



Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly (Informal) Meeting

Wednesday 11th May 2022 – Google Meets Video Conference

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

1) INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Present:

Community Councillors and Guests:

David Morrish- Crathes rep
 Jules Wood – Drumoak rep.
 David Edgar – Durris rep.
 Philippa Jensen – Durris Rep
 Mark Ansell – Treasurer and Durris rep.
 Lynn Coull – Drumoak rep.
 Alan Turner – (Road Safety Group)

2022 All CDDCC Councillors for info: (not present)

Stonehaven and Lower Deeside

Cllr Wendy Agnew
 Cllr Sarah Dickinson
 Cllr Dawn Black
 Cllr Alan Turner

Banchory and Mid Deeside

Cllr Ann Ross
 Cllr Eileen Durno
 Cllr Yi-Pei Chou Turvey

Minutes:

Mark Ansell

Apologies notified:

Peter Renwick – Chair and Crathes rep.
 Anne Shearer- Drumoak rep

3 Aberdeenshire councillors acknowledged the email notifying informal meeting, and looked forward to the AGM in June.

The meeting was declared quorate.

1) Introduction

David Morrish stood in for Peter as chair, and welcomed everyone to the informal May meeting, without Aberdeenshire councillors; and carried out introductions.

2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

David Edgar proposed the April minutes for approval. Mark Ansell seconded them.

a. Actions & Matters Arising from April

- **Developer Obligations and Greenspace - Durris School** MA has emailed Caroline

Reid, Headteacher, to offer further assistance if needed, in ensuring progress continues on the field area.

- **Ombudsman Complaint – Woodlands of Durris Flooding** MA continues to monitor responses from the Ombudsman.
- **Kirkton of Durris Soakaway Concerns** – DE gave an update; the Council have completed investigation work, and the soakaway from Peggy's Gardens properties is not working, and the Council will re-dig the soakaway. DE will continue to monitor progress. **ACTION: Cllr Agnew(?)**
- **Durris Paths** – development of the Durris Path network is ongoing; awaiting further updates from the Core Paths Coordinator.
- **Drumoak Church Hall** – JW reported that the hall is still available for use, but the church are being slow in making this known to the community. The CC will encourage use through promotion on social media, web and newsletters, listing activities.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

Actionable Correspondence

- **13 April** River Dee Trust notifying that their presentation on NENNIS is still available
- **13 April Email** from Shaun Falcus regarding possibility of him joining CDDCC.
- **13 April** Cllr Ross forwarded info from Finzean CC on their resilience plan and lessons learned from storms.
- **19 April** Notification from Marr Area ref Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, and asking to notify anything planned in our area.
- **22 Apr Updated** CC Nomination form and poster received from K&M Area office.
- **25 Apr** Acknowledgement from Durris School willing to Participate in Road Safety signs project.
- **26 Apr** Park Bridge response from Alan Wood; Anne attending June K&M Area Meeting.
- **28 Apr** Notification of LDP Teams presentation by Planning 26 May 6.30pm; listen in if available.



- **29 Apr** Email from Drumoak resident James Buchan ref green space issue Sunnyside Ave. (see Community Updates)
- **4 May** Request from Kevin McPhee-Smith for input on Drumoak and Durris Newsletter, deadline 20 May for Summer edition.
- **6 May LDP 2022** Newsletter link received from Piers Blaxter.
- **7 May** Police Report Mid and Lower Deeside received.
- **10 May** Road Closure notified- East Brachmont, Durris.

4) POLICE REPORTS

There were Police Reports emailed for both areas prior to the meeting, and the content was noted. The closure of the North Deeside road early May, just east of Tesco was noted as quite a serious accident with 4 cars involved and personal injuries.

If we can gather further information on this accident from the police, DE and LC are happy to post on Facebook with a view to further raise awareness of safety issues and excessive speed on this road.

Future Facebook access to be clarified with Peter,
ACTION DM

5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Road Safety Subgroup

Following the CC's approach, Durris School have agreed to participate in design of gateway signs for all three communities, on similar lines as the new Glebe signs. MA suggested we contact Roads dept to check what we can and can't do, before further progress. LC agreed to add this point to the issues for Ross Anderson.

