



**Crathes Drumoak & Durriss Community Council Monthly Meeting**  
**Wednesday 10 June 2020 – Skype Video Conference**  
**MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED**

**1) Attendees & Apologies**

**Present:**

Community Councillors:

- Peter Renwick – Chair & Crathes rep.
- Chris Charnley – Secretary & Crathes rep.
- Mark Ansell – Treasurer & Durriss rep.
- Lynn Coull – Drumoak rep.
- Anne Shearer – Drumoak rep.
- Joyce Scott – Durriss 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 Dennis Robertson
- Cllr Sarah Dickinson

**2) COVID-19**

**Messages Received:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> June. KDP Bulletin: KDP Supporting Communities Fund: K&M has launched a 'Supporting Communities Fund' to distribute £36,000 to community groups, who are responding to the COVID-19 crisis. £3,000 for each of the 12 Community Councils. Application & Guidelines link provided. Joyce Scott advised that Durriss would benefit from this funding to set-up a Community Hub at Durriss Kirkton Hall. **ACTION JOYCE SCOTT** to explore this and apply for the funding.
- 5<sup>th</sup> June: Email MAP: ASC's Economic Development Team has produced a business support chart showing some of the main funding streams that are available for those who are in employment or self-employed. Go to: [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/business/business-covid-19/](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/business/business-covid-19/).
- 5<sup>th</sup> June. Email from Emma Storey, ASC Committee Officer: Foyer support service (A charity supporting disabled people.) **ACTION PETER RENWICK** – add to website/Facebook
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Email from Emma Storey, Committee Officer, ASC: Retailer Support & Key Services for the Non-Shielded at Risk

- 29<sup>th</sup> May. Email from Emma Storey, Committee Officer, ASC. Ph1 Easing Measures released 28<sup>th</sup> May
- 18<sup>th</sup> May. KDP Bulletin: NHS Grampian Covid-19 Website. A new website to inform healthcare staff and the general public on Covid-19. <https://scot.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=73c59c6b78fb422fcc5a19bb6&id=c7fbd36a2a&e=cf521c8c2d>

The CDDCC receives multiple emails sharing advice for various authorities. These are shared on social media. Cllr Rosemary Bruce urged the CDDCC to continue sharing COVID-19 messages.

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

- a. Comments on Final Draft of the Resilience Plan. Peter Renwick updated the emergency plan section. The Final Draft will be issued to the CDDCC for final agreement: **ACTION PETER RENWICK**
- b. Email 26<sup>th</sup> May: Kirkton Hall committee agreeable to hall being used as place of safety.
- c. See Attachment 1 for the Regional floodline. The map provides the Low – Mid – High water levels for different scenarios, was previously 100yr / 200yr levels. David Morrish advised that the High level is the 100 years line and was reached during the Storm Frank in December 2015. David noted that no business or dwelling appears to be below the High floodline, and thus none are at risk. Generally recent/new house developments are well above the High floodline, whereas there are some older dwellings that are close to the floodline.

Anne Shearer advised that there was another issue, in addition to dwelling inundation from rising flood water, that needs to be addressed. During Storm Frank, some houses in Keithmuir Gardens, Drumoak came close to being flooded. This was due to service water in drains backing up. It was agreed that this was an engineering issue and the CDDCC should write to the ASC Roads dept. if it was considered urgent. Anne Shearer advised that she was raising it in the LDP submission.



- d. We have received confirmation from all 3 halls to use their facilities for emergencies and to share their contacts.

#### 4) Transport

##### a) Park Bridge – (Lead: Anne Shearer)

- 9<sup>th</sup> June: ASC Kincardine & Mearns Committee meeting, Anne Shearer attended this by telephone. She made the following points to the meeting about Park Bridge:
  - Park Bridge has been closed to vehicles for over 1 year
  - This closure has created a major impact on the community
  - Major issue for Park Shop: Its clientele appears now to be going to Banchory.
  - Children having to be handed over at the bridge to maintain social relationships
  - Clients of local fishing businesses on the Dee must now drive round
  - The bridge is further degrading with time, which will add to the restoration costA motion was carried at the meeting to support the proposed 'Park Bridge Prohibition of Driving Order', that will take effect when the current order lapses in September.
- 5<sup>th</sup> June: Email from Donald Macpherson, Bridges Manager, ASC. Issue of 1) Report on the Future of the C35K Park Bridge (For Consultation), 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020, and 2) Independent Review of the above report and comments on its findings, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.

