



Crathes Drumoak & Durriss Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 11th March 2026

APPROVED MAR 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 – on-line
David Morrish (DM) – Crathes rep
Shaun Falcus (SF) – Durriss rep – apologies sent
Joe Barns (JB) – Drumoak Rep – apologies sent
Jonathan Rose (JR) – Crathes rep

Councillors:

Cllr Alan Turner – in person (from 7.47pm)
Cllr Wendy Agnew – on-line
Cllr Sarah Dickinson – on-line
Cllr Dawn Black – apologies sent
Cllr Ann Ross – on-line
Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey – on-line
Cllr Eileen Durno – apologies sent

Others:

Minutes:-
Sharon Hauxwell (SH) on-line

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 (Feb 2026)

LO – proposed, MA - seconded.

b) Actions & Matters Arising from Feb meeting not mentioned below

Landscaping services are going to put out signage whilst using the glyphosate. It will be temporary and can be removed again when in use. The trial of this mobile signage when the council is using Glyphosate will be in the Crathes Drumoak and



Durriss Community Council area – not likely until April Will also be doing some work on social media to advertise this.

3) SECRETARY’S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

DE encouraged all to look through the document and read any emails that may be of interest of them.

4) Police Reports

Nothing to report/discuss at this meeting

Cllr Ross highlighted that the police are now patrolling the Banchory area and handing out fines to those using taxi ranks/disabled parking spots/parking on double yellow lines/parking on pavements – please be aware.

5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Road Safety

i) Kirkton of Durriss 40mph

This is on the board agenda next week. Cllr Dickinson will hopefully have a further update after this.

ii) A93 Park & A93 / A957 Crathes request

DM will send to Cllr Anne this month.

DE – will contact Stuart for the Park section to also be incorporated.

DM

DE

Potholes – discussion took place on repairs and MA was wondering if there is a warranty on repairs – Cllr Dickinson advised that if full resurfacing work with a contractor is completed then there should be some guarantees on the work. But for some of the patching work that takes place, they know they are doing a holding repair. This allows the work to be completed quicker, rather than waiting on a full-service repair but it is a temporary measure.

b) Park Quarry/Nether Park Quarry

MA has been in touch with Aberdeenshire Council again after receiving their FOI request and is waiting on a response back from them. Still trying to find the original planning documents. MA will chase again.

Cllr Agnew offered to go and have a look in the archives and see what she can find.

Nether Park Quarry to be taken off the agenda moving forward

MA

Cllr Agnew

SH

c) Park Bridge

AS has still not received a copy of the report. She has chased this again. Philip Mackay had responded today in the Gmail to advise he will chase the structures department again and ask them to reply as a matter of urgency.

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

Have had one quote in. MA will chase Tom again



Planning have confirmed that we will need planning but have provided pointers on what we need to do.

Cllr Dickinson- has been in touch with Cameron Forbes again regarding the path connecting Drumoak to Drum Garden Centre – he did have a drawing that shows the path, but he didn't have a planning condition for it. It is now sitting with the area team with a full background to the enquiry. She is hoping there might be an update/development after the meeting next week.

Need to try and arrange a catch up meeting with Stuart Young of Dunecht Estates in order to discuss footpaths and shelter belts in the Crathes area – DM will try and make contact on 12th March 2026. **DM**

e) Energy projects / Committees

i) *Convention of Northeast Community Councils*

MA/AS and JR went to Holyrood – very well attended – CC's from as far away as Skye down to Dumfries were in attendance. Approx 70 community councillors there – an amazing calibre on individuals. Gillian Martin only attended for 25 minutes – when she spoke, it felt very scripted. Approx 8-10 MSP's popped in throughout the time the meeting was in progress. Helen Crawford (Councillor from the Highlands) - felt she represented Scotland extremely well.

ii) *Proposed Hill of Fare Windfarm*

Still no answer from the reporter. Not actually sure when they will hear.

iii) *Fetteresso Forest (Hurlie Substation/Bowden/Bellrock)*

On the back of our objection to our Hurlie, we submitted an objection to the Bowden substation.

