



Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 9th August 2023

APPROVED AUG MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Present:

Community and Aberdeenshire Councillors:

David Edgar (DE) – Chair and Durris rep.
David Morrish (DM) – Crathes rep
Anne Shearer (AS) - Drumoak rep
Les Oliver (LO)
Jules Wood (JW) – Drumoak rep.
Shaun Falcus (SF) – Durris rep

Councillors:

Cllr Alan Turner (in person)

Cllr Sarah Dickinson (virtually)
Cllr Wendy Agnew (virtually)
Cllr Dawn Black (virtually)
Cllr Ann Ross (virtually)
Cllr Eileen Durno (not present)
Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey (not present)

Not present:

Mark Ansell (MA) – Treasurer and Durris rep. - apologies
Lynn Coull (LC) – Drumoak rep. apologies
Joanna Prystupa – local resident - apologies

Garry Garrow (Police Scotland)

Minutes:-

Sharon Hauxwell (SH)

The meeting was declared quorate (minimum, at current CC membership is 3).



2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Approval of Minute of Meeting (July 2023)

Updated - David Morrish – was present in person not virtually as stated on minute **SH**

Point 3 under the reference to Mossie farm - sold as an industrial unit not an agricultural unit. **SH**

Anne proposed the minute – Les approved.

b) Actions & Matters Arising from July meeting

Discussed later in meeting.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

11 July SSEN Community Benefit Fund Consultation – DE has sent out link to everyone to contribute

12 July – Community Resilience Conference - if you want to register and attend, please feel free

28 July – Durris Land Management Plan Public Scoping. DE has replied to advise yes.

Meeting hopefully will be set up. AS happy to attend along with DE and MA

31.7.23 - Aberdeenshire Rural Communities Challenge Fund 2023-24 – could this be applied for to assist with the paths network?

4) Police Reports

Received just after July meeting. Marr area of focus. Nothing major to report

5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Road Safety Subgroup

DE to push date with Tim for a meeting. He is on annual leave until 21st Aug. **DE**

b) Park Quarry/Nether Park Quarry

Park Quarry – nothing much to say. Nether Park – AS has emailed him twice to request a visit. If doesn't get a reply will phone to request this. DM indicated that it would be good to do this prior to planning application going in.

c) The Glebe

BBQ stands are ready to be collected and installed. Aberdeenshire Council have confirmed they will co-ordinate collection and installation of these. Rangers making regular visits to the area. Have also had sight of new signage which looks good and very specific to the Glebe.

d) Park Bridge

No not have the structural assessment yet. Nobody seems to know what has happened to the budget that was in place for this. Cllr Wendy Agnew suggested they go to Jim Savage. Cllr Turner will ask but doesn't think any funding will be released until the assessment has been completed. Cllr Ann Ross suggested a meeting with Gillian Owen (new leader of the Council) with Cllr Wendy Agnew present. Cllr Turner suggested would be better to wait for the report. He will chase it with everyone he can. AS will request a meeting with Gillian Owen, if nothing else just to make sure our voices are heard and concerns raised. **AS**



e) Community Path Network. Kirkton of Durris – Woodlands of Durris Core Path Connection.

De reported there are now quite a network of paths now involved.

DE sent out a detailed email after last meeting. He received quite a lot of thank you replies to this.

DE reported that he has been working with the local access officer – Murray Swap. They have now done some route mapping and he is starting to open up conversations.

MA had put up some markers so Murray can have a look. Initial feedback is it is a good route.

DE needs to pick up Cedar Wood Avenue access.

DE

DM has emailed Stuart Young on the Crathes paths and overgrown areas.

AS also mentioned, Access to Hill of Fayre/Access to River/Milton – locked gate.

DE will ask access officer if she can look at the other areas mentioned above, or would this would be dealt with by somebody else?

DE

f) Proposed Hill of Fare Windfarm

DM reported that they received 400 responses to the survey after Nov exhibition and same after June exhibition. Second survey is now closed. Results will be published and distributed. DM is meeting on Monday with other councils to look at these. Looking likely, we will be supporting the majority who are opposed to them being installed. DM will suggest to other councils that the results of the surveys are issued to their own MSP and MP.

DM

Planning application still not officially been submitted yet – may wish to consider some road signs once this is in place.

Energy consent unit – Alex Burnett said we can go to him with our objections for this as well as the SSEN pylons and he can contact them upon or behalf.

g) Defibs - update

SF reported that Tom is on holiday at the moment but when he returns he will be arranging training sessions with. Hoping to host these at the primary schools. DE confirmed that we would be happy to pay for the hire of halls if required. SF will get an article ready for newsletter. All De-fibs are now powered up and ready to go. SF suggested that for the training sessions that those interested in attending perhaps pay a £5 deposit – to be refunded on the night when the sessions take place. Just to try and ensure those who have said they are interested in undergoing the training do turn up.

SF

h) Proposed new 400KV Overhead Line SSEN

De reported that we have completed our feedback. The results of the on-line survey have also been sent.

Banners have gone up in Drumoak and Durris. There is a get together at 4pm on Saturday near Moss side farm Deeside way to show their objection to it. Alex Burnett will publicise the session. The P & J have been told about it as well. Hoping it will be a good turnout. Will be putting it onto our FB page – it will be put on as we have been asked to share.

DE/AS

6) FINANCE

a) Applications



Responding to community needs

None received this month. Durris Primary funding has not yet been received. Account has approx £7K – Simpsons Brothers and BBQ stands still to be invoiced and paid for out of this. £1643 grant from Aberdeenshire Council has been received.

