



Responding to community needs

Crathes, Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting Wednesday 11th March 2020 – Kirkton of Durris Hall Meeting Minutes

1) Introduction and Apologies

Present:

- Peter Renwick (Chair), Chris Charnley (Secretary), Joyce Scott, Philippa Jensen, Mark Ansell (Treasurer), Lynn Coull, David Morrish, Anne Shearer (minutes)
- Cllr Sarah Dickinson

Apologies:

- Cllr Sandy Wallace, Cllr Wendy Agnew, Cllr Dennis Robertson, Cllr Ann Ross

2) Review and approval of previous minutes

The previous minutes were reviewed.

Outstanding actions from February minutes:

An alternative contact for a piper/bugle player was provided by Cllr Ross for Peter Renwick to contact: Graham Robb, Crathes. **Action: Peter Renwick**

Business Arising:

2a) Greener issues (David Morrish)

- (i) There will be a Greener K&M meeting on 19th March.
- (ii) 350 trees have been delivered for planting in areas accessible to the public. They have been delivered to Fettercairn and the contract is Sandra Davison. Ian Welsh (Landscape Services) can advise on areas where they can go. Sarah Dickinson will obtain a plan showing council-owned areas that can be considered.
- (iii) There was a discussion on a potential litter pick. A young lad (Thomas) is running a Rubbish Club and has a Facebook page for it. CDDCC could link this from the website to help publicise his efforts.
- (iv) Dog poo is becoming an increasing issue in the area. Sarah Dickinson will email a poster to CDDCC for lamination and distribution.
- (v) There is an initiative, Paws on Plastic where dog-walkers pick up 3 pieces of plastic when they are out on each walk. Councillors should look at their own areas to promote this.

b) Park Quarry Liaison Meeting update (David Morrish)

Park Quarry liaison meeting was attended by David Morrish and Joyce Scott. The Planning department had no record of historical liaison meetings being held between Chap and the Planning Department, which were determined in the original planning permission.



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The planning conditions were reviewed with Chap and the status will be checked on the ground.

The transfer of 50,000 tonnes of waste from Tullos to Park is now complete and the number of truck movements and noise levels should reduce.

Quarrying is nearly complete and they are currently stock-piling aggregate for the new deep water berth at Nigg. There will be a site visit in 2 months. Anne Shearer requested to be included in this.

Chap still want to build Kincluny Village and Chap MD Hugh Craigie spoke at the recent council LDP meeting at which Cllr Wallace proposed the village be included in the Local Development Plan. The proposal was not seconded so no vote was taken.

(c) Drumoak Glass Recycling (Peter Renwick)

A post was put on the CDDCC FB page asking for proposals for a glass recycling site in Drumoak. There have been about 30 replies, however, no site is particularly suitable as there are issues with all proposals so far.

3) Secretary's report and Correspondence

The Secretary's report was circulated before the meeting.

The following items were discussed:

3a) Waste

The new waste collection arrangement was discussed which is a 3-weekly cycle with black bins being emptied on week 1 and blue recycling bins being emptied on weeks 2 & 3. This is intended to drive a reduction in waste going to landfill – currently around 70% of the contents of black bins can be recycled. Mark Gracey the council waste officer has offered to come and talk to the community council. Cllr Sarah Dickinson will send out a slide showing the breakdown of the contents in an average bin. Waste to landfill costs the council £118/te; £29/te to recycle and £6/te to dispose of food-waste.

Aberdeenshire Council is working on a project to build an incinerator at Torry, in conjunction with Moray and Aberdeen City Councils.

Leslie Forrest requested to attend the May CC meeting to discuss the waste collection changes.

b) Flood Resilience

A flood resilience questionnaire has been received and will be completed by Joyce Scott.

Action: Joyce Scott

David Morrish will check how many houses lie within the 100-year floodline for the area.

Action: David Morrish

c) Marr Community Forum

Philippa Jensen will attend the Marr Community Forum on 25th March in Finzean.



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Action: Philippa Jensen

d) Furniture

The council's offices in Stonehaven are being refurbished and furniture that is no longer required is available to the community. This includes desks, chairs, bookshelves etc.

e) Crathes School Roll

Crathes school is projected to exceed its capacity of 50 pupils in 2022, reaching 55. The situation is being monitored.

4) Police Report

There was no police report this month.

5) Community Updates

5a) Park Bridge

Peter Renwick, Lynn Coull and Chris Charnley attended a meeting with Donald Macpherson and Bruce Stewart of Aberdeenshire Council. They found that very little had been done to determine the reasons for closing the bridge. Costings are estimates only and to do further work will cost money. The council intend to keep the bridge open to cyclists and pedestrians only and unless further funding is made available, the bridge will remain closed to vehicles. CDDCC requested a report on the condition of the bridge which will take a couple of months and so the bridge will not be discussed at the K&M meeting on 24th March. The bridge will be inspected again in September when the temporary closure order runs out and this will either be extended or the bridge closed completely.

CDDCC Park Bridge Sub-committee has now done all it can and the remaining issues with the bridge will be managed within the community council, so the sub-committee is now closed.

5b) Windfarms

The consultation on the extension of Fetteresso windfarm will take place on 18/19th March and Mark Ansell will attend.

The funding requested from the Midhill windfarm money has been paid out and £11,831 remains for the rest of 2020. The request for funding to decorate Durris Hall is still pending.

6) Finance

The financial position hasn't changed since last month with only 2 small amounts having been paid out, £20 for the hire of Durris Hall and £40 Data Protection fee.



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Financial reports need to be ready for the AGM which is normally held in June, but could be brought forward to May. May is preferred depending on the availability of financial report to the end of March 20. **Action: Mark Ansell**

There are still vacancies in the CC, 3 of which are for Drumoak.

7) Planning & Planning Applications

There is a retrospective planning application in for the Paddock Stables in Durris regarding the position of 2 static caravans.

The Local Development Plan meeting will be held in Banchory Town Hall on 4th May. Lynn Coull and Anne Shearer will attend. **Action: Anne Shearer & Lynn Coull**

8) AOB

8a) Meetings for 2020 will be as follows:

April – Wed 8th May in Drumoak School

May – Crathes

June – Drumoak

Aug – Durris

Sept – Crathes (Thursday)

Oct – Drumoak

Nov – Durris

b) Covid 19

The CC role in regard to the virus is to make sure that people are sign-posted to the correct information and proper advice. The link to the NHS website will be added to our website when we move to the delay phase. People are encouraged to look out for each other, especially people who are isolated and on their own.

CDDCC 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



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Hard Copies:

- Crathes Hall – Notice Board/Table: Chris Charnley
- Durrisc Kirkton Hall – Notice Board: Mark Ansell
- Drumoak Church Hall – Notice Board: via Marion McNeil
- Drumoak Post Office: – Notice Board: via Marion McNeil
- Drumoak Park Shop: closed
- Banchory Library – MOM Author