



Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 11 December 2019 – Durris Hall

MEETING MINUTES

1. Introductions & Apologies

Present:

Community Councillors:

Peter Renwick (Chair), Chris Charnley, Mark Ansell, David Morrish, Philippa Jensen, Joyce Scott (Minutes)

Councillors:

Cllr Ann Ross – Marr Area Ward 16

Cllr Eileen Durno – Banchory & Mid-Deeside Area Ward 16

Cllr Sarah Dickinson – Stonehaven & Lower Deeside Area Ward 18

Council Officers:

Emma Storey, ASC Committee Officer

CDDCC Representatives

Marion McNeil – KDP rep.

Media:

Kirsten Robertson – Press & Journal

Other:

Simon Richards – Gravitate N.E rep.

Martin Byers – Gravitate N.E rep.

Apologies:

Cllr Bruce, Cllr Robertson, Cllr Agnew, Anne Shearer, Lynne Coull

1) Gravitate Presentation

Simon Richards and Martin Byers from Gravitate gave an update on the proposed Mountain Bike Trail for Durris. The proposed ski element of the planned development has been parked meantime but may form part of a future phase. The Gravitate Committee is currently fundraising to raise £150,000 to finance the planning studies for 2020. They hope to raise the money through offering investor packages at £5000 each plus other fundraising activities via their (approx. 150) members. They also hope to obtain the support of Opportunity North East (ONE). There will be further community engagement sessions in 2020 (date TBC). The CC suggested having our own representatives at the next session to provide the public with an opportunity to leave comments.

Gravitate draft timescale:

2020 – planning stage

2021 – capital raising

2022/2023 – 1st phase

2024/2025 – 2nd phase

2) Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The previous minutes were approved being proposed by Chris Charnley and seconded by Mark Ansell.

Outstanding Actions from the November Minutes:



2.a.i NTS Crathes Tree Management Plan. No action required as no felling scheduled for area of concern (see item 3 under secretaries report below).

3.2 Notice board for the Park Shop. To be collected from Marion McNeil. **Action: Peter Renwick**

3.5 Crown Estate. No action required as no local land affected.

Business Arising:

2 a.ii. VE Day (8-10 May 2020) – update

Piper and bugle player to be sourced. **Action: Peter Renwick**

Two cherry trees and a plaque to be sourced for planting at Durris War Memorial. **Action: Joyce Scott**

2 a.iii. ‘Greener’ issues

David Morrish attended Deeside CAN and Greener K&M meetings to find out what role the CC can play in promoting ‘greener’ lifestyles. Nothing concrete has been established as yet within these groups. David suggested we all consider ways in which the CC can influence our communities. David will prepare a summary and potential ideas, e.g. plastic-free communities, prior to the next CC meeting. **Action: David Morrish and All**

3. Crathes Bus Stop traffic island update

Ann Ross said was that a park and ride site was featured in the Main Issues Report for Banchory at Site MR075 (OP1) and that NESTRANS supported the recommendation to retain the park and ride facility as it remains a key element of the Regional Transport Strategy. The site OP1 had been previously allocated in the LDP 2017. Officers were now aware of this and no decision had yet been made.

3) Secretary’s Report and Correspondence

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. The following items were highlighted:

A. MEETINGS ATTENDED

- a) 14th Nov. Marr Community Forum, Aboyne: Chris Charnley
- b) 19th Nov. Sustainable Renovation, RGU: Chris Charnley
- c) 21st Nov. ASC Planning Training, Banchory Academy: Chris Charnley
- d) Park Bridge Sub-Committee mtg: 26th Nov. 2019
- e) 26th Nov. Meikle Carewe Wind Farm Awards Evening, Stonehaven Golf Club: Mark Ansell
- f) 28th Nov. Fetteresso Community Investment Event: Mark Ansell
- g) 28th Nov. K&D CC Forum Update, Mackie Academy, Stonehaven: Peter Renwick
- h) 3rd Dec. Management of Amenity Grassland and Verges for Biodiversity & Reduced Costs, The James Hutton Institute, Chris Charnley

B. EMAILS RECEIVED

13th Nov. 2019

- 1) **Linda Milne, Area Mgr PA: VE Day 75th Anniversary**
 - List of national events



14th Nov. 2019

2) Information Commissioner's Office

- New GDPR special category data guidance published

18th Nov. 2019

3) Robert Moss: NTS Long Term Forest Plan

- The deadline for formal comment has now passed. However, the NTS does not propose to do any forest operations in the Station Wood block with the rookery during the course of the present Long-Term Forest Plan i.e. for the next nine years. So, I think that we can leave it at that.

