



## **Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday 12 June 2019 – Durris Hall**

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

#### **1) Introductions & Apologies**

Present: Peter Renwick (Chair), David Morrish, Mark Ansell (minutes), Chris Charnley, Marion McNeil, David Reaich, Cllr S Dickinson, Cllr R Bruce, Emma Storey Aberdeenshire Council K&M Area Office, Philippa Jenson (public), Catriona Woodburn Durris School Parents Committee, Derek Forbes Forbes Homes, Cieran Drelan (planning applic.), Mathew Merchant (architect)

Apologies: Emma Windle, James O'Flynn, David Groundwater, Cllr Robertson, Cllr Wallace

Police: no representation

The meeting was quorate.

#### **2) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes**

Peter Renwick went through the previous meeting minutes, and the only item for comment was that Cllr Ross had spoken to the managing director of Stewart Milne, regarding the completion date for the Gardens at Crathes houses, which has now been agreed for 2020.

#### **3) Secretary's Report and Correspondence**

- a) **Marr Area Committee** 18 June; this meeting is still being held, rescheduled for Wednesday 19 June.
- b) **Park Bridge dialogues:** further contact has been made with the community council from local residents, in particular a local engineer Ann (full name not available) commenting on the past inspection regime; and Catriona Woodburn on behalf of the Durris School, raising the numerous problems for the school now caused by the closure, and necessitating extra travel distances to Drumoak.  
Cllr Dickinson said that a community meeting is to be held after an assessment of the bridge in early autumn. In answer to a query on additional funding and the possibility of the community applying for funding, and the possibility of an 'asset transfer', Emma Storey will seek advice on any asset transfer options. **ACTION: EMMA STOREY**
- c) **Greener Kincardine and Deeside Climate Action Group 20/6;** Chris Charnley said he would attend this meeting.
- d) **Feterresso Windfarm:** Mark Ansell took away the documents received in the post from Fred Olsen Renewables, detailing their latest proposal for an extension (9 turbines) to the current Mid Hill Windfarm, and will update the community council on content. **ACTION: MARK ANSELL**
- e) **Revised Recycling Scheme-** acceptance of tyres at recycling centres; Cllr Dickinson outlined changes to waste collections, and that three waster transfer stations for trade waste are being created.
- f) **Consultation- reduction of litter;** correspondence received.



- g) **Bus Forum:** correspondence received.
- h) **Light Touch Review-** new SOE; details received.
- i) **AHSCP Feedback:** an online facility for feedback is now available.
- j) **Park Quarry:** Following David Morrish's correspondence to Aberdeenshire Council on operations compliance, David has now received feedback from Aude Schibon the compliance officer, who following her holidays, is now looking at the compliance issues and proposals contained in David's correspondence.
- k) **CDDCC Election** procedures and newspaper article submitted

**Approval of the minutes** was proposed by David Morrish and seconded by Marion McNeil.

#### **4. Police Report**

No police present at the meeting. Peter Renwick went through the report- no issues. David Morrish mentioned that continued speeding on the A957 through Crathes' 30mph zone has been noted, and that Council Waste vehicles are one of the main offenders.

#### **5. Finance**

- a) CDDCC Accounts: Peter provided the transaction details and account status.
  - (i) £4514.91 (£1889.20 has been paid to the Durris School for their Mid Hill windfarm application for folding furniture)
- b) Windfarm Funding Applications and Approvals: Mark Ansell detailed the current situation regarding Mid Hill Community Fund applications. Fred Olsen Renewables have confirmed that the CDDCC available fund stands at £8319.70.  
There are three applications received for consideration:
  - 1. Maryculter Driving for the Disabled £3265 for vets bills, ferrier and horse upkeep,
  - 2. Durris Primary School for Interactive Classroom Whiteboard £1911, and
  - 3. Durris Kirkton Hall £4116 for redecoration of the hall and rooms.

In view of these applications, the amounts, and incidence of recurring applications, it was agreed that the current process for application and evaluation be subject to a review by the community council in place following this evenings AGM; i.e. following the review of nominations for councillors.

It was thought by all that an improved governance process and rigid framework is required, with additional rules possibly being required for awarding funds.

Mark Ansell suggested that CDDCC make contact with KDP (Kincardine and Deeside Partnership) to enquire as to whether they would be willing to administer the CDDCC Mid Hill fund, similar to what they already do for the Meikle Carewe Windfarm Community Fund.

**ACTION: MARK ANSELL (or next CDDCC)**

#### **7. Planning & Planning Apps**

- a. **Crathes-** None
- b. **Drumoak-** None



- c. **Durris-** Mark Ansell stated that a new planning application had been submitted for Upper Balfour from Forbes Homes, for a further three houses. Due to the submission date, the deadline for public comment on this application had passed before this evenings meeting.

Derryck Forbes was invited to expand on the reasons for this additional application, as there had already been applications for eight houses in this location. He explained that he was following the current LDP and guidance on 'organic growth' outwith the Woodlands of Durris settlement area. Mark Ansell will clarify the position regarding the deadline for submitting a representation from the community council to the planning case officer, and look at the previous comments made by the CC on behalf of the community, on the previous applications (4) submitted for this specific area.

**ACTION: MARK ANSELL**

Cieran Drelan and Mathew Merchant were invited to make their presentation detailing the proposed **Bogenraith Equestrian Centre**, Denside of Durris, the planning application for which had been submitted.

Cieran detailed his plans for the centre along with the main activities including a cross-country course and indoor and outdoor arenas; these were comprehensively illustrated by large scale plans of the area showing the proposed area and access roads. Discussions with Denside residents had resulted in a more agreeable new access road and junction, at a reasonable distance from the existing Denside residences. The centre is planned to employ up to eight people.

The community council thanked Cieran for providing these details, and all agreed that the centre will prove a major asset for the Durris area.

## **8. Any other competent business**

### **a. Crathes Hall Planning Application**

The hall committee has asked the community council if they would be willing to submit their planning application for hall redevelopment, which will provide a saving for the hall; all supported this request, and David Morrish will progress.

### **b. Vote of thanks to David Reiach, CDDCC retiring Chair**

The community council were unanimous in thanking David for his tremendous work in chairing the community council over the last few years,

- c. **Date of next meeting: No July meeting scheduled; next meeting date TBC**

**There being no further business, the regular meeting closed at 2120.**