



Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 9th May 2019 – Crathes Hall

MEETING MINUTES

1) INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Present: Peter Renwick (Chair), David Morrish, Marion McNeil, Chris Charnley (minutes)
Apologies: David Reaich, James O'Flynn, David Groundwater, Emma Windle, Mark Ansell
Councillors: Cllr S Dickinson, Cllr R Bruce, Cllr E Durno, Cllr A Ross, Cllr W Agnew
Apologies: Cllr D Robertson, Cllr S Wallace
Council Representatives: Jean Henretty – Community Learning & Development Worker
Members of the Public: Derek Forbes (Director - Forbes Homes), Martin Byers (Chair – Gravitate NE), Simon Richards (Gravitate NE)
Police: -
The meeting was quorate.

2) GRAVITATE NORTH EAST

Gravitate North East kindly attended the meeting to brief the CDDCC on the development status of the outdoor adventure park it has proposed for Cairn Monearn. Key points:

- 2017 – Feasibility study for Durris for mountain biking, skiing and a chair lift
- 2018 – Market engagement and branding. Designated a two-tier charity, and name changed from NETCO to Gravitate North East
- 2019 - Business plan being prepared by Adventure Sports Consultant. Interest from Sir Ian Wood and Opportunity North East.
- Land purchase: Phased approach planned; looking at reducing the amount of land required without an impact on the experience. Lease or purchase being considered.
- Funding: Original budget estimate of £14m has been reduced to £6m. Funding is a key issue. Martin Byers is now full time.
- Gravitate plans to attract families, hence one of its core aims is to build a high-end café. Additionally, it proposes to make itself attractive for the regions youths from financially challenge backgrounds, and to set-up to support and attract those less abled for adventure sports.
- Timing: Gravitate is proposing a phased development with the initial phase providing the hub and café, bike rental and other activities for a family offering on a small scale. Target is start-up in 3-5 years.
- 22 primary staff jobs are envisaged, with additional secondary jobs being creating in the region.
- The Adventure Sports Consultant has given a low-mid-high estimate of 115,000-130,000-140,000 visitors a year. Chris Charnley noted that this estimate was a narrow band for the present maturity of the development.

Cllr Ann Ross noted that many of the locals in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development were not happy with the proposal. Additionally, her observations at the community consultation meeting (Wed. 7th Nov. 2018) suggested much of the discussion had not been recorded. She further questioned Gravitate on what was being done to mitigate concerns. Gravitate noted that the engaged Consultant had taken notes, used the questionnaire process and feedback to prepare the report. The consultation report (dated Nov. 2018) was sent to the CDDC on 19th Nov. 2018 (though full distribution may not have been made, and the full report is distributed with these minutes). A summary is available on-line: <https://www.gravitatenortheast.com/blog/consultation-summary/>



Cllr Ann Ross questioned the availability of water for the outdoor adventure park, this being a key known issue for previous considered developments. Gravitare advised that water was available.

It was advised that CDDC could not assist with funding support enquiries as it would be a conflict of interest. Assistance requests could be considered once the plans have final approval of the council.

3) POLICE REPORT

These were received from both Stonehaven (K&M) and Banchory (Marr Deeside) and are available on the CDDCC website.

4) MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Review & Business arising for items not covered below:

- a) The sub-meeting (David Morrish, Peter Renwick, Chris Charnley) to review/address GDPR requirements has been delayed until after the CDDCC elections to wait for interest from new members.
- b) No progress had been made on Durris Water Management.
- c) No further progress had been made to address the proposed 204 bus cessation of service.
- d) Tesco Film / Packaging: Chris Charnley advised that Tesco Banchory Community Champion had advised that, in response to further questions, further details of film recycling are provided on the Tesco website: www.tescopl.com
- e) CC Insurance – a risk assessment maybe required. ACTION: DEFERRED
- f) Chap Quarry: An objection to planning permission has formally been submitted by David Moorish on behalf of the CDDCC. Additionally, David emailed the K&M Planning Department and the Planning Enforcement Officer to request a meeting of the liaison committee re: Condition 28, application S020002MIN.
- i) Main Issues Report: Crathes, Durris and Drumoak updates for planning have been submitted.

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Chris Charnley and seconded by David Morrish.

5) SECRETARY REPORT

Meetings Attended

- a) Health Service Changes – Public Meetings
 - i) Aboyne Minor Injuries Clinic 16th April – no comments.
 - ii) Banchory – new health centre has been proposed (though site not agreed) on Silverbank Playing fields opposite Morrisons Supermarket. Cllr Ann Ross has requested clarification, as the Doctors from Banchory Group Practice at Bellfield considered that this site had been agreed. (It is included in 2017 ADP)

Emails Received

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 - i) From Crathes in Flower: 6 planters have been acquired. It was agreed these will be added to the CDDCC asset inventory and will then fall under the CDDCC insurance.
 - ii) Road Closures: Potholes in new areas have been repaired, but not well. Many areas required road repair. **Everyone is requested to report potholes and road damage.**
 - iii) K&M Community Council Forum Orientation. CDDCC wishes to attend. **ACTION: DAVID MOORISH and PETER RENWICK**



6) COMMUNITY UPDATES

Aberdeenshire Council Community Learning and Development Service (CLD)

Jean Henretty, the Community Learning & Development Worker, kindly gave an interesting account of the work her service performs across Aberdeenshire. An outline of the CLD Service is provided in Attachment 1, and a link to its website is here: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communities-and-events/community-centres/cld/>.