- b) **Update**
As above

7) **PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) **Planning in our Community (Organic Growth etc.)**

Paul Macari has offered some dates for meeting. MA happy to go with the majority. AS can do all suggested dates. Mon 25/9 10am – all agreed to this. Will be a Team meeting. DE replied to email at meeting to set this up.

b) **Validated**

Reference	APP/2023/1260
Alternative Reference	100442225-002
Application Received	Wed 05 Jul 2023
Application Validated	Thu 06 Jul 2023
Address	Cressbrook Drumoak Aberdeenshire AB31 5AG
Proposal	Erection of Garage
Status	Awaiting decision
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

Erection of Shed

Melrose Durris Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 6DS

Ref. No: APP/2023/1120 | Received: Wed 14 Jun 2023 | Validated: Mon 10 Jul 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Installation of Surface Water and Foul Water Soakaways

Land To North Of Darnford Toll Durris Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 6DH

Ref. No: APP/2023/1060 | Received: Tue 06 Jun 2023 | Validated: Fri 14 Jul 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Approved



Erection of Agricultural Building

Corsehill Cottage Durris Banchory AB31 6EB

Ref. No: APP/2023/1147 | Received: Mon 19 Jun 2023 | Validated: Mon 19 Jun 2023 | Status: Decided

Siting of 8 Containers to Create Platform, Erection of Fencing, Stairs and Ramp (Retrospective)

Royal Deeside Railway Milton Of Crathes Banchory AB31 5QH

Ref. No: APP/2023/1031 | Received: Wed 31 May 2023 | Validated: Tue 06 Jun 2023 | Status: Decided

Conditions 1a) (Site Layout and Siting), b) (External Appearance and Finishing Materials), c) (Landscaping), d) (Levels and Cross Sections), e) (Foul and Surface Water Disposal), f) (Access and Visibility Splays), g) (Car Parking/Vehicle Turning Area/Passing Places), h) (Refuse Collection), of Planning Permission in Principle Reference APP/2019/0854 Erection of 3 Dwellinghouses

Land To South Of Upper Balfour Woodlands Of Durris Banchory Aberdeenshire

Ref. No: APP/2023/0427 | Received: Mon 13 Mar 2023 | Validated: Tue 14 Mar 2023 | Status: Decided

Erection of Dwellinghouse

Plot 1 Land East Of Cedar Avenue Durris

Ref. No: APP/2022/2154 | Received: Tue 11 Oct 2022 | Validated: Wed 19 Oct 2022 | Status: Decided



Replacement of Railing to Croquet Lawn Boundary Wall

Crathes Castle Banchory AB31 5QJ

Ref. No: APP/2023/1018 | Received: Mon 29 May 2023 | Validated: Wed 31 May 2023 | Status: Decided

Conversion of Steading to Dwellinghouse (Renewal of Planning Permission APP/2018/1957)

Land To Southeast Of Huntly Cottage Woodlands Of Durris
Banchory Aberdeenshire

Ref. No: APP/2022/2513 | Received: Thu 01 Dec 2022 | Validated: Fri 16 Dec 2022 | Status: Decided

Reference	APP/2023/0938
Alternative Reference	100628763-001
Application Received	Tue 16 May 2023
Application Validated	Tue 23 May 2023
Address	Bogenraith Equestrian Durris Banchory AB31 6DS
Proposal	Erection of Horse Walker
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved
Decision Issued Date	Wed 26 Jul 2023
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

Reference	APP/2023/0943
Alternative Reference	100628897-001
Application Received	Wed 17 May 2023
Application Validated	Thu 08 Jun 2023
Address	Beatties Cottage North Mains Drumoak Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 5AH
Proposal	Alterations and Extensions to Dwellinghouse Including Formation of Car Port and Plant Room
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved
Decision Issued Date	Thu 03 Aug 2023
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

Nothing major to comment on



c) LDP 2027 / Place Plans / Place Plan Meeting

Nothing been sent since the workshops. Will keep on the agenda. DE will send an email to follow up. **DE**

8) Aberdeenshire Council Updates

Cllr Dawn Black – has had some representation from Drumoak and particularly Sunnyside area about the grass cutting. She is in communication with the department to re-gigging their priorities.

She emphasised that if you report via Aberdeenshire Council website this must be investigated.

9) Strategic initiatives

a) Green Initiatives

DM suggested we try and each come up with 3 initiatives we might want to get involved with. **ALL**

Cllr Dawn Black – will send contact info of groups that provide free dog poo bags if running initiatives.

DE will send an email re info sent by Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey and ask if too late to apply for free bulbs. **DE**

b) Vacant Positions, Recruitment and Communications

Still have some vacant positions. FB campaign? An advert rather than an update in the newsletter?

10) AOB

a) Sept meeting – Wed 13th Sept

Drumoak Bowling Club.

b) Bike Shelters – update SF.

SF has meeting with Scottish Cycling tomorrow regarding funding available. Thought process would be 3 locations. Potentially opposite Crathes Castle - Milton/Crathes Hall/Drumoak Bowling Club. Need to consider insurance/upkeep.

c) Kirkton of Durris Soakaway

Cllr Wendy Agnew and DE had a walk around in the area. It is exactly where they were.

d) Grass cutting - Drumoak

Already discussed through Cllr Dawn Black

Meeting closed at 2055 hrs.