



Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 20th December 2023

APPROVED DEC MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Present:

Community and Aberdeenshire Councillors:

David Edgar (DE) – Chair and Durris rep.
David Morrish (DM) – Crathes rep – left early approx. 7.50pm
Les Oliver (LO) – Crathes rep
Shaun Falcus (SF) – Durris rep – late 7.48pm
Mark Ansell (MA) – Treasurer and Durris rep.
Lynn Coull (LC) – Drumoak rep – late 7.40pm
Nicola Chambury
Eveline Crossan
Jules Wood (JW) – Drumoak rep

Not present:-

Anne Shearer (AS) - Drumoak rep – apologies sent
Joanna Prystupa – not present

Councillors:

Cllr Alan Turner
Cllr Wendy Agnew
Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey
Cllr Dawn Black
Cllr Sarah Dickinson
Cllr Eileen Durno

Not present:

Cllr Ann Ross - apologies sent

Minutes:-

Sharon Hauxwell (SH)

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

2. PROPOSED HILL OF FARE WINDFARM



Deadline for objection submission has changed to 2nd Feb so not a mad rush over the festive period – have the whole of January to complete this.

Main thing to focus on is replying to emails and encouraging public to send in their objections. **ALL**

In early Jan can look at burst on social media

Main piece of work that needs to be done is our own objection letter. Torphins have sent their copy to DM. It is well referenced and is approx. 10 pages long. DM will share this with the group. This is going around all 6 Community Councils at the moment. We can take some of the content but cannot use the exact letter. DM advised that comments on the draft would be really useful – only reply to the email. **DM**
ALL

FB post has been really successful. Over 5000 reach compared to our usual average of approx. 300.

DM will pick up the response to the email that has been sent into inbox re our stance on the windfarm – from Jackie. **DM**

Cllr Dickinson – advised that Paul Macari Paul Macari had indicated that this would be with reports to both the Marr and Garioch Area Committees and, if time permits, with a report to Infrastructure Services Committee. Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee will not be consulted. Cllr Turner confirmed that this was correct.

DM left the meeting after this section.

3) PROPOSED SSEN OHL

DE started conversation regarding the fact that there are lots of messages and lots of chats happening everywhere now. DE emphasised that we cannot be overwhelmed and be pressured by members of the public – please look after ourselves – we only have limited abilities and need to keep this in mind. Do not let this affect own mental wellbeing.

MA joined the WhatsApp group along with AS – not as a CC role but just as a member from the area he lives in. There is a lot of relevant information on here but also a lot of activity.

Meeting on 3rd Jan with people who are part of the WhatsApp group in Drumoak Bowling Club and allocate roles – set agenda items etc.

MA thinks emphasis now is making sure that every house who is affected by the corridor is made aware of it.



Responding to community needs

DE advised that questionnaire we currently have is based on old proposed route. May need to update and re-issue this. This can be our starting point.

LC advised that one of the parents from Drumoak has taken the route and put where all the houses are as well as the 2 primary schools (Drumoak/Echt) – we could use this in our new questionnaire. She has also made a photo with her house along with an example of the size of the pylon. LC will also ask if they could complete this for the Durris corridor as well. These could be used as an introduction to the questionnaire.

LC

LC will ask Alexa Duncan first and if not, then SF can look at completing something similar to what he did last time.

SF

Time scale would be to complete this after the 3rd Jan meeting.

EC asking if questionnaire would be all digital or on paper as well – she is happy to post these if we can do this. DE advised we can do both.

Feedback we are getting now is that the public are very much in objection to this new proposed line.

9th Jan – 6pm with Alexander Burnett – virtual meeting for Community Councillors

Cllr Wendy Agnew will speak with Andrew Bowie to nudge him to arrange a meeting too.

**Cllr
Agnew**

Cllr Black had one couple come to her surgery. Advised to let public know they can come and meet her at her surgery.

DE advised that we have contacted the Chamber of Commerce to see what their stance would be – they did respond – not as supportive as we thought it would be. Have replied again and awaiting a further response.

Also contacted Visit Aberdeenshire to flag this as a concern – awaiting a response.

Subsea expo – LC suggested this might be a good place to visit to gain more knowledge. Cllr Turner suggested that could also make contact with The society of underwater technology – will get contacts from here.

DE confirmed that SSEN have replied to us – asking if we have any specific questions – DE suggested we read the document they have sent and then go back to them with a specific question regarding how many cables are required and the size of them.

LC

Public meeting – have reached out to SSEN to host this in Feb. Don't know if they can commit to this. Waiting on them coming back with some dates. DE suggest not worth us hosting a public meeting until we can have SSEN present. Members of the public can attend our meetings



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if they wish and we can take their comments/suggestions forward if we think relevant but we do not need the public asking us questions we do not have answers to.

4) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DE left the meeting as one of the applications was his own building.

Validated

Reference	APP/2023/2180
Alternative Reference	100652740-001
Application Received	Thu 23 Nov 2023
Application Validated	Mon 27 Nov 2023
Address	1 Bogmore Cottages Drumoak AB31 5AB
Proposal	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse, Erection of Store/Ancillary Accommodation, Pergola and Installation of Air Source Heat Pump
Status	Decided
Decision	Withdrawn
Decision Issued Date	Tue 28 Nov 2023
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse and Formation of Car Port

Beatties Cottage North Mains Drumoak Aberdeenshire AB31 5AH
Ref. No: APP/2023/2268 | Received: Thu 07 Dec 2023 | Validated: Thu 07 Dec 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Demolition of Dwellinghouse, Erection of Dwellinghouse and Detached Garage/Store

Greenways Kirkton Of Durris Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 6BN
Ref. No: APP/2023/2253 | Received: Tue 05 Dec 2023 | Validated: Fri 08 Dec 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Decided



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Reference	APP/2023/2014
Alternative Reference	100641564-001
Application Received	Mon 30 Oct 2023
Application Validated	Tue 31 Oct 2023
Address	12 Keithmuir Road Drumoak Aberdeenshire AB31 5EB
Proposal	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved
Decision Issued Date	Mon 11 Dec 2023
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

MA wanted to highlight that we had received an email regarding a withdrawal of an application which we raised concerns about – need to keep an eye on it.

DE property – demolition of dwelling house and erection of dwelling house and detached garage/store. NC made general comment that shouldn't be demolishing buildings due to carbon emissions. All agreed that no comments were required from a CC perspective. - DE has made neighbours aware of what they are planning.

MA wanted to make us aware of a route for a new forest road – the area they have marked is on the route of the new pylons. It is not in our area itself – MA will try and find out more information about what this is for. DE suggested raising it with Kincardine CC so they can object if necessary.

MA

5) FUNDING APPLICATIONS

All current applications have been paid apart from one – waiting on bank details before this can be done.

One application in this week – from Drumoak Badminton Club for purchase of shuttle cocks - £300. All agreed to this.

LC was asked to pass on thanks from the Banchory Trampoline Club.

6) AOB

Meeting closed at 20.32 hrs.