**ACTION: CHRIS CHARNLEY** to contact Donald Macpherson, ASC Bridges Manager, to clarify the timing constraints related to the submission of CDDCC comments on the 'Report on the Future of the C35K Park Bridge (For Consultation)' and further engagement with the Bridges department on this matter.

The CDDCC will convene an offline meeting to decide the response to the report and minute it at the next meeting. **ACTION PETER RENWICK.**

Cllr Robertson noted that he expects even less funding to be available.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Email from Emma Storey, K&M Committee Officer, ASC: Infrastructure Dept. Pre-read Report for 9<sup>th</sup> June K&M Committee

Meeting for Proposed Prohibition of Driving Order for Park Bridge

- 1<sup>st</sup> June: Email from Bruce Stewart, Acting Area Mgr, K&M: I can confirm that Aberdeenshire Council is preparing a heritage focused Structural Review report on Park Bridge following a meeting involving yourselves and Council Officers, and this will be sent to you by the end of next week. I understand that Donald MacPherson has been in touch with the Community Council to confirm this previously. // As you will be aware a temporary Traffic Order to close Park Bridge to motor vehicles was put in place in March 2019. This Traffic Order will expire on 14 September 2020 and in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Governance, approval is required from the Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee to replace the Traffic Order with a new one before this date. With this in mind it is intended that a report prepared by the Director of Infrastructure Services will be considered by the Area Committee on 9 June 2020. The report will essentially seek authorisation to commence the statutory procedure for making the Traffic Order.
- 14<sup>th</sup> May: Letter to ASC written by Park Bridge Action Group (PBAG): Introduction to PBAG and demand for positive action leading to the reopening of Park Bridge.

#### 5) Planning & Planning Applications

##### a. LDP

- Aberdeenshire LDP 2021 is on the internet from 25<sup>th</sup> May for 8 weeks ending 17<sup>th</sup> July.
- Comments on Durris Settlement Statement were provided by Mark Ansell and Joyce Scott.
- Comments on Crathes Settlement Statement were provided by David Morrish.
- Comments on Drumoak Settlement Statement were provided by Anne Shearer.

##### Meeting Discussion:

- David Morrish noted that the wording in the LDP is poor and repetitive from area to area. Cllr Rosemary Bruce advised that the wording is standard, though a bit clunky.
- Lynn Coull noted that whilst in Drumoak there are many, many houses for sale the Drumoak section of the LDP says that there is a high demand for houses in trying to justify more. Additionally, it says that more smaller houses are needed, though no one wants a small house.



- Peter Renwick advised that the ‘need’ is misunderstood due to the way the analysis is reported in the council and leads to confused conclusions. He noted that when Chap applied for 1,500 house in 2015 as part of its Kincluny Village proposal, it was based upon data showing that people wanted to live there; though Drumoak was not in their top five list of preferred locations. They simply wanted somewhere to live. Data is misinterpreted and used inappropriately.

- Anne Shearer noted that Chap Quarry proposals were not in the LDP, and the map showing areas does not show Chap’s proposals. There are other areas also not shown. Peter Renwick advised that it had been in before.

**ACTION: ANNE SHEARER** to email Cllr Dennis Robertson and Cllr Sarah Dickinson for follow-up on this.

- David Morrish advise that areas are not mentioned in the LDP if there are no developments planned. Additionally, developments like the proposed Incinerator Bottoms Ash (IBA) plant and Chap ‘s proposals for Park Quarry are covered by other council policies and not identified in the LDP.

- Anne Shearer noted that the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), which is part of the LDP, includes 600 extra houses at Chap’s Park Quarry. Cllr Sarah Dickinson advised that the reference in the SEA indicated that bids had been submitted, assessed by the ASC Planning Department, and not accepted. Developers can ask for these to be put back in the LDP (post consultation), which is a concern. Alison Hogg, Policy Planner in the ASC Planning Department, has advised that this is unlikely.

- David Morrish stated that the rejected bids are in the same position as other potential developments not yet submitted for LDP consideration and should be rejected.

