etc using grant funding	D Morrish to have initial / informal conversation with landowners – next update Meeting. At the 14th March meeting Cllr Ross conveyed the feelings of relevant landowners who are not supportive. This topic shall be parked until such time as the plans for the park and ride become clearer.	D Morrish Info	Parked	Parked
	Cutting of Hedges and Grass Verges only once per year	Is further discussion required on whether local community should have an action point to tackle areas that require cutting more than once a year? To be monitored for further discussion the crossroads between Park and South Deeside Road was identified as a potential area requiring extra attention.	J O'Flynn / P Renwick	Parked	Parked
Closed & Complete Actions					
	Attendance at Community Forum	K&M CC Forum attended & chaired on24th May	D Reaich / J O'Flynn	24 May Closed	24 May Closed
	Data Protection Workshop	Training attended Saturday 19th May at Aboyne Academy	D Reaich & J O'Flynn	19th May	19th May Closed
	Consultation – Updating Licensing Regulations	Ongoing Consultation	Marion McNeil	13th May	13th May Closed
	Consultation – Community Council Research 2018	Consultation completed by all councillors	All	9th May	9th May Closed
	Consultation – Strategic Development Plan	Consultation on Main issues report (MIR) Returned.	P Renwick	21May	21 May Closed
	Alexander Burnett to be included in MOM distribution	Action on Secretary to include on distribution list	J O'Flynn	9th May	9th May Closed
	Assist 4yr Dissertation Student on Scottish Land Reform and impact in Deeside	David Morrish assisted student (Isla Stevenson)	D Morrish	12th June	12th June Closed

	Green Dog Walkers	Details of Green Dog Walker to be distributed by Cllr Sarah Dickinson and added to social media	E Windle	26th April	26th April Closed
	Consultation – SEPA Potentially Vulnerable Areas	Online consultation – comment added the Milton of Crathes wasn't included as an at risk area.	J O'Flynn	7th May	7th May Closed
	Retention of site for Banchory Academy	Letter issued supporting retention of this site	E Windle	28th March	28th March Closed
	Postal Address for CDDCC	We do not have a postal address – traditionally if required the home address of the Secretary is utilised	J O'Flynn	14th March Closed	14th March Closed
	Planning Applications in Durris	Awaiting feedback on potential impact of earth moving works near Gas Pipelines.	M Ansell	Closed – see planning	Closed – see planning
	Dog Fouling in Drumoak	Dog warden was contacted and she visited the area, placed one sign, and offered further assistance if required.	J O'Flynn	21st March Closed	21st March Closed
	Aboyne Minor Injuries Unit	Email to forwarded to E Windle Post made on Social Media	J O'Flynn E Windle	15th March Closed	15th March Closed
	Evening Express Reporter	Reporter contacted to say minutes are available via social media.	JO'Flynn	15th March Closed	15th March Closed
	Mobile Library Service	Schedule forwarded to M McNeill & E Windle Reminder put on Social Media	J O'Flynn E Windle	15th March Closed	15th March Closed