



Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 8 April 2020 – Skype Video Conference
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1) Attendees & Apologies

Present:

Community Councillors:

- Peter Renwick – Chair & Crathes rep.
- Chris Charnley – Secretary & Crathes rep.
- Mark Ansell – Treasurer & Durris rep.
- Lynn Coull – Drumoak rep.
- Anne Shearer – Drumoak rep.
- Joyce Scott – Durris rep.
- David Morrish – Crathes rep.
- Philippa Jensen – Crathes rep.

Councillors:

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

- Cllr Ann Ross
- Cllr Rosemary Bruce

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

- Cllr Sarah Dickinson (*Joined later due to clash*)

Council Officers:

- Emma Storey, ASC Committee Officer

Apologies:

- Cllr Dennis Robertson (*Skype joining difficulty*)
- Cllr Wendy Agnew
- Marion McNeil – KDP rep.

Foreword: Covid-19

Since the last meeting CDDCC members have been in lock down as ordered by the Government on 23rd March. In addition, Aberdeenshire Council has issued guidance about suspending certain activities such as the CDDCC AGM until October and for us to advise if the CDDCC wishes to continue during the emergency.

The overwhelming response of our committee was to continue and therefore we are holding this meeting by Skype conference call and will do so until restrictions are lifted.

During this time, we are sharing all available information with our communities via our social media and website and doing our part to limit the spread of the virus.

CDDCC wishes to thank all those who are obeying the social distancing and self-isolation recommendations, and also those who are looking to help the less able in our communities - we know that groups are active in all areas.

2) Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The previous minutes were approved.

Outstanding Actions from the Previous Minutes:

VE Day Friday 8th May 2020:

- Event has been cancelled in line with Government guidelines: email from Emma Storey 30th Mar.
- Piper/bugler has been cancelled

Waste Collection Changes:

- Invite Leslie Forrest to attend May CC mtg. **Action Chris Charnley**

Flood Resilience:

- Property Flood Resilience Questionnaire emailed in on 3rd Mar. from the ASC Flood Risk and Coastal Protection Group was reviewed by Joyce Scott – no action.
- Flood impact looking at houses within the 100yr floodline: **Action David Morrish**

Business Arising:

- Park Quarry – see Community Updates, below
- Drumoak Glass collection point – See Environment / Green Topics, below.

3) COVID-19

Messages Received:

- 8th Apr. Email KDP Bulletin: Mental Health focus for COVID-19
- 7th Apr. Email from Emma Storey ASC: Guidance, Support & advice during this time. Comprehensive guide from ASC pulling together support guidance and information responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 7th Apr. Email from Janelle Clark, Marr Area Mgr. Bedding Plants 2020 cancelled (same from K&M)
- 7th Apr. Email: KDP Interactive Map
- 7th Apr. Email: Scottish Water COVID-19 response
- 6th April. Email from Marion McNeil – Special Edition of Drumoak & Durris Newsletter



- 3rd Apr. Email from Emma Storey – Applications for £200,000 Community Resilience Fund set-up in-light of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Grampian Covid 19 Assistance Hub (GCAH): Request for Participation: email 1st Apr. from Emma Storey. Virtual meeting 6th & 8th April. Peter Renwick nominated to attend.
- GCAH: Request for information on local businesses that could supply relevant goods: email 1st Apr. from Emma Storey
- GCAH: Volunteering: emails 30th March - links on website?
- Stay at home guidance: 30th Mar.
 - Outside recreation areas are open to those who live nearby – do not travel to access the outdoors. All public toilets are closed.
 - Normal council business has been stood down
 - Committees are still functioning
 - Planning applications are still being processed
- 26th Mar. Email from Mark on coronavirus Scams
- 26th Mar. ICO email on Data Protection and coronavirus
- 26th Mar. Email from Emma Storey: Guidance on helping and providing support within your community
- 20th Mar. Email from Emma Storey. Request on how we will proceed w.r.t planning applications and meetings
- 3rd Apr Email from Alison Macleod on Marr Area Large and Small Grant Schemes for 20/21. Applications to be submitted by 15th May.
- 3rd Apr. Email from Madelyne Simpson, Passenger Transport Unit: Stagecoach Bus changes
- 30th Mar. Email from Ruth Semple, Natural Power: Fetteresso Wind Farm Consultation postponed
- 30th Mar. Email from Madelyne Simpson, Passenger Transport Unit: Bus changes
- 23rd Mar. Email from Steve Shaw: Request for support for Local Electricity Bill – sale / purchase of local electricity
- 20th Mar. Email from Madelyne Simpson, Passenger Transport Unit: Stagecoach Bus changes from 23rd Mar.
- 19th Mar. Email from Kim Masson, Stagecoach: Stagecoach Bus changes from 23rd Mar.
- 19th Mar. Email from Marion McNeil: Public church services cancelled; all Drumoak and Durris church buildings closed for time being
- 19th Mar. Email from Janelle Clark: Guidance note for Aberdeenshire Community Councils:
 - Advise ASC on meeting plans
 - AGM's postponed until October
 - CC election process postponed, and commence after the summer recess
 - Keep ASC up to date with membership numbers
 - Admin grants will be issued without sight of verified accts and signed AGM minutes
 - Advise Area Office what plans are in terms of statutory consultee responsibilities around planning applications
 - Ensure planning application deliberations and decisions are properly recorded
- 18th Mar. Email from Emma Storey: Guidance on Schools closures
- 17th Mar. Email from Keep Britain Tidy: Great British Spring Clean postponed
- 17th Mar. Email from Robert McKinney, ASC Technical Officer: Interested in receiving email bulletins on scams and consumer advice for onward transmission to residents. Repeated on 31st Mar.
- 17th Mar. Email from Linda Milne ASC, PA to Area Manager Marr: What community resilience support is happening in CDDCC area? Who is offering support? Good examples? What are community organisations doing?
- 17th Mar. Email from Roddy Macinnes – similar request to above

