



Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council, Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 13th July 2022, 7.30pm Durris Kirkton Hall/Online

JULY MEETING MINUTE

1) Introductions and Apologies

Present:

Community Councillors, Aberdeenshire Councillors, and Guests:

David Edgar - Chair and Drumoak rep (online)
David Morrish - Crathes rep
Mark Ansell – Treasurer and Durris rep.
Anne Shearer- Drumoak rep
Shaun Falcus – Durris rep (online)
Cllr Wendy Agnew (online)
Cllr Alan Turner
Cllr Dawn Black

Minutes:

David Morrish

Apologies notified:

Lynne Coull - Drumoak rep
Peter Renwick – Crathes rep
Cllr Sarah Dickinson
Cllr Eileen Durno
Cllr Ann Ross
Cllr Yi-Pei Chou Turvey
PC David Charnley Police Scotland

The meeting was declared quorate.

2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Anne Shearer proposed the June minutes for approval. David Morrish seconded them.

a. Actions & Matters Arising from June

- These are dealt with under the main headings that follow

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

Actionable Correspondence

- **13/6** – Awareness to be raised of AC's Digital Engagement Team to help people with

broadband access and speed. Post on website and Facebook **Action – PR**

- **13/6** – Contact details provided for Michael Turvey re the secretary position. Followed up under 8) b.
- **15/6** – Invite to CC Forum at 7pm on 7th Sep at Viewmount Chambers or Teams Link. CC to attend. **Action: DE & DM**
- **15/6** – Forestry Consultation. Request for feedback. **Action: AS & MA**
- **16/6** – Inchmarlo Speed Limit Petition to be addressed at Marr AC meeting on 21/7. Investigate. **Action: Road safety sub-group**
- **17/6** – CC feedback on Deeside Strategic Needs Assessment. **Action: AS**
- **19/6** – Graffiti & vandalism at the Crathes. Followed up under 3)
- **21/6** – AGM documents to go to AC's Emma Storey. **Action: MA**
- **24/6** – Information on remaining funding available in Marr Area – **No Action!??**
- **27/6** – Updated SSEN Annual Engagement Plan. Read and, where relevant comment. **Action: All CCers**
- **29/6** – Sunnyside Avenue Park Action: Agenda for August meeting. **Action: DE**
- **30/6** – KDP Windfarm Funding. To be advertised on FaceBook & Website **Action: PR** and on WhatsApp groups **Action: All CCers**
- **30/6** – Provide feedback on Woodend Eco Village road names. **Action: AS**
- **3/7** – Complete Planning Democracy survey. **Action: DM**
- **7/7** - Marr Area Large Grant Scheme reopened. Up to £5,000 for local improvement projects. **Action: ?**
- **8/7** – Greenspace Projects Team looking for applications before 8/8. **Action: ?**

4) POLICE REPORTS

Apologies from Garry Garrow (Police Sergeant) for lack of police reports.

Graffiti & vandalism at the Crathes Station Platform building. Resolved to the satisfaction of



the owner who requested that the CC passes on his thank to the police's Jack Christie.

5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Road Safety Subgroup

The CC are still waiting on specific feedback from Bruce Stewart on several areas. Reminder email to be sent regarding possible meeting. **ACTION: DE**

b) Park Quarry

Contact to be made with JKR to establish a meeting to observe reinstatement work thus far and plans. Also to discuss apparent 'pooling' in the NE of the site. **Action: AS**

c) The Glebe

Further incidents of rubbish dumping and unacceptable behaviour continue. The issue of bylaws was discussed extensively, Cllr Dawn Black, stating that she had needed to read up on the matter of bylaws, said that before a bylaw route was pursued a number of steps would need to have proven ineffective first. These included the establishment of 'Management Rules'. It was explained that the matter had been ongoing for too long with many approaches apparently failing, including a look at 'Management Rules'. It was noted that not all but most Ward Councillors supported a bylaw approach. Cllr Wendy Agnew, who is for a bylaw, said that CC support for this approach would be very useful. The CC voted to support a bylaw approach. It was agreed that the CC should write down what it wanted to see in a bylaw. AS agreed to document some thoughts. **ACTION: AS** following which councillors could pursue the bylaw route. **Action: Cllr WA**