- Peter Renwick advised that the proposed documents should be tidied up and put into the correct format/form ready for review at the July CDDCC meeting and submission. **ACTION ANNE SHEARER, MARK ANSELL, DAVID MORRISH**

**Post Meeting Note:** The LDP response document page 3 provides a space to advise that the response is being made on behalf of the CDDCC.

**b. Planning Applications:**

- K&M Weekly List 1st June: Erection of 3 Dwelling Houses. Greendams Steading, Drumoak

Ref Number	Site Address/Applicant Name	Proposal Location Grid Reference	Case Officer (if applicable)
APP/2020/0942 Date Validated 27 May 2020	Site Address: Greendams Steading, Drumoak, Aberdeenshire Applicant: The Banchory Trust c/o North Banchory Company, B.B.C. 1, Burn O Bennie Road, Banchory, AB31 5ZU	Full Planning Permission for Erection of 3 Dwellinghouses E.375810 N.801967	Louise Smith
Ward W18 - Stonehaven And Lower Deeside	Community Council 18 - Crathes, Drumoak & Durris	Public Comment Expiry Date 2 July 2020	

CDDCC has no objection.

- K&M Weekly List 1st June: For trees protected by TPO: Felling 1 tree and pruning 2 others. 12 Woodlands Park, Durris.

Ref Number	Site Address/Applicant Name	Proposal Location Grid Reference	Case Officer (if applicable)
TRE/2020/0037 Date Validated 27 May 2020	Site Address: 12 Woodlands Park, Durris, Banchory, Aberdeenshire, AB31 6BF Applicant: Mr Peter Richardson	Trees Protected by TPO for Felling of 1no. Tree and Pruning of 2no. Trees E.379332 N.796113	Calum Davidson
Ward W18 - Stonehaven And Lower Deeside	Community Council 18 - Crathes, Drumoak & Durris	Public Comment Expiry Date Not applicable for this type of application.	

CDDCC has no objection.

- K&M Weekly List 1st June: Erection of Agricultural Building: Meadowside, 4 Woodlands Park, Durris

Ref Number	Site Address/Applicant Name	Proposal Location Grid Reference	Case Officer (if applicable)
APP/2020/1035 Date Validated 29 May 2020	Site Address: Meadowside, 4 Woodlands Park, Durris, Banchory, Aberdeenshire, AB31 6BF Applicant: Mr Aaron Ellington	Prior Notification for Erection of Agricultural Building E.379414 N.795878	Jan Regulski
Ward W18 - Stonehaven And Lower Deeside	Community Council 18 - Crathes, Drumoak & Durris	Public Comment Expiry Date Not applicable for this type of application.	

12x18m steel shed

CDDCC has no objection.

**c. Fetteresso Wind Farm Planning Notice & Consultation**

- 21st May. Email/Letter from Sam Layton, Assistant PM, Natural Power: Consent for Proposed Fetteresso Wind Farm.
- 15th May. Emails from Ruth Semple, Senior Community Liaison Officer, Fred Olsen: Virtual Drop-in sessions 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June.

CDDCC has no objection

**d. Chap Park Quarry Planning Liaison Process**

- David Morrish noted that as previously reported the Planning Liaison meeting with CDDCC, Chap and ASC Planning Department took place on 26th February. He was concerned that the Planning Department appeared not to have been prepared for this important the minutes failed to report the actions agreed. Subsequently David wrote to Emma Storey, ASC Committee Officer that the CDDCC did not accept the minutes, though nothing has been heard back.



Cllr Sarah Dickinson recommended following up again with Emma, as she is very efficient and reliable, and this seems to have fallen through a gap for some reason.

If this fails Cllr Anne Ross advised writing to Wendy Agnew, the Chair of K&M Committee, who will take it forward.

It was noted that the continuation of the planning regulation process through COVID -19 lockdown was a Scottish Government instruction. Cllr Robertson noted that suspending the planning regulations required Scottish Government action and was complicated and difficult for it to achieve.

