



Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 9th March 2022 – Microsoft Teams Video Conference

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

1) INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Present:

Community Councillors and Guests:

Peter Renwick – Chair and Crathes rep.
Jules Wood – Drumoak rep.
David Edgar – Durris rep.
Mark Ansell – Treasurer and Durris rep.
David Morrish – Crathes rep.
Anne Shearer – Drumoak rep.
Lynn Coull – Drumoak rep.
Alan Turner - candidate Councillor
Yi-Pei Chou – candidate Councillor
Harriet Cross – candidate Councillor

Councillors:

Cllr Wendy Agnew
Cllr Sarah Dickinson
Cllr Rosemary Bruce
Cllr Ann Ross

Minutes:

David Edgar

Apologies notified:

Cllr Dennis Robertson
Philippa Jensen – Crathes rep.
Marc Camus – Police Scotland

The meeting was declared quorate.

1) Introduction

PR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Anne Shearer proposed the December minutes for approval. Mark Ansell seconded them.

a. Actions & Matters Arising from February

- **Glebe Park Signs**
One sign is now in place. Further progress hampered by the weather; commitment still ongoing. **Action: LC**
- **Developer Obligations - Durris School**
Some minor work started but still not completed or resolved. **ACTION: ???**
- **Ombudsman Complaint – WoD Flooding**
MA received reply from ombudsman advising that they can not accept our

complaint, the communication needs to be from a member of the public or the CC representing a member of the public.

ACTION: MA.

- **KDP Board** - A replacement is required for Marion McNeill. Robyn Campbell, a keen member of the DDCG is a potential for the role. DM suggested we co-opt her to the CC and request she report back to us once a quarter. Nominations required by the end of March. **ACTION: AS.**
- **Woodlands of Durris Greenspace** – Issue with completion of green space behind school and lack of action from the developer. Cllr D Robertson pursuing with the developer. Update required **ACTION: DR**

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

Actionable Correspondence

- **10th February** Details of ASC Digital Engagement Team to meet R100 programme – shared to FB
- **17th February** Bruce Stewart invite to complete storm resilience survey – by 20 March **ACTION: AS**
- **22nd February** Reminders re local council elections, Scottish census – publicised on FB.
- **24th February** Paull Davidson (Inverurie CC) re changes to the planning system
- **25th February** E storey informing us of a scam re Zurich insurance
- **25th February** Invite to an online meeting re recent storm resilience and how ASC could do better on 14 March **ACTION: MA**
- **1st March** Invite to Marr Area meeting
- **2nd March** Exchange between M Ansell & Helen Bilsby re trees hitting power lines
- **2nd March** M McNeill enquiring about our Queens Jubilee actions
- **3rd March** KDP AGM on 31/3 and call for nominations for the board
- **3rd March** Forestry commission stakeholder consultation re management of forests
- **4th March** Email from Emma Story re SSEN Resilience Fund.
- **7th March** Email from ASC regarding CC AGM & Vacancies **ACTION: PR**



- **7th March** Update from PJ on Banchory Medical Practice Patient Participation Group meeting
- **8th March** Follow up from DE re KoD Council House Septic Tank concerns. **ACTION: Cllr Agnew**

4) POLICE REPORTS

December and February Reports submitted from Mid Deeside, nothing major reported, some incidents of antisocial driving and a drugs arrest which is with the procurator fiscal. Information within the report highlighting safety during spring, including lambing season and dog behaviour.

Reports for Marr still to be received, PC Camus emailed to say he will send them over.

PR advised the email address for residents to get in touch with the police as per PC Camus request as noted below was posted on Facebook –

StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

YC highlighted that a break-in had occurred very recently at a Farm in Durris, where a Quad was stolen. Community updates had been issued via Community Support WhatsApp Group.

Cllr Dickenson highlighted Neighbour Hood Watch alters that resident can sign up to, the most recent alert provides guidance around locking of oil storage tanks.

5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Storms

DM updated that discussions continue with both hall committees with regards to purchasing generators and equipment using SSEN funding. Cllr Bruce updated us that Finzean Hall have been proactive in working with ASC who helped them coordinate maintenance and such for their generator and indicated that various other communities have good resilience plans which we may be able to access via area offices. Cllr Ross advised that Finzean Hall have issued leaflets with regards to what is available and what will happen during storms and such and will get permission to get us a copy of this leaflet **ACTION: Cllr Ross** Cllr Dickinson advised that there may be some funds within the K&M area which is being allocated to wards purchasing accessories, smaller items such as extension cables for generators to assist communities when the time

arises. YC noted that having some power banks that can be dropped to people who have issues accessing welfare centres is a good idea. DM highlighted again that the Banchory CC Resilience plan has some excellent ideas in it.

