



## Crathes Drumoak & Durriss Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### **APPROVED JULY MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Present:**

Community and Aberdeenshire Councillors:

David Edgar (DE)– Chair and Durriss rep  
Mark Ansell (MA) – Treasurer and Durriss rep.  
Lynn Coull (LC) – Drumoak rep  
Les Oliver (LO) – Crathes rep  
Jules Wood (JW) – Drumoak rep  
Ewan Reid (ER) – Crathes Rep  
Anne Shearer (AS) - Drumoak rep

**Not present:-**

Eveline Crossan (EC) – Drumoak Rep - apologies sent  
David Morrish (DM) – Crathes rep – apologies sent  
Shaun Falcus (SF) – Durriss rep – apologies sent  
Nicola Chambury (NC) – Crathes Rep - apologies sent

Councillors:

Cllr Alan Turner (on-line)  
Cllr Wendy Agnew (on-line)  
Cllr Sarah Dickinson (on-line)  
Cllr Dawn Black (on-line)

**Not present:**

Cllr Eileen Durno – apologies sent  
Cllr Ann Ross – apologies sent  
Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey – 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 (June 2024)**

LO – proposed JW seconded.

**AGM minute and report**

MA – proposed LC seconded.

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

As reported on the consent for Craig Neil Wind Farm to build 7 x 180m turbines – bigger than original planning application which was approved (11 @130m). Community Fund will be split between 4 communities including ourselves. This is not likely to be built until 2030. Due to size of blades on these turbines there may be a lot of disruption with traffic transporting them there. Next consultation will be in September (in a further 2 locations).

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

Stone graving update - MA spoke to Derek – he confirmed that he is sticking to regulations and MA went back to person enquiring to advise this.

Winter review feedback – LC encouraged parents from Drumoak primary to complete this.

She also submitted a document with photos to the Council – the have acknowledged receipt of this.

Drumoak Durriss Warm Space – great feedback from this project. Would welcome an application for funding again.

Olympic rings - MA just waiting on approval of area where statue and plaque can be erected then this can be completed.

**4) Police Reports**

Was received through K & M. Noted there were no traffic incidents reported in this area. Is that just because nobody investigating this?

**5) COMMUNITY UPDATES**

**a) Road Safety**

DE to follow up the 40mph speed limit in Kirkton of Durriss

**DE**

**b) Park Quarry/Nether Park Quarry**

Park Quarry now under new management. MA will reach out and try and meet up before the Oct meeting

**MA**

**c) Park Bridge**

AS – reported on this. SF has asked for progress on the scoping document – there was a reply advising this is hoping to be ready early September.

Carlton Power – keen to try and help get Park Bridge open again (helps with fishing industry).

AS has put them in touch with Maryculter hotel.

Cllr Turner advised that all bridges are inspected annually – AS requested a copy of one of these reports.



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

Core path- DE and MA have a meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> August – to look at the cairns and check that the path will not interfere with these. MA will check if Derek Forbes can also attend  
MA asked Neil Taylor to see if they can get someone in with a chainsaw to clear the blocked path off the slug road brought up at the June meeting.

**MA**

MA also been in touch with Forestry about getting a permit which would allow them to complete clearing on the Mounth Route.

**e) Proposed Hill of Fare Windfarm**

Still open for objections. Discussions likely to take place about how to reignite interest and encourage people to object. DE also suggested it might be worth changing location of the existing sign.

**g) Proposed new 400KV Overhead Line SSEN**

DE and LC have got the letter ready for 13 CC to sign.

Tealing have not come back to us to say that they will sign it.

Peterculter have also come back to us to say that they will not sign it as it would not be a full representation of their community.

Are currently working on finding out how many residents are being represented throughout all the 13 community councils

Need to find a way of getting this document electronic signed by those willing. 'DocuSign' might be an option

Email from Paul Macari in Inbox – MA will request another meeting as need more clarity on his response.

**MA**

AS reported on the Deeside against pylons group – A few people attended the New Deer public meeting – Gillian Martin was in attendance, and it appeared got a bit of a grilling.