AS mentioned Bellrock offshore windfarm proposal (offshore from Stonehaven) – need to also keep an eye on this – will it be linked to the Hurlie substation?

iv) *Proposed 400kV Overhead Line*

MA sitting in on a meeting tomorrow. Will be starting to prepare for the public enquiry which is possibly going to be in June. Pre-enquiry meeting 20th March – location tbc.

v) *Proposed Glenskinnan Energy Park*

Save Kerloch group are organising an event on 24th March – Banchory Guide Hut – Flyer in the Gmail. SH to add to the FB page
ER would also like to send out to the mailing list too. **SH**
ER

vi) *Glendye overhead line*

No further updates on this.

f) *The Glebe*



Responding to community needs

Fiona Banks – been asking for signage. Fiona has come back and said that due to Scottish outdoor access Law we cannot stipulate NO fires. As wondered if we can create and put up our own posters as a Community Council – requesting no overnight camping and no fires?

Cllr Dickinson will do a little bit of probing on an email she received regarding wildfires – from COSLA.

Tatiana has also been in touch. MA suggested we apply for some Windfarm funding to purchase plants, see if Drum Garden Centre would supply plants and see if Drumoak School would get involved in planting them?

g) Flooding in Drumoak

This was not covered at this meeting.

h) Bike Shelters

SF not present at meeting to report.

6) FINANCE

a) Update

£30780.26 in account – funding for next 3 years. Need to open a savings account for these funds to go in. Could go ahead and open the account before JB becomes a signatory if necessary.

MA/JB

Need to find out the date the end of this 3-year period ends.

MA/JB

MIDHILL COMMUNITY FUND

b) Applications

Young farmers – requesting £6750 for dinner and band. It was agreed that we would like to support them as a community group but not in this capacity. Would need to be in a more productive way/activity.

Drumoak School – iPads – all agreed to fund this. DE asked everyone to keep in mind we have a limited budget for the year.

All were very touched by the thank you cards they received from Drumoak School for the High Vis jackets they received funding for.

7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS – To be moved to number 1 for next meeting

SH

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

b) Applications

Validated



None

Decided

Week beginning 16.2.26

Reference	APP/2025/1497
Alternative Reference	100726068-001
Application Received	Wed 10 Sep 2025
Application Validated	Thu 11 Sep 2025
Address	Land To The South Of Haleakala Drumoak Aberdeenshire
Proposal	Erection of Dwellinghouse
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved
Decision Issued Date	Tue 17 Feb 2026
Appeal Status	
Appeal Decision	
Local Review Body Status	
Local Review Body Decision	

Week beginning 2.3.26

Status: **DECIDED**

[Demolition Existing Buildings and Erection of 2 Dwellinghouses](#)

Site Adjacent To Lochside New House Drumoak Banchory AB31 5HE

Ref. No: APP/2025/1618 · Received: Wed 01 Oct 2025 · Validated: Mon 06 Oct 2025

Status: **DECIDED**

[Erection of Dwellinghouse including Demolition of Existing Dwellinghouse](#)

Clachnaben Crathes Banchory Aberdeenshire

Ref. No: APP/2025/1049 · Received: Fri 27 Jun 2025 · Validated: Mon 14 Jul 2025

Week beginning 9.3.26



Reference	APP/2025/2124
Alternative Reference	100738180-001
Application Received	Mon 22 Dec 2025
Application Validated	Mon 22 Dec 2025
Address	2 Kilduthie Cottages Raemoir Banchory AB31 5QU
Proposal	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse
Status	Decided
Decision	Withdrawn
Decision Issued Date	Mon 09 Mar 2026
Appeal Status	
Appeal Decision	
Local Review Body Status	
Local Review Body Decision	

No comments on the above.

c) Local Place Plans

DE wanted to say again, a massive thank you to EC for all the work that she has completed. An enormous effort has been made in terms of workload, attending meetings, emails, drafts and everyone wanted to say thank you so much for all her efforts.

Final draft to be submitted on Monday.

Charter – all agreed to read this and DE will put a poll out in WhatsApp over the weekend so we can give our response – whether it be supporting or not.

DE

8) Aberdeenshire Councillor Updates

No further updates at this meeting.

9) Strategic initiatives/Fundraising

Nothing at this stage.

10) AOB

a) April Meeting – Wed 8th - Durriss Hall

b) Good news with the success of Neil Simpson in the Paralympics. We have updated our FB page to say congratulations.

c) Work being done being done on Coopers Rd – not clear how permission was granted for this (nothing came through on normal Aberdeenshire notifications). Have requested a FOI on this.

Meeting closed at 21.43hrs.