



Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 9th September 2020 – Google Video Conference

MEETING MINUTES

1) ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES

Present:

Community Councillors:

- Peter Renwick – Chair & Crathes rep.
- Mark Ansell – Treasurer & Durris rep.
- Anne Shearer – Drumoak rep.
- Joyce Scott – Durris rep.
- David Morrish – Crathes rep.
- Phillippa Jensen- Crathes rep.

Councillors:

Banchory & Mid-Deeside - Marr Area, Ward 16:

- Cllr Ann Ross

Stonehaven & Lower Deeside – K&M Area, Ward 18:

- Cllr Sarah Dickinson
- Cllr Wendy Agnew
- Cllr Rosemary Bruce(PT)

Police Liaison : Marc Camus (PT)

(PT) reflects attendees whose attendance was partial

Apologies notified:

- Cllr Dennis Robertson
- Emma Storey, ASC Committee Officer
- Lynn Coull – Drumoak rep.
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2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Actions & Matters Arising

- The NESTRANS Transport Strategy consultation is open until 16th Oct, and Anne Shearer suggested the CC provides feedback. Anne is happy to receive comments from all and submit for CDDCC. **Action All**
- David Morrish has written to Banchory Ternan Football Club in relation the signage at Milton of Crathes which suggests that people are not allowed on the practice pitches. As this is a long-established walk, the legality of the sign is under question and David Morrish is following this up. **Action**

David Morrish. Cllr Ann Ross will contact the council access officer so they can get in touch with the football club as well. **Action Cllr Ann Ross**

- Feedback on social media suggests that the phone box in Drumoak should be retained as it is useful in an emergency and phone signal in the area is poor. Peter Renwick has responded to this.
- **Council Elections Update**
CDDCC is still in need of additional councillors. At this time, the CC are able to co-opt a total of 4 individuals to cover the three areas. Posts have been made on social media.
- **Replacement CDDCC Secretary**
The position of Secretary was discussed, with no one currently being in a position to take on the role. Cllr Ann Ross suggested to post the position on the Banchory Rock facebook page.
Further ideas on filling this and vacant councillor positions are to be considered by all. **ACTION ALL**
- **IBA Processing Plant**
The formal planning application is due in from HFM/Rocksolid. Mark Ansell asked whether there will be a formal response from AC to the POAN submission. Cllr Dickinson will check if there is any formal feedback.
Action Cllr Dickinson
- The minutes were proposed by Anne and seconded by Mark

3) CORRESPONDENCE

a) **ASC Roads Policy Review**

There is an email from Emma Storey regarding a survey for ASC on roads policy with a closure date of 28th Sept. All to read this and provide feedback to Peter before the closing date of 28th Sept.

ACTION ALL

b) **CC Scheme Review**



CDD CC has 12 councillors due to the geographic size of the area. The situation is confusing as the CC comes under Marr for Crathes and K&M for Drumoak and Durris. Although this is not ideal and there is probably a stronger connection to Marr than K&M within the area, it was decided that no changes would be requested.

c) Road Closures

The CC have been notified of a number of road closure recently, mostly at short notice. There have been no complaints from the community though, so it was decided that only major closures would be notified.

d) Transport Consultation

See Matters Arising

e) Food

Joyce Scott attended a webinar on how we may be able to support the community where people are in need. This will be followed up when Durris Hall re-opens and will need to be supported by volunteers.

4) POLICE REPORT

Marc Camus provided feedback on issues with Covid 19, especially large gatherings of up to 150 people in Stonehaven. Police will challenge licences where proprietors are not ensuring social distancing takes place and this is improving the situation. The police approach is to engage, encourage, educate then enforce and a number of tickets were issued, the majority of which were subsequently rescinded. Mark Ansell raised the feedback survey on the new powers that the police have been given in relation to Covid.

Donna Kelly requested that our minutes be sent to PC Mark Camus and not to her. She will continue to issue the Police's own reports.

5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Park Bridge Closure

Aberdeenshire Council Roads department apologised for the recent consultation notice about permanent closure of Park Bridge to traffic. There is also a note from ASC stating that the Prohibition of Driving notice can be rescinded. There have been a high number of formal complaints from the community lodged as part of the consultation.

K&M will send a link to the minutes of committee meetings as is done by Marr to give the CC more information on what is being discussed.

b) Park Quarry Meeting and complaint to ASC

The response from Aberdeenshire Council did not address the complaint that was raised which is about failure of the Planning Department to enforce planning conditions. Clarification was sent to ASC and a response is awaited. If nothing is received in the next 2 weeks, the complaint will be escalated.

Notes of the meeting with Chap at the quarry are attached.

c) Drumoak Glebe

Drumoak School are looking into preparing signs for the The Glebe to demonstrate that the area is important to the local children and the community.

There have been a number of calls to the police about anti-social behaviour, 43 since March.

The issue of camping has eased with the end of summer and the schools returning. Cllr Agnew is following up with ASC to implement management rules for parks as Aberdeen City have done. Then formal signs can be erected.

Action Cllr Wendy Agnew

d) Drumoak School flashing lights

The timing of the flashing 20mph lights need to be corrected as they are not flashing at appropriate times. This has been reported to the council by the school but no action has been taken yet. Cllr Sarah Dickinson will follow up.

