



Crathes Drumoak & Durriss Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 12th February 2025

APPROVED FEB MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Present:

Community and Aberdeenshire Councillors:

David Edgar (DE)– Chair and Durriss rep
Eveline Crossan (EC) – Drumoak Rep
Mark Ansell (MA) – Treasurer and Durriss rep.
Lynn Coull (LC) – Vice Chair and Drumoak rep – apologies sent
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 – on-line

Councillors:

Cllr Alan Turner (on-line)
Cllr Wendy Agnew (on-line)
Cllr Sarah Dickinson (in person)
Cllr Dawn Black (on-line)
Cllr Eileen Durno (not present – apologies sent)
Cllr Ann Ross (on-line)
Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey (apologies sent)

Others: Joe (resident from Drumoak)

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

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a) Approval of Minute of Meeting (Jan 2025)

MA– proposed JW - seconded.

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

JW reported back on this Mini Orchard – they were out of stock by time we applied. Advised to keep in mind any areas we might to plant in in the future and then can be prepared to apply if it comes up again.

Office Bearers form – with LC. She will complete and send to MA to complete and then send to SH to complete and return

LC/MA/SH

3) SECRETARY’S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

KDM Questionnaire – DM will respond

DM

Glenskinnan Renewable Energy Park – need to add to agenda from now on. ER will attend a meeting regarding this. DE suggested ER ask where is it connected to the grid – will this enter into our areas?

SH

ER

Cllr Turner highlighted email received into inbox from Aberdeenshire Planning tool – all to look at. Cllr Dickinson mentioned that it is slow to load – it does work eventually be to be patient.

ALL

4) Police Reports

Will use this section for any items wishing to flag to the police.

As noted that David Charnley came to the warms space in Drumoak. He provided a good bit of reassurance to people in attendance. He is going to make it a monthly occurrence. This month he came with a fraud officer who provided invaluable advice. Good link between the community and the police.

Cllr Black mentioned that the Community Council forum – there will be a police presence at this if there any points that need to be flagged. The police also offer a drop-in session over in Stonehaven on a monthly basis. This is upstairs in the library on the second Tuesday of each month

Cllr Black - update on house in Drumoak – she has requested Housing to make sure next resident is properly vetted to try and ensure no problems with resident of property.

5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Road Safety

Subgroup meeting in diary for 20th Feb with Tim Stephen. Have summarised items into key points rather than the spreadsheet previous used to work through.

Cllr Dickinson provided an update on the Kirkton of Durriss speed limit into the gmail account - reduction will not happen until after the 20mph work has been completed (as so much work will be involved in this).

b) Park Quarry/Nether Park Quarry

Spoke about Quarry with Paul Macari – they do not enforce reinstatement. Can chase him at next meeting re certain sections as these were agreed pre-electronic filing (i.e hard copy would be in an archive)



c) Park Bridge

AS brought small bag of rust particles that she collected after Storm Eowyn to pass onto Cllr Turner. This was in a joking manner but she was highlighting how the bridge is becoming more and more damaged the longer it is left unrepaired.

Cllr Turner reported that he does not have any progress since last meeting. The report will go to the Ward councillors first. This will likely to be in March.

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

MA has done a lot of work over the last month. Had a meeting with consultant (Adam Bunse) last week. Need a plan based on the survey. Can then apply for more funding. Get the scope from consultants so we can get quotes for work to be completed. Could consider Wind farm funds/SSEN funds as source of finance.

e) Proposed Hill of Fare Windfarm

25th January – public enquiry now to take place. The fact that Aberdeenshire objected it, triggers this to take place. Cllr Dickinson will try and find out who will fund this.

**Cllr
Dickinson**

f) Proposed new 400KV Overhead Line SSEN

Objection document has been produced – DE wanted to pass on a huge thank you to those involved. It is validated on the portal for anyone to see (Aberdeenshire Site). We have done everything that we can do at this stage.

Councillors could not offer a date when it will appear on the K & M Agenda. They all confirmed that they have had hundreds of objection emails (some over 700).

SSEN consultation – the route they will be taking forward – position of alignment's. Wed 26th Feb in Drumoak, Thur 27th Feb in Durriss. AS, LO and EC will do Drumoak. EC and MA will attend Durriss (and hopefully SF) EC will also use this as a Place Plan exercise. Good to have a table and presence at the events but don't need to be conducting questionnaires. MA to speak to SSEN and request a space at these consultations.

**AS, LO, EC
EC,MA,
SF?
MA**

Deeside against Pylons – meeting last night. Panorama programme – good publicity. Interactions taking place with other groups.

g) The Glebe

MA will chase Fiona.

MA

h) Flooding in Drumoak

Neither Cllr Black or Cllr Turner have received an update.

i) Bike Shelters

SF has chased this up with Aberdeenshire Council. He will chase again and include Cllr Turner.

SF

6) FINANCE



a) Applications

SSEN applications – we have put one in. Applied for 3 years maintenance of the De-fibs. Also encouraged some of our previous Mid Hill applicants to apply through this.

Money we can apply for Place Plan fund needs to be in by end of Feb – any costs that can be associated with this, quotes for printing, FB post. EC also to contact Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey to see if can get into speak to Durriss School Parent Council. **EC**

b) Update

7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Meeting with Paul Macari – noted that planned housing development application unlikely to happen in Quarry area.

b) Applications

Validated

None

Approved

Week beginning 20.1.25

Reference	APP/2024/1900
Alternative Reference	100692712-001
Application Received	Fri 22 Nov 2024
Application Validated	Mon 02 Dec 2024
Address	8 Sunnyside Avenue Drumoak AB31 5EF
Proposal	Erection of Garage
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved
Decision Issued Date	Mon 20 Jan 2025
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

Week beginning 27.1.25



Reference	APP/2024/1769
Alternative Reference	100690354-001
Application Received	Thu 31 Oct 2024
Application Validated	Fri 01 Nov 2024
Address	Land To The South West Of Upper Balfour Durriss Banchory AB31 6BJ
Proposal	Formation of Access Road
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved
Decision Issued Date	Thu 30 Jan 2025
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

Week beginning 10.2.25

Reference	APP/2024/2055
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Tue 10 Dec 2024
Application Validated	Mon 06 Jan 2025
Address	Bush Farmhouse Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 5QQ
Proposal	Erection of Dog Boarding Kennels
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved
Decision Issued Date	Tue 11 Feb 2025
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

No Comments to make

c) Local Place Plans

EC provided an update. The cut of date will be beginning of March. Targeting Durriss area as not had a lot of response from here. Need help with creating maps and graphs – both SF and DM will assist with this. Final report will not be ready until end of March.

SF/DM

8) Aberdeenshire Council Updates

Cllr Ross updated that at the beginning of Feb was the opening of the fishing season – salmon is now an endangered species. Robert Harper performed the blessing.

9) AOB



Responding to community needs

- a) **Mar Meeting – 12th Mar – Durriss Hall.** DE is not available due to work. DM will speak to LC and one will Chair the meeting. Continue at Durriss for time being as only the snug room available for the foreseeable future. **DM/LC**
- b) **Peterculter Health Practise –** EC reported that she has been speaking with gentleman named Bob Farthing – On Peterculter CC and on a GP subgroup. He will take any problems we have forward but advised we should not contact the surgery directly. EC will put together a paper with all her findings. **EC**

Meeting closed at 21.31 hrs.