26th Nov. 2019

4) Emma Storey: Community Council Briefing

- ACS Liaison Officer for CDDCC Appoint: Emma Storey – K&M Area Committee Officer has been appointed the CDDCC Liaison Officer

28th Nov. 2019

5) KDP Bulletin

- **Beyond the usual suspects: Funding alternatives**

6) Emma Storey: Park Quarry – Liaison Meeting

- 2 representatives to be nominated for meeting in Stonehaven – date to be arranged
- Items for agenda requested

29th Nov. 2019

7) Steve Shaw - Director 'Power for People

- Sign up to campaign for support of 'Local electricity Bill'

3rd Dec. 2019

8) Bruce Stewart – Acting Area Manager - K&M

- Upper Balfour, Durris, Planning Applications
- Conclusion: All applications were considered to comply with policy

4) Police Reports

A report was received from Kincardine & Mearns and is to be published on the CDDCC website. There are no notable issues.

5) Community Updates

a) Park Bridge

i. Status

Ongoing correspondence with the Council has not resulted in any results regarding clarifying the status of Park Bridge. The official response has been to say that no decision has yet been made. This is expected to be made in early January. The sub-Committee queried the replacement of the temporary road closed signs with permanent ones but were told that this wasn't an indication that the bridge is



permanently closed but only to provide a more robust system of signage. The sub-Committee is to meet at the beginning of January to review all correspondence and decide what action to take next. Ann Ross suggested sending a petition to the Council. Only petitions in the authorised format will be considered. **Action: Emma Storey to supply details of the procedure.**

ii. **K&D Committee Meeting 10.00am 21st January 2020**

No information is available yet as to whether Park Bridge is on the agenda for this meeting. Councillors to inform us when this is known to give the Committee an opportunity to present its case.

b) **Recycling Centre access update**

David Morrish has queried the proposed restriction on pickups and trailers being taken together, both carrying refuse. He will pursue again. **Action: David Morrish**

6) Finance

a. **Mid Hill Fund Application for Durris Book**

Mark Ansell has been in touch with the author Robin Jackson re the printing costs of his book. Given that the current book sales almost cover the cost of printing, it was decided to award him £250 to make up the balance. Robin intends to donate any future profits from the book to Drumoak Church.

b. **Fetteresso Windfarm Investment Plan**

A proposed community investment scheme is being discussed by Fred Olsen Renewables in connection with their plans for expanding the Mid Hill Windfarm. Further information will be made available as the project progresses.

7) Planning & Planning Applications

Nothing of note in recent applications. A full Council meeting regarding the LDP is due to be held in January (date TBC). The CC has asked for an opportunity to speak. **Action: Mark Ansell**

8) AOB

a. **2020 meeting timings and locations to be agreed**

There is currently a problem with the availability of Drumoak School (lack of a janitor) and Crathes Hall (double booked). It was suggested to either have all future meeting in the Durris Hall or change the dates to enable the continuing use of Crathes Hall. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

An anonymous letter had been left at the meeting for the attention of David Morrish. It contained information from, 'a concerned resident' about potentially contaminated waste being deposited at Park Quarry (Chap). David will read the report and report back to the Committee.

Action: David Morrish

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 13th February 2020. Venue TBC. Please note the change of day.



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By email

- CDDCC Website: Peter Renwick
- CDDCC Members: email
- Councillors: email
- Police Liaison – Marr (Banchory): email
'BanchoryMidDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk'
- Police Liaison – K&M (Stonehaven): email to Donna Kelly
- Area Committee – Marr: email to Alison McLeod – Area Mgr Marr
- Area Committee – K&M: email to Emma Storey – Committee Officer K&M
- KDP Liaison: email to Marion McNeil
- DDCG Website: Anne Shearer

Hard Copy:

- Crathes Hall – Notice Board/Table: Chris Charnley
- Durris Kirkton Hall – Notice Board: Mark Ansell
- Drumoak Church Hall – Notice Board: via Marion McNeil
- Drumoak Post Office: - Notice Board: via Marion McNeil
- Drumoak – Park Shop: closed
- Banchory Library – MOM Author