Upon request from David Morrish, Cllr Dennis Robertson agreed to expedite a full response on this topic from the Planning Department. **ACTION CLLR DENNIS ROBERTSON**

**e. Community Place Plans & Community Action Plans (CAP)**

- 15<sup>th</sup> May. Email from Lesley Robertson, Community Planning Officer, K&M. ASC:

The 'place principle' was developed collaboratively with a range of organisations to provide a shared context for place-based work. It was signed off by Scottish Government in February 2018 with a commitment to work in close partnership with COSLA to adopt and implement the Principle.

Place is where people, location and resources combine to create a sense of identity and purpose and are at the heart of addressing the needs and realising the full potential of communities. Places are shaped by the way resources, services and assets are directed and used by the people who live in and invest in them. A more joined-up, collaborative, and participative approach to services, land and buildings, across all sectors within a place, enables better outcomes for everyone and increased opportunities for people and communities to shape their own lives.

The place principle requests that:  
All those responsible for providing services and looking after assets in a place need to work and

plan together, and with local communities, to improve the lives of people, support inclusive growth and create more successful places.

Existing Local Community plans will be replaced by Community Place Plans over the next 1 - 3 years. Initial work is round gathering strategic data, community engagement and service knowledge. The LDP will form part of the information gathering for the Community Place Plans. Plans will focus on secondary school clusters geographically, so in the case of Crathes, Drumoak and Durris this will be Banchory Academy if I am not mistaken? Work had begun in a couple of areas, but recent events have put on hold the process for the time being. We are being led by the analysts and their capacity to gather the required strategic data prior to community engagement. When it is the "turn" of an area, we will be in touch with the relevant community groups as this is vital to the process and its success.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Email from Lesley Robertson, Community Planning Officer, K&M. ASC: Defines Community Place Plans v Community Action Plans.

The 'Community Place Plan' reference area will be the Banchory Academy catchment area. It will be a broad document with the starting point being a Strategic Needs assessment that will take into account all relevant data available, including other council/NHS service plans, which are in place.

Discussion Meeting:

Philippa Jensen advised the new Community Place Plans are for the community planning partners such as Police Scotland, Community Learning & Development and Health & Social Care Partnerships to identify priorities and actions and will replace existing Local Community Plans.

Place Plans generally cover Academy catchment areas. The first one being developed in Aberdeenshire is at Westhill.

Community Action Plans (CAPs) are developed by the local community; they retain primary responsibility for meeting the actions. The CAPs



will be taken into account as part of the data gathering to inform the Place Plans so an important way for the community to have its voice heard.

There is more information about Community Planning & examples of CAPs developed in Aberdeenshire as well as the existing Local Community Plans for Marr & K&M on <https://www.ouraberdeenshire.org.uk/your-area/>

The 'Community Action Plans' will be developed by the community. It was suggested to talk to Jackie Niven at the KDP, who helped prepare the existing Drumoak Plan.

Cllr Anne Ross noted that Banchory and Feughdee West Community Councils had completed Community Action Plans and it would be useful to contact them for their views. **ACTION PETER RENWICK**

Cllr Dickinson noted that Community Action Plans were the 'go to' place for developers. They are also useful if the Scottish Government announces a new scheme. The council can then offer a consultation if there is something that the community wants that fits with the scheme and it is identified in the CAP.

## 6) Incinerator Bottoms Ash (IBA) Processing Plant – (Lead: Anne Shearer)

Please see Attachment 2 for the results of the IBA Survey.

Email/Letter 8<sup>th</sup> June from Halliday Fraser Munro (on behalf of Rock Solid Processing Ltd.): Planned online consultation for the IBA plant. This will take the form of a video presentation on the Rock Solid website and will be followed-up by an HFM hosted question and answer session on Thu. 18<sup>th</sup> June from 3pm to 6pm, which will be managed by an appointment system. HFM will schedule a longer separate discussion for the CDDCC if requested. Other comments on the proposal are requested by 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

### Meeting Discussion:

- The proposed HFM process, which deals with people on a one by one basis, and which HFM says has been agreed with ASC, is not reasonable. It is effectively 'divide and conquer'! It does not give

residents the opportunity to present and discuss important issues in a forum. **ACTION ANNE SHEARER** to email HFM and ASC Planning Dept. and copy Cllr Ann Ross, stating the CDDCC felt the consultation with HFM was inadequate and more engagement was necessary, such as a video meetings that several people could attend.

