



## Crathes Drumoak & Durriss Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### **APPROVED NOV MEETING MINUTES**

#### **1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES**

##### Community and Aberdeenshire Councillors:

David Edgar (DE)– Chair and Durriss rep  
Eveline Crossan (EC) – Drumoak rep  
Mark Ansell (MA) – Treasurer and Durriss rep  
Les Oliver (LO) – Crathes rep  
Jules Wood (JW) – Drumoak rep  
Ewan Reid (ER) – Crathes Rep  
Anne Shearer (AS) - Drumoak rep  
David Morrish (DM) – Crathes rep  
Shaun Falcus (SF) – Durriss rep – apologies sent  
Joe Barns – Drumoak Rep

##### Councillors:

Cllr Alan Turner – in person  
Cllr Wendy Agnew – apologies sent  
Cllr Sarah Dickinson – on-line  
Cllr Dawn Black – on-line  
Cllr Ann Ross – on-line  
Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey – on-line  
Cllr Eileen Durno – apologies sent

##### Others:

Minutes:-  
Sharon Hauxwell (SH)

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

#### **2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CC UPDATES**

##### **a) Approval of Minute of Meeting (Oct 2025)**

JB – proposed, MA - seconded.

##### **b) Actions & Matters Arising from Oct meeting not mentioned below**

None

#### **3) SECRETARY’S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE**

An email conversation regarding the path between Drum garden centre and Drumoak was discussed. Cllr Dickinson had completed some research on this and



reported that Aberdeenshire Council do not recognise this an official path so it would not be maintained as one – the land is recognised as council land so is maintained in terms of verge cutting.

It was thought that originally the path was part of the planning conditions of the Drum garden centre but she has looked back at planning applications and cannot see anything that reflects this. AS has had a conversation with Derek Forbes (owner of the garden centre) who mentioned the path to her, but she has not seen any correspondence. Cllr Ross also recalled this from when she was a community councillor. DE will drop Cameron Forbes an email and see if he can find out anything from him.

DE

Adopt a grit bin scheme – when we got email DE had looked at the ones that are being removed. 2 being removed by Sunnyside Drive at pedestrian crossings and 2 close to Durriss Town Hall - Cllr Dickinson is going to look further into this. She has emailed and will feedback once she has a reply.

Cllr  
Dickinson

Bellrock Offshore Wind Farm – worth looking at – not sure of location.

#### 4) Police Reports

No comments

#### 5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

##### a) Road Safety

##### i) Kirkton of Durriss 40mph

Area committee met for Kincardine and Mearns and are moving forward with the statutory processes for the 40mph at Kirkton of Durriss.

Road signs in Durriss – some been changed since the 20mph law, but wrong signs have been put up (national speed limit instead of 50mph) Cllr Dickinson has emailed and will report back once she hears back.

Cllr  
Dickinson

##### ii) A93 Park & A93 / A957 Crathes request

40mph – 30mph – has now been referred to ISC for consultation. Cllr Turner advised he does not have a date or timeline for this at the moment. DE requested as soon as he does can he please let us know. Cllr Ross offered to meet with DE and other CC members to see what their approach to this will be.

Cllr Ross

The CC will work on some information ready for when it can be submitted.

Cllr Black and Cllr Ross are of the understanding the speed limit policy is due to be reviewed and would be surprised if these are looked at until the policy has been reviewed.

##### b) Park Quarry/Nether Park Quarry



Park Quarry – JKR Quarry. Came back with a detailed email and some images. Proof that they are complying with reinstatement. MA will contact planning and try and get a hold of the original application – think it may be under the name of CHAPP rather than JKR. **MA**

**c) Park Bridge**

Cllr Turner – still waiting on a response from Phillip MacKay to find out why they are completing another inspection – he will continue to chase. **Cllr Turner**

**d) Community Parth Network. Kirkton of Durriss – Woodlands of Durriss Core Path Connection.**

Path between Kirkton of Durriss up to Clune Woods – had some good feedback from Ethos consultants – report in the gmail.

We have been awarded £5000 from the Meikle Carewe Community Fund. Two other big applications were rejected because we do not have quotes for the work to be completed.

May have to look at planning permission for the route.

2 local suppliers are going to look at the potential paths and start looking at quotes.

**e) Energy projects / Committees**

**i) Convention of North East Community Councils**

DM advised that originally there was a little bit of unrest that the reason for this forming could have been from a political perspective. From December's meeting, no politicians will be involved – it will be community councils only and the agreed unified statement will support this.

**Unified Statement**

All agreed to support this statement.

**Next Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> December**

All agreed that whomever is the nominated representative from the Community Council who attends the meetings will have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the Drumoak, Durriss, Crathes Community Council and report back.

DM is going to attend the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**ii) Proposed Hill of Fare Windfarm**

Nothing to report at the moment – 20<sup>th</sup> January is the latest date by which the Scottish Government Reporter will submit their recommendation. Government likely to sit on this for another 6 months.

**iii) Proposed Hurlie Substation**

**Pre Determination Hearing 26<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am –**

We have requested to speak at this. MA has been working on a summary which is approx. 8 minutes long. DE is unable to attend so MA is happy to go.



Cllr Turner and Cllr Dickinson advised it is likely to be a long day.

After this meeting is goes to the Area meeting (where they provide commentary) and then goes to ISC for recommendation/decision.