In the meantime, it was agreed that a site meeting with AC's Bruce Stewart should be arranged. **Action: DE** and that other groups should also be part of the process such as Park Estate, the police, the River Dee Trust. **Action: AS** It was also suggested that the Local Access Forum should be informed of the issue but no action was supported on this point.

d) i) WoD Drainage- Woodlands Estate

NTR

ii) KoD Drainage

No Action

e) Sunnyside Lane Play Park Maintenance and Area Flooding

It was agreed to leave this item to next month.

f) Park Bridge

Information has now been received from Infrastructure Services (Donald MacPherson) regarding progress on the Independent Assessment of the bridge. This is to go ahead. The Levelling-Up Fund was mentioned as a possible source of finance for reinstating the bridge to traffic, the need for which was highlighted by disruption to transport on the A93 for maintenance. Fund to be investigated.

Action: Cllr WA

AS is continuing to liaise with Aberdeenshire Council on behalf of Park Bridge Action Group and CDDCC.

ACTION AS

6) FINANCE

The Crathes Drumoak and Durris Community Council bank balance remains unchanged from the previous meeting at £6049. There are 2 Mid Hill applications in from Drumoak Badminton Club, and the Durris Scottish Womens Institute. Both applications were supported by the CCers present at £475 & £315 respectively.

There are still funds available in the Midhill Fund to last until the end of 2022. Members are encouraged to spread the word to local organisations. **Action: All**

RBS Account – Contact details for AS & DE to be sent to MA to process additional access to RBS account.

Action: AS & DE

7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. **LDP 2027** - The CC is now receiving regular updates from the planning policy unit which detail the timetable and engagement plan for the new LDP. The CC should keep an eye on this with a view to establishing 'Place Plans' as necessary. To be fixed agenda item.

b. **LDP 2020/2** – This LDP will be adopted in the autumn this year. The Reporter (Scottish Government) has requested wording changes, some of which apply to our CC settlements. These can be found from the email sent out prior to the meeting by DM.

c. **Planning Applications APP/2022/1423 and APP/2022/1366** – Concern was raised regarding



the discharge of water from these developments into local water courses and the ability of such water courses to effectively cope with additional flow associated with the developments. A CC representation to be submitted. **Action: AS**

These applications were also seen as further organic growth in the area prompting the question as to how the planners track and control the level of organic growth which is understood to be limited to some 10% of overall housing growth. Question to be put to planning. **Action: DM**

Durris BT Mobile Mast - Cllr AT informed the meeting about a pre-application consultation for a BT mast to be located on the same ridge as the Durris Mast but some 2 miles to the SW.

Post meeting Note: *Cllr AT emailed details to the CC. DM forwarded these details to a resident in the Garol area who has promised to distribute further. Local comment to be followed-up.*
Action: DM

Gushet Park Drumoak - A planning application (APP/2021/1600) for an industrial unit was lodged for this site in July 2021 and subsequently withdrawn, however CDD CC have observed that there is considerable work going on at the location. To be investigated. **Action: AS**

place, Michael is invited to attend the next meeting to get a feel for the CC role. **Action: DE**

9) AOB

- NTR
- Next meeting 10th August. Drumoak Church Hall to be approached to book meeting venue. **Action: DE**

Meeting closed 21.30.

8) Strategic Initiatives

a. Green Initiatives/Climate Change

No report

a) Covid

As infections continue to rise, item to remain on the agenda meantime.

b. Succession/Recruitment

The Secretary position should be widely advertised and a job description available to highlight both job contents and skill requirements. AC's Emma Storey and CC's PR to be asked about what may be already available.

Action: DE & DM respectively

Cllr Yi-Pei Chou Turvey had suggested that Michael Tovey may be interested in the role and it was suggested that, while advertising is taking