- It was agreed that it would be good for the CDDCC to have a separate discussion with HFM after the CDDCC has had a chance to discuss with the residents.
- Cllr Sarah Dickinson advised that the CDDCC should provide its views on the consultation process as part of the consultation. The deficiencies would then be reported with the consultation results.
- David Morrish agreed that it would not be possible to have a proper consultation and all aspects including the zoom meetings with HFM, the complaints on the poor consultation process, the survey results and other aspects will all go to the planning application and decision.
- The CDDCC had already written to Alex Burnett, MSP, who advise that it was a point of order – maybe misunderstood the CDDCC's concern about a development such as this being pushed through during the COVID -19 lockdown.

## 7) Environment / Green Topics

- a. Email 8<sup>th</sup> June. Kat Laakso, Strategic Development Officer, ASC: New phase for Household Recycling reopening: <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/news/release.aspx?newsID=5810>
- b. 8<sup>th</sup> June, KDP Bulletin (Scottish Wildlife Trust) Grey squirrels spotted in South Kincardineshire. Please report sightings to the at: [www.scottishsquirrels.org.uk](http://www.scottishsquirrels.org.uk)
- c. Email 29<sup>th</sup> May from Cllr Sarah Dickinson: A report of bins found to be overflowing in the Glebe, Drumoak was made, and the Council Service subsequently took action to empty them. The decision has also been taken to reschedule and increase the servicing of the bin to 3 times a week. Anne Shearer (Email 27<sup>th</sup> May) had requested additional bins be located beside the picnic tables.
- d. Durris Glass Bank: Email 26th May: Mark Gracey, ASC Community Waste Officer, replied to Joyce Scott's email with answers to clarification questions.
- e. Email 28<sup>th</sup> May, from Mandy Flett, Admin Officer, Scottish Forestry: Crathes Castle Long Term



Forestry Plan – Renewal: Felling and Restocking maps for phase 3 & 4 of the plan attached. The final version of the above Plan will now be displayed on Scottish Forestry Public Register from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June for 28 days prior to approval. The CDDCC had no further comment on this as the plan had previously been reviewed and accepted. **POST MTG NOTE:** The final plan now includes forest thinning nearer residents’ houses. The CDDCC accepts this as it normally improves forests and helps the development of native species.

- f. 27<sup>th</sup> May, Email from Scottish & Southern: East Coast 400kV Overhead Line Upgrade Project Update (Re-insulation and re-conductoring of overhead lines – Environmental Impact Assessment Report scoping review.
- g. 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Email/Letter from Julia Mackay Outdoor Woodlands Learning NE Group – Branching Out South Aberdeenshire. Seeking moral support for continued NTS support for BOSA project. Under threat due to 400 potential NTS redundancies and lost funding.
- h. Email from Estee Farrar, Invasive Species Coordinator, River Dee Trust. Request for help raising volunteers on social media to deal with American Skunk Cabbage around Durriss Burn (comes out at Woodlands). **ACTION: MARK ANSELL** to contact Estee Farrar for follow-up

Boulders Blocking Road Over Park Bridge

Boulders had been placed across the road at the entrance to Park Bridge to prevent vehicles going over the bridge. One day they appeared across the road approximately 100m further back just past the entrance to the Glebe. The resident of the Toll House at Park Bridge became very territorial and verbally abusive when challenged about this. The Councillors were requested to have the boulders relocated to the correct position by the bridge. **ACTION CLLR SARAH DICKINSON**, who agreed to follow-up on this.

**8) Finance**

- a. The current bank account total is £4,350.91 in credit. £759 Midhill funding was received in the period.

**9) Police Reports**

Police reports are published on the CDDCC website.

4<sup>th</sup> June: Donna Kelly, Public Enquiry & Support Assistant, Laurencekirk Police Station. **K&M** CC Report 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May.

- Antisocial behaviour calls slightly increased: Neighbour related disturbances & breach of COVID-19 guidelines.

3<sup>rd</sup> June: Email from PC Mike Urquhart, Crime Reduction Officer, Abn. Sth., Stonehaven Police Station: Link to the latest Trading Standards Scam Share Bulletin.