The speed indicator sign approaching Drumoak from the east is still missing, and following the disappointing feedback last month, LC will contact Ross Anderson for an update on what is being proposed. **ACTION: LC**

The mobile cameravan has been noted in position just outside the Drumoak east boundary.

b) Park Quarry

JKR has submitted their first planning application, APP/2022/0860 for additional plant/machinery to process recycled materials. This application along with a follow-up APP/2019/0707, to extend their operating period (by 10 years), were

discussed at the JKR meeting attended by CDDCC and local residents in January.

All agreed (including Craiglug residents) that providing the new equipment is also generating material for reinstatement, and that JKR are actually undertaking reinstatement and following their published plan/timeline; whilst taking on board CDDCC's concerns on noise, truck movements, and filth on road, then no objections will be submitted.

c) The Glebe

(Carried over from April) 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 ask what solutions they propose if they do not support the adoption of Bye Laws. **ACTION: AS?**

d) Durris Sewage/Drainage- Woodlands Estate

MA has written to the ombudsman with a complaint about the planning process not sufficiently addressing drainage issues of the new developments- 3 plots, 1 built. Awaiting feedback.

e) CC Elections

Those Community Councillors who are happy to continue in post, have now submitted their nomination forms.

All to circulate the poster received, detailing the AGM and nomination process.

f) AGM

The AGM will be held in Durris Hall so the community can attend on 8th June. The chair's report will be derived from Peter's 2021 submission, and all will help in the update. Some documents will need to be reviewed before then, including the constitution and the resilience plan. **ACTION DM and ALL**

g) Sunnyside Lane Play Park Maintenance and Area Flooding



A local resident James Buchan has raised this problem of the maintenance quality and flooding and general need for tidying on this piece of land which is the responsibility of Aberdeenshire Council. He has notified the Council regarding the flooding issue, and some work has now been done on the drains, but needs completing. However, the standard of grass-cutting and weed control requires improvement. LC has contacted James and CDDCC will raise with Aberdeenshire Councillors.

ACTION: LC

h) Park Bridge

Some positive feedback from Aberdeenshire Infrastructure Services in that a report will be presented to the June K&M Area Meeting recommending an independent report be procured (cost circa £100K) to establish the structural condition of the bridge.

AS has requested to address this meeting.

6) FINANCE

The Crathes Drumoak and Durris Community Council bank balance remains very healthy; £6144. There are no further Mid Hill applications pending, the previous 5 are now all paid. The accounts have been independently reviewed prior to the AGM and submission the Area Office. MA proposed we provide a gift to Dawn who has helped us out on the accounts verification for the last two years; all agreed, and MA will purchase a shrub/plant to the value of £50.

ACTION MA

There is still £11000 available in the Midhill Fund to last until the end of 2022, so members are encouraged to spread the word to local organisations.

7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The small number of planning applications submitted were reviewed. No. APP/2022/0860 relates to Park Quarry, and MA will email JKR to reinforce the CC's main issues (see above). **ACTION MA**

8) Strategic Initiatives

a. Green Initiatives/Climate Change

No report

b. Succession/Recruitment

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

New candidate applications was discussed, and at least one new nomination may have been received.

The 'secretary' position is still vacant, and all agreed that we may need to change the job title to make the main work of media updating, more attractive and relevant to the job.

9) AOB

- Request received via COSLA from Chatillon-sur-Indre, Loire Valley Region with strong historic links to Scotland, wishing to find a town twinning partner. CC's to contact COSLA if interested. PJ will request more info on involvement. **ACTION: PJ**

- **LDP 2022 Newsletter and Presentation Invite.** We have received emails ref this online presentation; it is understood that the content will include the latest update on Place Plans. DM will circulate the newsletter **ACTION DM**

- **SSEN Resilient Fund.** The subject of Durris and Crathes Halls applying for funding to install back-up power generators was discussed, with concern that the deadline for applications was in May. DE confirmed that Durris Hall were actually on the verge of submitting an application.

- **Durris Paths and Milton of Crathes Football Field Path;**

DE reported that there has been no further update from the Aberdeenshire Paths Coordinator; DE will continue to chase.

JW raised the continuing issue of public access to the river Dee at the Milton of Crathes football pitches- gate still locked, and the need for further liaising with the key stakeholders- Leys Estate and Football Club. DM will confirm Cllr Ross is still pursuing a resolution. **ACTION DM.**

- Next meeting AGM Wednesday 8th June 19.30, Durris Hall. Meeting closed 21.30.