Action Cllr Sarah Dickinson

e) Covid Community Impact Assessment Review Meetings

David Morrish attended the meeting for Marr and Peter Renwick the one for K&M. Peter reported on the increased number of cyclists out and about, road conditions and the issues with The Glebe. David reported that the main concern raised at the Marr meeting was about people who may have fallen between the cracks. No1 Café in Banchory had been providing food for people in need.

Philippa Jensen reported on an initiative being taken in Westhill where those who had contributed significantly to helping the community cope with



Covid where recognised. It was agreed that a sub-committee of Philippa, Mark and David would be set up to look at doing something similar for the CDD CC community.

6) FINANCE

The financial situation of the CC is healthy with the Midhill fund particularly strong. Opportunities to help with local projects are to be sought, including consideration of helping with the redecoration of Durris Hall when it re-opens.

7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Planning Applications:
 - Planning applications for all areas consisted of largely garages and outbuildings, with a steading conversion into 3 houses in Drumoak and the CDDCC has no objections.
- b) Notification has been received about the remediation of power lines in the area with a request for feedback.
- c) Woodlands of Durris School

An email has been received from Catriona Woodburn, Friends of Durris School & Crossroads Nursery, regarding the poor condition of the open field area behind Durris School. Catriona has emailed Kirkwood Homes copying in Cllr Dickinson and CDDCC, and Cllr Dickinson indicated that the Planning department are due to respond to the issue raised, notably the compliance by Kirkwood Homes with agreed community benefits in providing a usable area.

8) AOB

- Future Meeting Dates

- **NEXT MEETING: 1930HRS ON WEDNESDAY 14TH October BY GOOGLE VIDEO CONFERENCE will include the AGM so 2 agendas will go out one for the AGM and one for the regular meeting.**

- November, Wed. 11th: Durris Kirkton Hall
- December, Wed. 9th: Crathes Hall

- The meeting closed at 21.20hrs

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 – Committee Officer 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: Chris Charnley: CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- Durris Kirkton Hall – Notice Board: Mark Ansell: CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- Drumoak Church Hall – Notice Board: via Marion McNeil: CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
- Drumoak Post Office: Notice Board: via Marion McNeil
- Drumoak – Park Shop: ??
- Banchory Library – Author: CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19



Report on Meeting at Chap Quarry

Community Council visit to CHAP's Park Quarry – 26th August, 2020 Note for

discussion at September, 2020 CC meeting.

On Wednesday, 26th August, Joyce Scott, Mark Ansel, Anne Shearer and David Morrish were guided around the Chap's Park Quarry by Managing Director Hugh Craigie and Technical Director Tim Davies.

Both gentlemen were very helpful and very open. We walked around both the west and east parts of the quarry, in other words, on both sides of the Park Bridge road.

We noted the following points:

- CHAP are progressing re-instatement in a pragmatic and timely manner which we would have to agree appears entirely reasonable. **(No complaint regarding failure to meet planning conditions is therefore proposed or felt to be at all useful)**
- The quarry is almost completely worked-out and operations to extract further material are likely to finish within or before the current consent expires. At this time the re-instatement works will take place.
 - Levels in most places have been built up as far as they can be with inert material received into the quarry. Reinstatement will not be delayed waiting on further backfill.
 - The planning conditions imply that certain areas should have been reinstated by now. However, it was pointed out that the bunds around the site, needed to protect local housing from noise etc. are formed in most part by the topsoil required to complete reinstatement and thus cannot be removed until operations cease. When operations cease, the steep cut away banks at the edges of the quarry will be feathered out prior to the topsoil being distributed. It makes sense to us having visited the site that this work can only really be completed at the end of operations.
- The west side of the quarry will be reinstated first before moving into the main processing area where reinstatement will involve removing all the equipment.
 - CHAP are aware that the view in the community is that they are stalling on reinstatement to avoid the cost and in the hope that they will get planning permission for housing.
 - CHAP's MD said that he hoped to be able to build houses and was still pursuing the possibility of having an allocation of housing on the site within the new local plan through the appeal process. He also insisted that the cost of reinstatement was almost insignificant compared with the prize for building a village and that the two issues could be entirely separated in that money has already been put aside for reinstatement (A bond has been formed as part of the planning conditions). The quarry will be reinstated as per conditions.
 - The community can expect the site to be re-instated
 - The community can expect CHAP to pursue the village
 - The community council can deal with each of these as almost separate issues
 - The IBA proposal can also probably be deal with as a separate issue meantime.
 - CHAP has offered to write a piece for the Newsletter explaining why they think a village is a good idea and how such a project may have implications for a/the bridge. We feel that this may promote a meaningful community discussion.
- It is clear that CHAP are struggling in that they have no more access to aggregate in the area. They have also lost the contract associated with the harbour project meantime as the main contractor, with whom they had a contract, pulled out.
- The Kinlun village proposal is important to their survival it seems, so we can expected continuous pressure from them on that front. This is why it is probably no bad thing that we encourage them to put their ideas forward into the community. It can do no harm, could remove suspicion and misinformation and people can be better informed when the next planning application comes in, as it surely will.