A brief summary of her talk is as follows:

- a) CLD comes under Education in Aberdeenshire Council
 - i) Jean's geographical remit is Southern Aberdeenshire, which stretches from Braemar to St Cyrus, and includes the Banchory area. Her team covers 3 groups:
 - (1) Youth Work. This is a large scope and due to constraints in resourcing it focuses on youth work in schools particularly related to transitions:
 - (a) Primary to academy, and
 - (b) Leaving academy
 - (2) Adult Learning: Focused on:
 - (a) Live Life (culture & leisure classes)
 - (b) Prioritise literacy & numeracy issues (25% of young people leave school with these issues)
 - (c) Family learning with parents e.g. digital learning
 - (3) Community Development Team
 - (a) Understanding statistics
 - (b) Understanding communities with Public Consultations:
 - (i) Lessons learned through getting to know people
 - (ii) Develop the profile of an area
 - ii) Next steps in the short term is to acquire funding support to help with developing statistical data

Community Action Plan

After the CDDCC elections, the CDDC must develop its community action plan (interest and assistance from Alan Melrose -Community Planning Officer). This will include consideration of engagement with the CLD to develop a plan.

CDDCC Elections

Posters and nomination forms to be put up where notices say they should be:

- a) Crathes Hall and Crathes School – **ACTION DAVID MOORISH**
- b) Durris School and Drumoak Post Office - **ACTION MARION MCNEIL**

The deadline for nominations is 22nd May with elections on 27th May.

ACTION PETER RENWICK to write a promotional text for the press.

Stewart Milne Houses Crathes

Stewart Milne is finishing the last 3 houses in Crathes, but proposes to complete the last block of affordable housing at a date to be determined. This is considered unacceptable, as Stewart Milne would not demobilise from the site for years. David Moorish has raised this issue with Stewart Milne in writing, and Cllr Ann Ross agreed to raise it with SMH's Managing Director. **ACTION CLLR ANN ROSS.**



Park Bridge

- a) Park Bridge: Cllr Sandy Wallace is planning to search for funding solutions with the council for Park Bridge, though this is recognised as a difficult cause due to funding cuts and other key bridges taking priority.
- b) David Moorish has responded to an enquiry by Sandra Blackhall.

7) FINANCE

- a) The Mid-Hill fund payment for Crathes in Flower was paid.
- b) Request from Mary Culter Disabled for Riding – waiting on decision.
- c) Durris School furniture – waiting on payment from Fred Olsen.

8) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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9) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 12th June 2019 at 7-30pm in Durris Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9-15pm.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Community Learning and Development Services – Curtesy of Jean Henretty



Community Learning and Development Service

*Community Learning and Development
Changing Lives Strengthening Communities*



The Community Learning and Development Service (CLD) works to reduce inequalities in Aberdeenshire by improving life chances for individuals and families and by supporting community groups and organisations in building strong and resilient communities. We do this through three different work strands of:

Work with Young People

Work with Adults

Work with Communities



Vision Statement for our work with young people



Young people in Aberdeenshire, particularly those most in need will have access to inspirational and life enhancing learning experiences and opportunities that make a difference and which enable them to reach their full potential as individuals and as active members of their community. Aberdeenshire will be nationally recognised as delivering high quality youth work through a CLD service which is clear about how it plans and delivers work itself and with partners.



Vision Statement for our work with adult learners



CLD will have a positive impact on peoples' lives by empowering them to become confident individuals, effective contributors, responsible citizens and successful learners through the targeting and delivery of adult learning opportunities. People of all ages in Aberdeenshire, particularly those who are disadvantaged, will be confident that the CLD service will actively support them to flourish and thrive.



Vision Statement for our work with community groups and organisations



The CLD service will increase participation in groups and decision making processes to ensure that less powerful or organised communities are able to participate as full and equal partners. We will take an asset based approach in recognition that Aberdeenshire communities are full of individuals and groups who want to make a positive contribution to improve the quality of life for all.

The CLD service will adopt a community development approach and recognise that this approach is also used by a range of other partners. We will work in partnership to jointly plan and prioritise our work with partners through the mechanism of 17 Local Learning Community Partnerships and the overarching Aberdeenshire Learning Community Partnership.

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Outcomes ¶

¶ What difference will CLD make to the people we work with? ¶

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¶ Young people, adults and communities who are more confident, resilient and optimistic for the future. ¶

¶ Young people and adults who are better able to manage personal, social and formal relationships and interactions. ¶

¶ Young people and adults who are able to participate safely and effectively in groups which are set up to be inclusive and accountable. ¶

¶ Young people and adults who are better able to create, describe and apply their learning skills. ¶

¶ Young people, adults and community groups who are able to consider risk and make reasonable decisions as to the level of control they want over their lives and decisions that affect them. ¶

¶ Young people, adults and community groups who are able to express themselves and to articulate their views in relation to promoting social justice and contributing to a more equal Aberdeenshire. ¶

¶ Young people, adults and community groups have broadened their perspectives as a result of exposure to new and diverse experiences and connections. ¶

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¶ The CLD Service is targeted—this means that we do not work with everyone in the community, but instead target our support to where it is most needed. Typically you will find us working with people through things like: ¶

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✓→ Helping young people make the transition from primary to secondary education or into the senior phase of school in preparation for work or further learning. Our work can support parents to help their children and improve their personal confidence as well. ¶

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✓→ Supporting people to access the learning they need to play a full part in society. This can be English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) or Core Skills in order to improve their literacy and numeracy as well as developing softer skills in relation to teamwork and communication. ¶

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✓→ Supporting community groups to look at how they operate and how they help to meet local needs. This can include gathering profile information to better understand community needs and issues and providing practical training and support—particularly for new groups involving people who are currently not well-linked to existing networks and decision-making spaces. ¶

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