<https://mailchi.mp/ada9a2e396d7/scam-share-bulletin>

1<sup>st</sup> Jun3: Email from Allen Shaw, Police Inspector, NE Division Stonehaven, via Emma Storey

- Advice on Smishing & Phishing
- Neighbourhood Alert is delivered in Scotland by Neighbourhood Watch Scotland. The Alert system allows you to stay up to date with the latest crime, safety and resilience news for your local area, which has proved particularly useful to people and communities over the last few weeks.

**Neighbourhood Alert is free to join - visit [www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk) and sign up to receive Alerts.**

29<sup>th</sup> May: Email from PC Mark Irvine, Crime Reduction Unit, Police Scotland Aberdeen

- National Cyber Resilience bulletin and this week’s edition of the Scam Share bulletin

**10) Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The previous minutes were approved by Mark Ansell and seconded by Lynn Coull.

**Outstanding Actions from the Previous Minutes:**

- none

**11) AOB**

a. Paths for all: Email from Emma Storey, ASC Committee Officer: Invitation to nominate volunteers for 2020 Volunteer Awards.

b. 2020 CDDCC meeting:

c. It was agreed unanimously to hold a meeting in July, even though it is during council holidays due to Park Bridge and IBA issues.

- August, Wed. 10<sup>th</sup>: Skype video conference (or Durriss Kirton Hall – lockdown permitting).



## ***Responding to community needs***

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*Booking confirmation shown on Hall availability website)*

- September, Thu. 10<sup>th</sup>: Crathes Hall
- October, Wed. 14<sup>th</sup>: Drumoak School
- November, Wed. 11<sup>th</sup>: Durriss Kirkton Hall
- December, Wed. 9<sup>th</sup>: Crathes Hall

**Next Meeting: 1930hrs on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July12<sup>th</sup>:  
Skype video conference.**

**The meeting closed at 21.35hrs**



**MOM DISTRIBUTION:**

**By email**

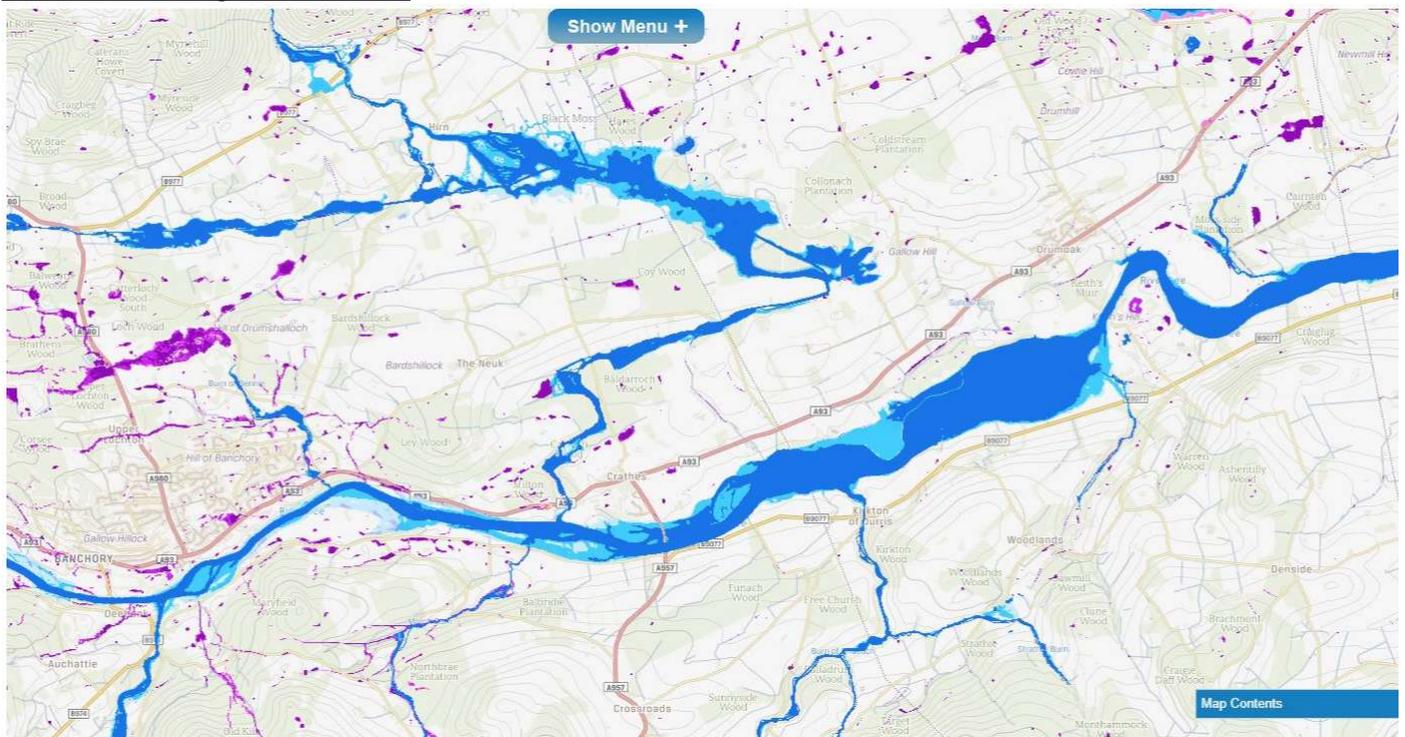
- CDDCC Website: Peter Renwick
- CDDCC Members: email
- Councillors: email
- Police Liaison – Marr (Banchory): email 'BanchoryMidDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk'
- Police Liaison – K&M (Stonehaven): email to Donna Kelly
- Area Committee – Marr: email to Alison McLeod – Committee Officer Marr
- Area 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