b) Queens Jubilee

Beacons, garden parties and tree planting have been suggested as suitable means of marking the Queen's Jubilee. Some community groups are discussing their plans at upcoming meetings, but it is noted at this stage, that the CC will not take further action on planning an event, however the CC is more than happy to support community groups who decide to host an event.

c) Park Bridge (AS)

No further update at this meeting but will remain on the agenda for discussion.

d) Park Quarry

No further update at this meeting but will remain on the agenda for discussion.

e) Road Safety Survey PR sends apologies to Stuart Andrew, who was missed off the invite to the subgroup meeting. Subgroup have discussed data and sorted in to 3 categories, 1. Immediate actions, 2. Items that we'd like ASC to consider, 3. Higher Level Initiatives that we'd like more information on and be able to feed in to. A letter is being drafted and will be sent to the relevant area managers to open discussions.

f) Drumoak Sink Hole Cllr Dickinson advised that ASC Landscape Services don't own or maintain the area in question. ASC Roads don't have responsibility past the back kerb line and that ASC Legal have said the landowner would be responsible. Stewart Milne have advised that factoring for the area lies with the residents. LC has checked title deeds and has found wording that suggests it may be the resident's responsibility.

g) Durris Paths DE met with Jo Duck's team who are part of the A93 survey, introduced via Cllr Dickinson. There is a positive suggestion that the plan of connecting the south side of the river and the communities together works in with the A93 survey. They have requested some additional information to give our proposal the



best chance of making it on to their final proposal back to the councils. Road survey results, community feedback and Updates from meeting with ASC on proposed path to be sent. DE / DM / MA, met with ASC (Matthew Watt) to look at the previously proposed path on the ASC Core Path Network connecting WoD & KoD. Since the meeting initial finding and actions have been created, identifying landowners, looking at forest management plans and funding options. Initial steps are to generate a feasibility study / design recommendation. **ACTION: DE / DM / MA.**

- h) **Drumoak Church Hall** AS raised concerns about access to Drumoak Church Hall. Initial feedback suggests there are issues with the septic tank that need fixed. There is also no one currently in the caretaker role. CC to support and see what help is needed. **ACTION: AS / JW / LC**
- i) **DeesideCAN / NESCAN** DM updated the CC on work that was being carried out in the community to identify actions needed to bring homes up to the PASS2035 standard, highlighting the gap from where are, to where we need to be is incredible and there is a significant gap between what needs done and the reality of the works. DM encouraged any residents that are interested in finding out more and what support is available to contact him.

6) FINANCE

The Crathes Drumoak and Durris Community Council bank balance remains very healthy at £6942

Evaluation sheets were circulated for 3 applications received in February for the Mid Hill Fund. 1 application was considered worthy of full support, 1 application was approved for part funding and the final application was referred for further discussion.

Summary of Applications:

45 Crathes Hall Mobile Staging £3378

The mobile staging to continue to offer community events in the hall, and restart music events, shows and plays for the benefit of the community. A new stage would be transferable to a new-build hall. **Approved support for part funding £1500.**

46 Balladrum Bridge Commemorative Plaque Renovation £912 (please view the Word doc)

Cleaning of commemorative plaque by a Steeplejack to restore it. No objections on this work from Historic Environment Scotland. **Full support for full funding.**

47 The Movement Bothy, Woodend £7411,

They have now secured a lease on a site adjacent to Deeside Rugby Club to build the semi-permanent Movement Bothy utilising shipping containers and a linking canopy. This will enable more regular classes for all age groups, and importantly, equipment storage. They have raised funds so far of £12,300 of the total cost of £19711. **Referred for further discussion ACTION: MA**

Total £2412

The Midhill fund stands at £12,004, so with the above subtracted, we still have £9592 for the remainder of 2022.

£150 compensation payment made by RBS, to be donated to the Ukrainian fun DEC – unanimous agreement.

MA commented that the flyer on the website for the windfarm fund remains accurate but that he intends to update it with some new factual information.

7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications to 2nd March 2022

Approved and new applications were circulated in advance of the meeting. There was nothing of any concern and no objections were raised.

- b. AS raised the point that we are seeing more and more applications dotted around the community and it was something we should be mindful off. DM raised the question on who tracks organic growth and acceptable levels within rural areas. **ACTION Cllr Dickinson**

8) Strategic Initiatives

- a. **Green Initiatives/Climate Change**
- b. **Succession/Recruitment**
- c. **Living with Covid**



9) AOB

- Next meeting Wednesday 13th April 19.30

The meeting closed at 21.24 hrs