Meeting Discussion:

- Household waste: Cllr Rosemary Bruce advised that the recycling centres were closed to discourage non-essential travel as per government guidelines and to ensure that, with increasing staff absence levels resulting from COVID-19, they can focus on continuing to empty bins.
- Schools open: Cllr Rosemary Bruce advised that schools have been open for children of Level 1 Essential Job holders. They are now additionally open to Level 2 and 3 by application.
- Cllr Ann Ross directed residents to Banchory Covid News on Facebook.
- Cllr Ann Ross said that she had seen on the Drumoak & Durris Community Facebook page that children from multiple families had been playing football in Drumoak and said that this was unacceptable.

4) Secretary's Report and Correspondence



- 17th Mar email from Ruth Semple, Natural Power: Cancellation of Public Consultation for Fetteresso Wind Farm 18th/19th April
- 13th Mar. Email from Cllr Sarah Dickinson: Council's exact cost of disposing of food waste not clear, but notably cheaper than recycling or landfill. Keenan's, the contractor converts it into high quality compost. Additionally, No map obviously available to identify council land; but Iain Welsh of Landscape Services (K&M) can identify land in Drumoak and Durris suitable for planting trees. Check separately with Marr team for Crathes. Advise if CDDCC wants this and Sarah will arrange follow-up.
- 13th Mar. Email from Marion McNeil / KDP: Third Sector Survey / information gathering on third sector in CDDCC area.
- 12th Mar. Email from Lena Prothero, ASC Admin Support – Area Managers Office: Planning for community council's elections – request advice on current vacancies.

5) Community Updates

a. Park Quarry

1) Current Planning Conditions

The current "permission is limited to a period of three years from the date of commencement of this consent, or when the land ceases to be used as a quarry (whichever is the sooner)". This anyway expires in 2022 and conditions require that thereafter the land be restored to agricultural condition.

2) Current Quarry Status

Reinstatement vs Planning conditions yet to be established. The minutes of the recent Park Quarry Liaison meeting are currently under challenge from the CC as they completely fail to represent work to be done by Aberdeenshire Planning agreed at the meeting. This is an extremely disappointing response from planning and the CC has requested advice as to how this matter should be escalated in the absence of an appropriate response from planning.

Reserves of sand and gravel are almost expired (as explained by CHAP's MD Hugh Craigie), so 'ceases to be used as a quarry' could well be earlier than the 3 years from the current consent to extend.

3) CHAP's Position

What they say: They will be ready to reinstate the land to agricultural use when the 3 year planning extension expires in 2022.

What they do: Try to get a housing allocation into the LDP and we must assume that CHAP support the IBA proposal which would keep the quarry operational for a further 20 years.

b. IBA "Proposal for Application Notice" (POAN) for storage and processing of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) – (Lead: David Morrish)

1) Consultation Status

ASC Planning Dept.: Has requested Rock Solid BV via Halliday Fraser Munro to look at Video, mail drop, webinar and interactive engagement to replace the previously planned public meeting.

HFM has started its PR campaign with a P&J article that points to the Rock Solid website.

The CDDCC has requested via HFM that Rock Solid withdraw the current deadlines, which it has done as its website now reads "We would therefore advise that at present, no deadline for comments has been identified."

2) Implications for Park Quarry

Apparently, ACCIONA will be responsible for the design and turnkey construction, commissioning and the operation and maintenance (O&M) of the plant for a 20 year period, with a total budget of approximately €400 million. So, an extension of 20 years for Park Quarry.

3) Implications for the Community

After 30 years of quarrying we could be facing 20+ years of toxic waste. The IBA proposal talks of 7 truck per day. However, the purpose of being alongside a quarry is to combine the ash with aggregate to make cement. The quarry has no more aggregate (CHAP's own words) so how many more trucks are also needed to deliver aggregate, deliver cement, then take away concrete. Not to mention the noise, the dust and the toxicity in close proximity to the Dee or a major industrial plant in the countryside.

4) Next steps:

The CDDCC needs to:

- Commission a survey/petition. We need to get a good handle on community opinion so



that we can properly represent local views and update the CDDCC Position Statement.

