



Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 14th October 2020 – Google Video Conference

MEETING MINUTES – *Approved*

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.
- Lynn Coull – Drumoak 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

Other:

Kenneth Gordon – member of public

Apologies received:

- Cllr Dennis Robertson
- Emma Storey, ASC Committee Officer
- Cllr Rosemary Bruce
- Cllr Sandy Wallace

2) AGM (see separate Minutes)

3) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes from the September meeting were approved. Proposed by Phillippa Jensen, seconded by Mark Ansell.

Actions & Matters Arising

- Anne Shearer has submitted comments on behalf of the CDDCC to the NESTRANS Transport Strategy consultation.
- David Morrish reported that the signs are still up at the Banchory Ternan Football Club at Milton of Crathes. He will try again to contact the club president John Watson with a view to suggesting revised wording on the signage. Ann Ross reported that the Council's Access

Officer is due to meet with the club, Leys Estate and Dunecht Estate to discuss the right of way access to the river via the football pitch. Complaints have been received about irresponsible dog owners crossing the pitch, dog fouling and disrupting fishing. **ACTION DAVID MORRISH, ANN ROSS**

- **Replacement CDDCC Secretary**

The position was advertised on social media. One application was received from Kenneth Gordon. He has accepted the role of Minutes Secretary on a 3-month trial basis. The position of Secretary remains vacant.

- **IBA Processing Plant**

Cllr Dickinson reported that there has been no formal feedback from the Council.

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Email to all Community Councils re Aberdeenshire's apparent policy of not focusing repairs to bridges on C & U class roads. Anne Shearer suggested the CC should respond to the email from Caroline Close re the closure of King Edward bridges and suggested joint action from Aberdeenshire CC's. Action: Peter Renwick
- b) Email exchange re 20 mph lights at Drumoak PS, resolved.
- c) E-mail exchange permitting CCDDCC to speak at K&M meeting on 22/9. Ann Shearer and Mark Ansell spoke at the K&M meeting on 22/9 regarding Park Bridge. Next step is to review the report on the future of the bridge. The findings of the report will be voted on at the K&M meeting on 27/10. The report will be available 7 days prior to the meeting and can be accessed online. A link to the live meeting is also available. The CC asked if they can make a representation at the meeting.

Action: Wendy Agnew



- d) Bruce Stewart – confirming our objection to removal of the BT Payphone box in Drumoak
- e) Roddy Hamilton – Range at Crathes Castle – confirming one ranger in place.
- f) Emma Storey – link to recordings on YouTube of K&M’s last meeting
- g) Response by Planning Dept to our complaints re Park Quarry restoration. The CC agreed with David that now is not the time to pursue any action via the Ombudsman re the Planning Department and acknowledged their lack of resources.
- h) Emma Storey – Covid impact on Remembrance activities for November
- i) Emma Storey – use of Aberdeenshire App to report road defects. CC to try using app.
Action: All
- j) Cllr S Dickenson – photos of road markings at the Glebe
- k) K&M notice – review of disabled parking places.
- l) Scottish Water – Storm Alex emergency contact for flooding
- m) Grampian Transport Volunteer Awards – call for nominations. **Action: All**
- n) Notice of proposed 40 mph zone at Milton of Crathes. Comments can be submitted to the Council if desired. **Action: All**

5) POLICE REPORT

- a) K&M August report received. Nothing of note.

6) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Park Bridge Closure

A further meeting with Donald Macpherson is to be requested for Friday 23rd October to discuss Park Bridge. **Action: Peter Renwick**

b) Drumoak Glebe

Lynn thanked Cllr Dickinson for her help with organising the new road markings. Lynn is in conversation with Drumoak Schools which is keen to get pupils to assist with a signage project. Wendy Agnew is to find out if official Rules of Management can be applied to the Glebe. **Action: Wendy Agnew**

c) Community Resilience Support

Phillippa said that individuals may be embarrassed at being nominated for awards and suggested it may be better to have group nominations instead. She will create a social media post asking for nominations for our proposed CC award. It was also suggested we all consider what other actions we may do in the future to support people during COVID-19, using our public spaces, if restrictions allow. **Action: Phillippa Jensen**

7) FINANCE

a) Financial Current Balance

Financial year 2019-2020. Mark reported that the current bank balance stands at £4,112.21. Mark proposed that the CC switch their current bank account with Royal Bank of Scotland, to the Metro Bank, thereby following RBS's surprising recommendation, and benefitting from a switching incentive from RBS of £1250. All community councillors agreed unanimously. Proposed by Mark Ansell, seconded by David Morrish.

b) Fund Awards

Mark highlighted the only Midhill Wind Farm Fund application outstanding from May 2019, which is from the Durris Kirkton Hall, and is for 'Redecoration of hall and other rooms,



preparation, paint and varnish wood', the amount being £4116. The necessary quotes (2) have been provided. Mark proposed that the CC support a grant for the full amount. All community councillors agreed unanimously. Proposed by Mark Ansell, seconded by Ann Shearer.

8) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No objections were noted to the current planning application notifications.

9) AOB

- Lynn highlighted a dog fouling issue in Drumoak and asked if Cllr Dickinson could send her some designs for signs. Lynn to contact the Dog Warden if the problem continues. **Action: Cllr Dickinson, Lynn**
- Ann reported that the Drumoak Post Office is closing. Ann to contact the PO to find out if alternative provision can be provided. **Action: Ann**
- Peter suggested the CC needs a strategy for 2021. To be discussed further with K&M.

Future Meeting Dates

- November, Wed. 11th: Video Conference
- December, Wed. 9th: Video Conference

- The meeting closed at 21.30hrs

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 Marc Camus
- 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: CANCELLED DUE TO CLOSURE
- Drumoak – Park Shop: ??
- Banchory Library – Author: CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19