**Attachment 1: Regional Floodline**



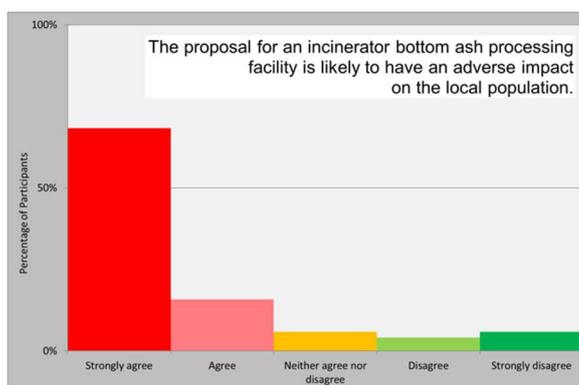
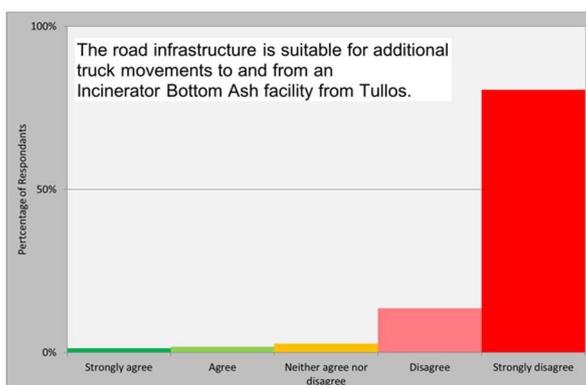
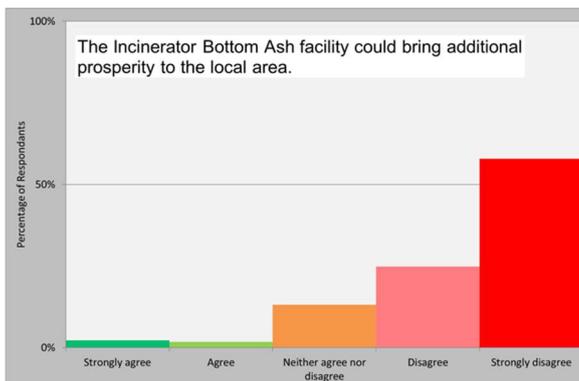
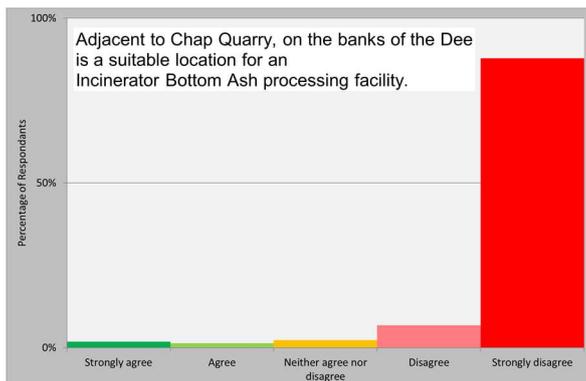


