



## Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 11th November 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

##### Apologies received:

- Kenneth Gordon
- Cllr Rosemary Bruce

The meeting was declared quorate.

#### 2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES & AGM

The Minutes from the October meeting were approved. Proposed by David Morrish and seconded by Mark Ansell.

The AGM Minutes and Report were approved by Lynn Coull and seconded by Anne Shearer.

##### Actions & Matters Arising

- **Milton of Crathes Football Club**  
Ann Ross to keep CDD CC updated as to any progress made re the signage at Milton of Crathes football pitch following a meeting with club officials and landowners. **Action: Ann Ross**
- **Replacement CDDCC Secretary**  
Kenneth Gordon has decided not to accept the position of Minutes Secretary due to ill

health. The position is to be re-advertised on social media. **Action: Peter Renwick**

- **IBA Processing Plant**

Cllr Dickinson reported that there has been no further information relating to the POAN.

- **Glebe Issues**

Cllr Agnew reported that she had spoken to Philip McKay about the possibility of extending a Rules of Management plan to include the Glebe. However, it was thought that this was unlikely to happen as it would have to be applied to all similar locations so would require widespread agreement that may take 2-3 years to obtain. Lynn Coull and Anne Shearer to pick up on this. **Action: Lynn Coull and Anne Shearer**

- **Drumoak Dog Fouling**

Lynn Coull will laminate and distribute posters. **Action: Lynn Coull**

- **Drumoak Post Office**

Anne Shearer has been in touch with the Post Office regarding the closure of Drumoak PO. As there are at least 6 vacancies for post offices in the area it appears that demand outstrips supply. Anne enquired about Drumoak pub being used as a location but was informed by the owner that it is due for demolition. Drum Garden Centre was suggested as a potential location for a PO. Mark Ansell will speak with the owner, Derek Forbes, to find out if this may be a possibility. **Action: Mark Ansell**

- **Planning**

Further to David Morrish's complaint against the Planning Department and their subsequent refusal to accept any fault, David will write again to ask the Council to summarise its final response. **Action: David Morrish**

#### 3) SECRETARY'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE



Recent correspondence

15 Oct - Cllr S Dickenson emailed with an update on the RockSolid PoAN – no change in status.  
16 Oct – Email from Robin Worsman (Midmar area CC ?) re email scam and blue bin thefts  
19 Oct - Correspondence arranging meeting with Donald Macpherson on 23 Oct  
21 Oct – Launch of Scotland Loves Local Aberdeenshire  
21 Oct – link to K&M meeting and Park Bridge documents  
25 Oct – agreement to attend K&M meeting  
26 Oct – Meikle Carew Windfarm funds open  
27 Oct – Cllr A Ross email re reason for the 40 mph zone at Milton of Crathes  
29 Oct – Cllr D Robertson email – student dissertation on Covid impact  
30 Oct - email re cancellation of remembrance events outdoors  
1 Nov – email from J McHattie re planning app 2081  
2 Nov – request from Leanne Robertson to send previous minutes – response submitted  
2 Nov – Deeside way repairs notification  
2 Nov – Communication with Stewart Milne homes re their commitment to install field drainage to address surface and foul water seepage from housing to the north of the Gardens at Crathes development, and confirmation of the option to tie into their sewage system  
2 Nov - E Storey – invite to CC forum on 19 Nov.  
**Action: Phillippa Jensen to attend**  
3 Nov – email from D Harvey, local residents re deer culling.  
4 Nov – Melanie Barclay notifying us that Bruce Stewart has been formally appointed as Area Manager.  
6 Nov – Police Scotland – Business Watch / Neighbourhood Watch – theft from out buildings, bike theft, various scams – green energy, Amazon, banking  
6 Nov – Cllr A Ross – Covid-19 Support info update  
9 Nov – email exchange with Jackie Niven KDP re Community Action Plans  
10 Nov – details of next K&M area meeting on 17 November  
11 Nov – E Storey sharing details of Live Life Aberdeenshire Book Week (PR posted on Facebook).

**4) POLICE REPORT**

a) Lower & Mid Deeside report received. Nothing of note.

Marc Camus is ill. **Action: Peter Renwick to email Marc wishing him well**

Cllr Ross asked that we all support our local police force which is operating with reduced resources and is experiencing high levels of stress-related absenteeism.

**5) COMMUNITY UPDATES**

a) **Park Bridge**

Anne Shearer reported that the outcome of the meeting with Donald Macpherson on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October was that the bridge would be maintained only for pedestrians and cyclists until he was told otherwise.

At the K&M meeting, Councillors noted the points made by PBAG but said the bridge would only re-open to light traffic (their preferred option) if it was part of the new infrastructure strategy. However, the existing strategy excludes category C roads and bridges therefore negating that possibility. Anne expressed concern that important decisions about Park Bridge were being based on flawed data.

