



Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 13th April 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.
Philippa Jensen – Durris Rep
Mark Ansell – Treasurer and Durris rep.
Anne Shearer – Drumoak rep.
Lynn Coull – Drumoak rep.
Alan Turner - candidate Councillor
Yi-Pei Chou – candidate Councillor
Harriet Cross – candidate Councillor
Shaun Falcus – candidate Councillor

Councillors:

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

Minutes:

Anne Shearer

Apologies notified:

David Morrish – Crathes rep.

The meeting was declared quorate.

1) Introduction

PR welcomed everyone to the meeting and carried out introductions.

2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Lynn Coull proposed the March minutes for approval. Mark Ansell seconded them.

a. Actions & Matters Arising from March

- **Glebe Park Signs**
Both signs are now in place. It is hoped they will result in improved behaviours in The Glebe.
- **Developer Obligations - Durris School**
There was an update from Cllr Sarah Dickinson. Work has started, the ground is to be turned over and reseeded to allow growth over the summer.

- **Ombudsman Complaint – WoD Flooding**
The response from the Ombudsman was less than helpful and the matter is ongoing. **ACTION: MA.**
- **KDP Board** - Robyn Campbell, a keen member of the DDCG is now a member of the KDP board representing CDD CC and will attend quarterly to update the CC.
- **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 from DR **ACTION: MA**
- **KoD Septic Tank Concerns** – Cllr Agnew was in touch with the environmental dept who sent a form for the resident to complete, and then responded that it was a matter for housing. Cllr Agnew will follow up. **ACTION: WA**
- **Durris Paths** – development of the Durris Path network is ongoing and De has provided the organisation without action plan and the road safety results.
- **Planning & Organic Growth** – Cllr Sarah Dickinson replied that the council do track organic growth in the area via a spreadsheet keeping a tally of the number of new buildings.
- **Drumoak Church Hall** – JW has written to Drumoak Church asking what the status of the Church Hall is and whether or not it is available to community groups and to be part of the resilience plan. Acknowledgement was received saying the matter would be raised at the Kirk Session.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

Actionable Correspondence

- **3 Mar** Forestry commission stakeholder consultation re management of forests
- **4 Apr** Notice of new Development Plan Scheme (LDP) No one understands this process. Piers Blaxter to be asked to come to a meeting and brief the CC on what the process is. **ACTION: PR**



- **4 Apr** CC elections – nominate place – PR asked Durris Hall.
- **5 Apr** JKR notice of increase in noisy activities for next 2 weeks. Response from Tim Davies on 6/4 to request for noise survey
- **5 Apr** Acknowledgement from office of Alan Wood re Park Bridge structural assessment
- **6 Apr** Information: Tour of Britain cycle race passing thru w/c 6 Sept
- **6 Apr** Request from Police on location safety camera on east side of Drumoak
- **8 Apr** NE Crime report
- **8 Apr** Request from K&M to help advertise for polling clerks. Posted on Facebook
- **10 Apr** E mail D Edgar & William Richmond re sewage issue in WoD
- **11 Apr** Revised CC Election poster with AGM date & location
- **11 Apr** SSEN consultation. MA has issued an email of the matter.
- **11 Apr** PC Julie Smith requesting details of field ownership on Drumoak straight to site camera van.
- **12 Apr.** Yei-pei chou request to join meeting & comment about activity in woods at Durris PS.

4) POLICE REPORTS

There was no Police Report at the meeting.

5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Road Safety Subgroup

A response has been requested from the council on what is happening next, by the end of June before the holidays start. Ross Anderson the Roads Officer is dealing with the matter. The speed sign at the east boundary of Drumoak has been removed as it was not deemed to be effective so different measures will be needed. Cllrs had not been briefed on the article that appeared in the P&J about a mobile speed camera being positioned over the summer. LC has spoken to the Road Safety Engineer Andrew Wilkinson who is taking the matter seriously. Cllr Ann Ross advised that matter are being addressed in Crathes too, with the possibility of a crossing being discussed. This will require lighting as well and will depend on costs. MA is looking into getting Durris School to design a sign and will liaise with the roads dept on what is acceptable.

b) Park Quarry

Notification was received from JKR that activities would be noisier than normal for a 2 week period. AS requested that a noise survey was carried out at this time and the results were shared that levels were still within acceptable limits.

c) The Glebe

Cllr Wendy Agnew is still pushing for Bye Laws to be implemented so that antisocial behaviour can be addressed, as has been done in other popular areas in Scotland. This approach is described in Scottish Govt legislation as a course of action if the Right to Roam causes problems. Bye Laws were not supported by other Councillors at the Ward meeting. Cllr Sarah Dickinson explained that she did not believe it was the answer. Ward Councillors are to be written to to ask what solutions they propose if they do not support the adoption of Bye Laws. **ACTION: AS**

d) Durris Sewage/Drainage

There are 2 drainage issues in Durris:

- New houses causing the sewage plant to overflow
- Surface water running off the new developments overloading existing watercourses.

MA has written to the ombudsman with a complaint about the planning process not sufficiently addressing drainage issues of new developments.

e) CC Elections

The terms of 5 Community Councillors will expire this year, those who joined in 2019 and so if they want to remain on the CC, nomination forms will need to be submitted by 18th May..

f) AGM

The AGM will be held in Durris Hall so the community can attend on 8th June. Some documents will need to be reviewed before then, including the constitution and the resilience plan.

6) FINANCE

The Crathes Drumoak and Durris Community Council bank balance remains very healthy. There are no further applications pending, the previous 5 are ready to be processed. The accounts are ready for the reviewer prior to the AGM. Gravity NE thanked the CC



for the recent funding received. There are still considerable funds available in the Midhill Fund so members are encouraged to spread the word to local organisations.

7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There are a small number of planning applications in that councillors are requested to review for the next meeting. No. APP/2022/0860 relates to Park Quarry.

8) Strategic Initiatives

a. Green Initiatives/Climate Change

Crathes in Flower are co-ordinating the distribution of bedding plants and flowers to other groups in the area and have a storage area set out.

b. Succession/Recruitment

Any Community Councillors not standing again for election are requested to let PR know. There are still 4 vacancies on the CC, 2 in Drumaok and 1 each in Crathes and Durris

9) AOB

- Next meeting Wednesday 11th May 19.30

The meeting closed at 21.06 hrs