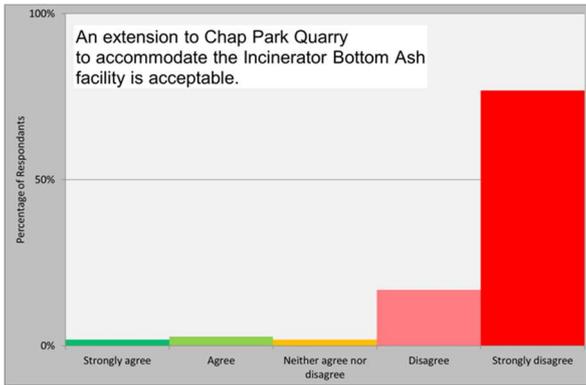
Attachment 2: IBA Survey Results:

Community Council Survey with respect to the Rock Solid Inc. POAN for IBA Facility in Deeside

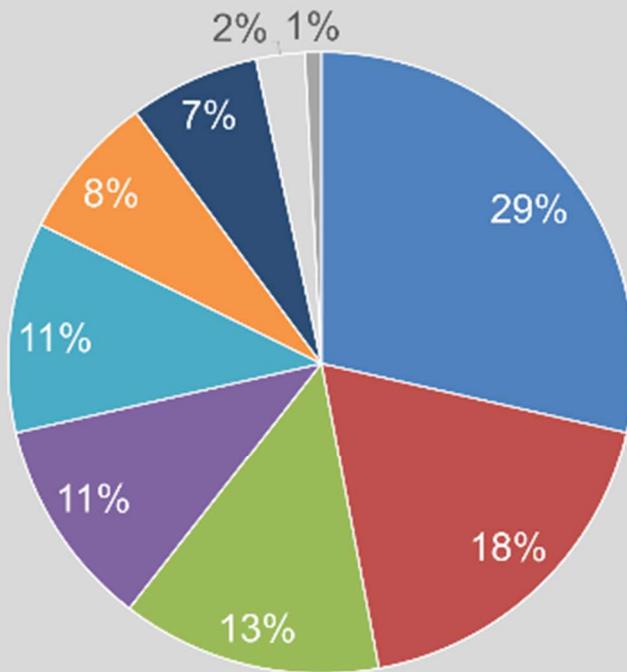
In summary, the survey has demonstrated that the local community strongly objects to this development proposal. In addition, many are dissatisfied with the lack of progress on the reinstatement of the Park Quarry to agricultural land.

There were 221 responses to the survey overall of which 111 respondents also contributed comments. 24 respondents live outside the AB31 area, the remainder within. The block charts below show the responses to the 5 statements in the survey. The colours chosen for the bars follow a traffic light system, albeit a 5 colour traffic light. Green shows responses that favour the proposed development and pink/red those that do not. The amount of pink/red in the charts compared with the greens show just how strongly local opinion is against this development on all five statements. In this respect little more can be added by further analysis. However, some more insights can be gained from analysis of the comments section of the survey. The points raised in the individual comments have been broken out and categorised and shown in the pie-chart below, 119 in all. The percentages shown are the percentage of points made in each category compared with the total. The first point to notice is that 2 of the categories support the development (shown in greys) and 7 of the 9 categories are essentially reasons for objection (shown in colours). In terms of the total number of points made that amounts to 97% against the development and 3% in support. Points against the development include concerns for environmental impact, unsuitable road infrastructure, incompatibility with how the community, visitors and tourists see the area in terms of its amenity and future development. Many have expressed bewilderment at the idea of such a development in an area of natural beauty such as Deeside. The comments also revealed dissatisfaction that the Park Quarry has not yet been reinstated to agricultural land which the community feels is a 'promise' (planning conditions) now long overdue.





## Nature of Respondants Comments



- Negative environmental Impact (incl. on health, river & agriculture)
- Planning enforcement required for reinstatement of quarry to agricultural land
- Unsuitable Roads Infrastructure
- Incompatible with how the area is seen (tourism, MTB facility, local amenity)
- Location too far from source material
- Counter to planning policy
- Not suitable for area of natural beauty
- Comments in support
- Possible contribution to Park Bridge repair?