The next Council meeting to discuss the new infrastructure strategy is on 26<sup>th</sup> November. The details of the strategy will be available to view online on the Council website from 19<sup>th</sup> November. **Action: Anne Shearer, Peter Renwick**

b) **Community Awards**

Phillippa Jensen has circulated a draft to CC members of the social media post asking for nominations for the community award. The title of the award was discussed and CC asked to put forward suggestions. **Action: All**

10 awards will be made available with a £50 hamper going to the successful nominees. A budget of £500 from CDD CC funds was proposed by Phillippa and seconded by Mark Ansell.

The social media post to be distributed once the title is confirmed. **Action: Peter Renwick**

c) **Deer Stalking/Culling – Clune Woods**



Following emails from local residents expressing concerns at seeing a man carrying a gun and a machete in Clune Woods, Mark Ansell contacted Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS). It was confirmed that the annual cull of deer is underway in many of the forests in Deeside, including Clune Woods. The contractors mostly work from dusk to dawn but also during daylight hours as well. Cllr Ross was concerned that carcasses or remains were being left and that perhaps poachers were also active in the area. She has spoken to the police on this matter.

Joyce Scott has met 3 of the contractors in Clune, Warren Wood and Bruntyairds and was told that all carcasses are removed and processed by Highland Game for venison. Joyce suggested that FLS contractors could be asked not to shoot during the day in the local woods which are heavily used by members of the public. Mark will make FLS aware of these comments. **Action: Mark Ansell**

### c) Switch Banking

Mark Ansell reported that the switch to the Metro bank will have to wait until January because of delays caused by the high demand. In the meantime, the current account with RBS will soon be available online.

## 7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A number of planning applications in the CDD CC area were discussed.

### Erection of 3 Dwellinghouses

#### Land to West of Maryfield Cottage West Crathes Banchory Aberdeenshire

This application has received an objection from a local resident who contacted CDD CC for advice. As this development is not in the LDP and is on greenbelt land, CDD CC will also submit an objection. **Action: Peter Renwick**

### Alterations and Extension to Workshop

#### Dee Valley Caravans Caravan Showyard Dee Valley Caravan Park Drumoak Aberdeenshire AB31 5AU

No objections

### (Secondary Education Contributions) of Planning Permission Reference APP/2014/3232 for Erection of 11 Dwellinghouses

#### Phase 2 Land to The North of Sunnyside Farm Sunnyside Drive Drumoak Banchory

David Morrish questioned how the developers no longer have an obligation to make the financial Secondary Education Contributions which were agreed as part of the planning approval. It was unclear why this is.

### Erection of Overhead Line (Retrospective)

#### Site at Baldarroch Cottage Crathes Banchory AB31 5JE

No objections

## 8) AOB

### a) Domestic house alarms – new regulations

Joyce Scott reported that there are new regulations coming into force relating to smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in domestic houses which many people may be unaware of. Originally, they were due to come into force in February 2021 but the

## 6) FINANCE

### a) Bank Account Activity

The current balance is £4898.91.

A payment of £70 was made to Durris Hall for hall rental fees.

### b) Windfarms

The fund application for Durris Hall re-decoration has gone to Fred Olsen for approval.

An application for the Mid Hill fund has been received by the Crathes in Flower group to purchase Christmas lights to be draped on the 7 planters positioned throughout Crathes, at a cost of £35 per planter, coming to a total of £245. Mark Ansell proposed that the CC support the grant and all community councillors agreed unanimously.

The Meikle Carewe windfarm fund opened for applications on 1<sup>st</sup> November and runs until January. Mark Ansell asked for anyone who knows of any suitable groups looking for funds to let him know. **Action: All**



government has been asked to extend the deadline due to delays caused by COVID-19. Joyce has offered to put together a guidance document for local residents to help them understand which products are available and also a list of local contractors who can offer an installation service if required. **Action: Joyce Scott**

**b) Minute Secretary**

The position of Minute Secretary is to be advertised again via social media. **Action: Peter Renwick**

c) Lynn Coull asked on behalf of a resident if the CC could undertake the management of a volunteer community jobs resource. To be discussed at the next meeting.

d) Peter Renwick suggested the next meeting is an informal one for CC members only to discuss formulating a community plan etc.

The meeting closed at 21.30hrs

**Future Meeting Dates**

Wednesday 9th December, 19.30. Informal Video Conference for CDD CC members only

**MOM DISTRIBUTION:**

**By email**

- CDDCC Website: Peter Renwick
- CDDCC Members: email
- Councillors: email
- Police Liaison – Mid Deeside (Banchory): email 'BanchoryMidDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk'
- Police Liaison – Lower Deeside (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
- Durriss 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: via Marion McNeil
- Banchory Library – Author: CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19