AS emailed her after meeting about the health side effects of the proposed pylons. Deeside against pylons have put together a letter from a doctor (signed in support by 37 other doctors) advising how dangerous these lines are and that there is not enough research on the side effects of this and that all work should be put on hold until a full proper investigation is done – this letter has been sent to Gillian Martin Has also been sent to local MP's, MSP's and local councillors.

Will have 2 stands at the Echt show.

Have engaged a professional planning individual.

**6) FINANCE**

**CDDCC Finance Update**

The CDDCC account currently stands at £3272.18; no outstanding bills.

End of year 2023/2024 verified accounts have been submitted to K&M Area Office.

**a) Applications**

**Mid Hill Applications and Community Fund**

Application 70 1st Drumoak Scouts/Beavers cooking equipment, £1500 now paid to them.



Application 71 Forget Me Not Charity, £935 approved, waiting on payment from Fred Olsen Renewables

No other applications pending.

Estimated £4000 remaining in our fund.

**K&M Area Committee Budget- Funding Applications**

We have a 50% contribution towards an external notice board for Woodlands of Durriss (requested by residents)- total cost £266.40

I have applied for funding towards our planned work on Local Place Plans; and we now have approval for payment of any invoices up to £500.

Time limit is February 2025.

AS also highlighted that the Meikle Crew fund is now also open for applications – need to be in by end of Sept.

**7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- b) *Validated***
- None**

***Approved***

**Week beginning 17.6.24**

Reference	APP/2024/0630
Alternative Reference	100668568-001
Application Received	Wed 17 Apr 2024
Application Validated	Wed 01 May 2024
Address	Milton Brasserie Milton Of Crathes Crathes Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 5QH
Proposal	Formation of External Terrace (Retrospective)
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved
Decision Issued Date	Fri 21 Jun 2024
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available



**Week beginning 24.6.24**

Reference	APP/2024/0688
Alternative Reference	100668684-001
Application Received	Tue 23 Apr 2024
Application Validated	Tue 23 Apr 2024
Address	Drum Castle Drumoak Aberdeenshire AB31 5EY
Proposal	Installation of Starlink Satellite Receiver Including Associated Fixings and Cabling
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved
Decision Issued Date	Tue 25 Jun 2024
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

There are [22 documents](#) associated with this application.

**Week beginning 1.7.24**

Reference	APP/2024/0280
Alternative Reference	100662255-001
Application Received	Fri 23 Feb 2024
Application Validated	Mon 01 Apr 2024
Address	Balfour Cottage Durrisc Banchory AB31 6BL
Proposal	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved
Decision Issued Date	Tue 02 Jul 2024
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

No Comments to make



**c) Place Plans**

No update at this meeting.

NC and EC have asked if anyone would like to join them and support them on this – if so contact them directly.

**ALL**

**8) Aberdeenshire Council Updates**

Cllr Black – no update on the flooding since last meeting.

**9) Strategic initiatives**

**a) Green Initiatives**

There is food for thought but need to think about options – if encouraging people to get out and use paths need to give something back to the landowners – responsible dog walkers etc. Cllr Dickinson mentioned a Green dog initiative.

**10) AOB**

**a) Aug Meeting – Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Aug, Durriss Village Hall.** DE unable to attend. LC not here either. MA will check if DM can chair. ER will bring laptop. Need to set up 2 x google meets for this.

**MA/ER**

**b) Bike Shelters** – SF not present to update.

**c) Flooding in Drumoak** – concerning an area in Drumoak – thought issue was resolved but it seems to be an issue again. Council has been to visit. Cllr Black will chase to see what their conclusion was now they have been there.

**Cllr  
Black**

**d) Community Council elections** – there will be paperwork for each representative to complete ahead of the October meeting. At the October meeting the roles/applications will be approved by the council and these will be valid for 3 years.

**e) Drumoak Durriss Newsletter – due on 26<sup>th</sup> July.** DE asked for all who have a piece to have them by **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 1700hrs.**

**ALL**

*Meeting closed at 21.00 hrs.*