**iv) Proposed 400kV Overhead Line**

DE highlighted a road closure notification that had wording assumed that when the lines **would** be installed – but obviously this is not confirmed yet – DE has highlighted this miscommunication to all Councillors/MPs/MSPs/Tim Stephen Cllrs advised they have received approx. 800 – 1000 emails objections.

**v) Proposed Glenskinnan Energy Park**

Email from Simon Richards in today with a request for a meeting on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm at the Strachan town hall. Will confirm that interested to be involved but unable to make this meeting.

**LO**

Need to formally respond by the 18<sup>th</sup> November regarding the glen dye overhead line. DE will respond to this based on a previous email sent to SSEN.

**DE**

Glen Dye overhead line – may need to add this onto this section.

**SH**

**f) The Glebe**

Rangers have been down and re-turfed the fire scars. MA will follow up on the plans for the wild planting.

**MA**

Cllr Dickinson will send through an email with a summary of points she has received back from Fiona Banks.

**Cllr  
Dickinson**

**g) Flooding in Drumoak**

Cllr Turner will chase again. Cllr Black reported that at the ward meeting the final inspections will be taking place at Keith Muir Gardens. Sunnyside – work they completed has had an effect so will leave it as it is.

**Cllr Turner**

**h) Bike Shelters**

SF not present at meeting to update. Will request an update for next meeting in Jan.

**SF**

**6) FINANCE**

**a) Update**

JW reported that all applications for our area were approved at the Meikle Carewe Community Fund awards meeting.

Account balance is £2641.85 (Mid Hill Application 86, Defib Annual Maintenance £1495 now paid to CDDCC)

**Mid Hill Windfarm Fund**

**Latest Applications Paid:**

85 Kirkton Hall carpet Cleaning £420

88 Durriss Primary Swim Club Instructors £2524

89 Drumoak Primary Hi viz vests £200

90 Durriss Kirkton Hall Monument Cleaning/relettering £834



No outstanding applications.  
Remaining fund- £14875

**Fred Olsen Renewables Community Benefit Endowment Application (Mid Hill)**

Work has continued on CDDCC holding our annual fund as one amount, and dispensed by ourselves.

All agreed that we were happy to work in this manner. All present also signed a document to reflect this agreement.

**b) Applications**

No applications this month.

**7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

Next meeting with Paul Macari until next year in February.

**b) Applications**

**Validated**

**Week beginning 13/10/25**

Reference	APP/2025/1711
Alternative Reference	100729884-001
Application Received	Wed 15 Oct 2025
Application Validated	Wed 15 Oct 2025
Address	East Brachmont Farm Durriss Banchory AB31 6DY
Proposal	Erection of Agricultural Building
Status	Decided
Decision	Prior Approval Required
Decision Issued Date	Mon 10 Nov 2025
Appeal Status	Not Available
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available

**Decided**

**Week beginning 20/10/25**



**Felling of 3 Trees and Pruning of 5 Trees**

14 Woodlands Park Durriss Banchory AB31 6BF

Ref. No: TRE/2025/0085 | Received: Mon 01 Sep 2025 | Validated: Mon 01 Sep 2025 | Status: De

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**Felling of 1 Tree and Pruning of 3 Trees**

11 Woodlands Park Durriss Banchory AB31 6BF

Ref. No: TRE/2025/0084 | Received: Mon 01 Sep 2025 | Validated: Mon 01 Sep 2025 | Status: De

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**Erection of Poultry Shed (Egg Production) and Feed Silos**

Land At Rashenloch Drumoak Banchory AB31 5HL

Ref. No: APP/2025/1303 | Received: Fri 08 Aug 2025 | Validated: Thu 21 Aug 2025 | Status: Decid

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**Week beginning 3/11/25**

**Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse**

Greenways Kirkton Of Durriss Banchory AB31 6BN

Ref. No: APP/2025/1493 | Received: Wed 10 Sep 2025 | Validated: Thu 11 Sep 2025 | Status: I

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**Felling of Tree**

Durriss Stables Durriss Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 6BD

Ref. No: TRE/2025/0092 | Received: Tue 09 Sep 2025 | Validated: Fri 12 Sep 2025 | Status: D

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**Week beginning 10/11/25**

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*No comments to make.*

**c) Local Place Plans**

It is ready. Need to add it onto our website and complete a social media campaign to get comments.

Then it can be submitted by the end of December.

**8) Aberdeenshire Councillor Updates**

Cllr Dickinson – speeds on the Durriss Straights – submitted a FOI request. Waiting on this information – should get this back very soon

Cllr Turner will ask what they are doing with the wires across the road. DM advised we would be interested to get access to the data that has been collated.

**Cllr Turner**

**9) Strategic initiatives/Fundraising**

24 Nov – 7.30pm – Westhill – first meeting – DM will attend.

**10) AOB**

**a)** Dec Meeting – Social Gathering. Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Scott Skinners – invite Lynn Coull. **DE**  
7pm. If a meeting is required last minute this would be on-line only.

**b)** Jan Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> January, Durriss Hall

**c)** Council Weed Killer

AS asked if Aberdeenshire Council use glyphosate weed killer – Cllr Turner will check but does not believe that we do.

**Cllr Turner**

*Meeting closed at 21.17hrs.*