



**Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting**  
**Thursday, 13 February 2020 - Kirkton of Durris Hall**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**1) Introductions & Apologies**

Present:

- Peter Renwick (Chair), Chris Charnley (Secretary), Joyce Scott, Philippa Jensen, Mark Ansell (Treasurer), Lynn Coull
- Marion McNeil (KDP Representative)
- Cllr Anne Ross, Cllr Sarah Dickinson, Cllr Rosemary Bruce, Cllr Eileen Durno, Cllr Wendy Agnew

Apologies:1

- Anne Shearer, David Morrish
- Cllr Sandy Wallace, Cllr Dennis Robertson
- Emma Story (Aberdeenshire Council Returning Officer)

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

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

Outstanding Actions from the previous December Minutes:

- 2.a.ii) Alternative contact for piper bugle player was provided by Cllr Ross for Peter Renwick to contact: Graham Robb, Crathes.
- 2.a.iii) Cllr Ross offered an update on the latest with the Crathes Bus Stop/Traffic Island. Things are moving slowly and not expected to feature in this year's budget.

**3) Secretary's Report & Correspondence**

The report was circulated beforehand and items were highlighted for discussion.

Emails received:

- Cllr Sarah Dickinson suggested Drumoak councillors generate some options for Mark Gracey to consider for finding a suitable locations for glass recycling. Peter Renwick to post on the Facebook page to encourage locals to suggest locations.
- Diane Henderson, K&M Area Project Officer highlights online counter terrorism training available to the public. Peter Renwick to add to the CDDCC website.
- James O'Flynn: VE Day pipers. Julie Blackhall's sons booked got piping in VE Day. Second email with contacts for alternative piper.



#### **4) Police Report**

A report was not sent on this occasion but Cllr Sarah Davidson was able to offer a synopsis of recorded incidents in the area. Once received it will be published on the CDDCC website.

Joyce informed the committee of incidences of postboxes being broken into, in Durris area, with bank account details stolen which led to fraudulent activity on the victim's accounts. Police have been made aware of this.

#### **5) Community Updates**

a. Park Bridge:

- i) Status: Aberdeenshire Council have committed to repairing the bridge to allow access to pedestrian and cyclists. However, the council's cost estimate for the work has escalated from £1.7M to £3.3M without explanation other than that it will also need painted at some point. Park Bridge Sub-Committee have requested details on the additional costings.
- iii) Next Steps: Peter Renwick, Chris Charnley and Lynn Coull to meet with Donald MacPherson and Bruce Stewart to hear more about the council's position (02/03/20) .
- iv) K&M Meeting 10am, 24 March

#### **6) Finance**

- a) Mid Hill Fun Applications: successful applications amount to £561.00. Robin Jackson is still receive £250 for the initial print run on his historical book about the Durris area. Robin has applied for additional funds amounting to £450. Put to a vote, the majority decided to offer him further funds.
- b) The application for funds to paint Kirkton of Durris Hall has been declined, for now.

KDP Update:

- a) Marion McNeil intimated that there are concerns about the dwindling number of members of the board.
- b) Marion McNeil confirmed that there is no ceiling for individual applications - other than the total value of the fund at the time.

#### **7) Planning & Planning Apps**

a) LDP Update:

- i) LDP will be ratified in March 2020 (date to be confirmed) and concluded in April 2020.



ii) Application to increase housing in Kirkton of Durris and Drumoak have been objected to by local Councillors but it is not known if Infrastructure Services have overturned that request. Cllr Sarah Davidson checking to ask if CDDCC can consult in April. Mark Ansell requested that CDDCC consult on LDP since in excess of 30 homes are planned for Woodlands of Durris area with no planned infrastructure improvements.

iii) LDP to be published in November 2020.

## 8) AOB

a) Road Fatality - B9077 at Nether Balfour.

b) Banchory Patient Participation Group, Philippa Jenson:

i) Philippa attended the Banchory Patient Participation Group (PPG) meeting. They are putting on an education event & have invited Donald Montgomery, a Community Resilience Facilitator for the Scottish Ambulance Service to give a talk on March 4th 6.30-8 in the Banchory Guide Hall. Philippa asked Peter to advertise it by uploading the information to both the website & Facebook page.

ii) Philippa referenced the successful 'Integrated Healthcare Services' new GP contact which focusses on sharing GP workload among other healthcare professionals and offered to share information via email.

iii) With regards Banchory Practice. They are 'shovel ready' and now waiting for a site to be confirmed. Cllr Eileen Durno said that Silverbank Play park is owned by Aberdeenshire Council and is being considered as the site for the new practice.

c) Peter Renwick to ask council to consider improving road surface on A93 since it's included on the NE 250.

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 11 March 2020, at Kirkton of Durris Hall.



## **MOM DISTRIBUTION:**

### **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:
- Durris Kirkton Hall – Notice Board: Mark Ansell
- Drumoak Church Hall – Notice Board: via Marion McNeil
- Drumoak Post Office
- Drumoak – Park Shop