- Examine all aspect of the proposal, including legal aspects.
- Build a case with which to address this proposal prior to any planning application.
- Peter Renwick noted that the CDDCC website was quiet, however the Crathes Hall and the Drumoak and Durriss Group Facebook pages were busy. Peter noted that maybe there is a general move to Facebook for information and assistance. **Action Anne Sheerer: Liaise with Drumoak and Durriss Community Group to achieve wider distribution for Park Quarry issues.**
- Reissue council guidance on surveys and questionnaires. **Action Chris Charnley**

c. Park Bridge – (Lead: Anne Shearer)

Anne stated that a Park Bridge Action Group (PBAG) meeting was planned the following week.

In response to a question from Anne Shearer Cllr Ann Ross noted that Council staff had been redeployed due to the covid-19 crisis and therefore it may take longer to receive a response to any correspondence.

Rosemary Bruce advised that planned maintenance had stopped. Only Emergency repairs are happening.

6) Finance

- a.** Final Wind Farm fund payment to Robin Jackson has been paid.

7) Planning & Planning Applications

a. LDP

- Meeting on 4th May Banchory Town Hall – decision on postponement not yet made.
- Email from Paul Macari, ASC Head of Planning & Environment Services: Development Plan Scheme (DPS) 2020 has been adopted.

b. Planning Applications:

- Cllr Ann Ross advised that a Scottish Government directive instructs that Planning Applications must continue to be processed.
- K&M Weekly List 30th Mar.: Park Quarry

Ref Number	Site Address/Applicant Name	Proposal Location Grid Reference	Case Officer (if applicable)
ENQ/2020/0397	Site Address: Land To The East Of Park Quarry, Drumoak, Aberdeenshire	Proposal of Application Notice for Storage of Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) and Occasional IBA Processing	Louise Smith
Date Validated 23 March 2020	Applicant: Rock Solid Processing Ltd c/o Halliday Fraser Munro, 8 Victoria Street, Aberdeen. AB10 1XB	E.380702 N.797759	
Ward W18 - Stonehaven And Lower Deeside	Community Council 18 - Crathes, Drumoak & Durriss	Public Comment Expiry Date Not applicable for this type of application.	

- K&M Weekly List 16th Mar.: Park Quarry – Same as above

- c.** Email 20th Mar. from Paul Davison, Planning rep for Kintore & District Community Council: Documents being removed from ASC planning website. Follow-up email to Paul Davison to be kept informed. **Action Chris Charnley**

8) Environment / Green Topics

a. Glass Recycling

- Drumoak – Nothing happening. Mark Ansell has identified a location in the car park in the centre of Drumoak.
- Durriss – Joyce Scott advised that the school has a clothes bank. The area next to Durriss Kirkton Hall was suggested for a glass bank. Contact Mark Gracie in ASC, who is keen to come and talk to the CDDCC. **Action Joyce Scott**

b. Dog Waste

- Sarah Dickinson dog poo poster distribution: See Email from Sarah dated 12 Mar. with poster attachments
- Anne Shearer and Peter Renwick have put some posters up in Drumoak and Crathes, but they have been ripped down.
- Ann Ross recommended contacting the Local Dog Warden (who must have evidence prior to taking action. The Dog Warden can have permanent signs erected.

9) CDDCC Resilience Sub-group – (Lead: Peter Renwick)

- a.** Peter Renwick proposed setting up a Resilience Sub-group. This was agreed and the group set up with immediate effect with Peter Renwick, David Morrish and Lynn Coull volunteering to join it.
- b.** David Conroy, Chair Banchory Community Council, was identified as a knowledge source on Resilience planning.

10) Police Reports

Police reports are published on the CDDCC website.

8th April: Ann Ross forwarded Mid & Lower Deeside Police report for March 2020 and she asked Police



Scotland in future to forward a copy of the report to CDDCC.

A report was received on 13th March from Donna Kelly, Laurencekirk Police Station, for Kincardine & Mearns area, for February 2020

- Drumoak Church Hall – Notice Board: via Marion McNeil
- Drumoak Post Office: Notice Board: via Marion McNeil
- Drumoak – Park Shop: closed
- Banchory Library – Author

11) AOB

a. 2020 CDDCC meeting:

- May, Wed. 13th: Skype Video conference (Crathes Hall)
- June, Wed. 10th: Skype Video conference (Drumoak School)
- August, Wed. 12th: Durriss Kirkton Hall
- September, Thu. 10th: Crathes Hall
- October, Wed. 14th: Drumoak School
- November, Wed. 11th: Durriss Kirkton Hall
- December, Wed. 9th: Crathes Hall

b. The CDDCC and councillors expressed their heartfelt thanks to Aberdeenshire Council Officers for their fast and effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Next Meeting: 1930hrs on Wednesday 13th May 2020 via Skype.

The meeting closed at 21.26hrs

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: - CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

- Crathes Hall – Notice Board: Chris Charnley
- Durriss Kirkton Hall – Notice Board: Mark Ansell