



Crathes Drumoak & Durriss Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 12th June 2024

APPROVED JUNE 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
Nicola Chambury (NC) – Crathes Rep
Ewan Reid (ER) – Crathes Rep

Not present:-

Eveline Crossan (EC) – Drumoak - apologies sent
Anne Shearer (AS) - Drumoak rep - apologies sent
David Morrish (DM) – Crathes rep - apologies sent
Shaun Falcus (SF) – Durriss rep - apologies sent

Councillors:

Cllr Alan Turner (in person)
Cllr Ann Ross (in person)
Cllr Wendy Agnew (on-line)
Cllr Sarah Dickinson (on-line)
Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey (in person)

Not present:

Cllr Dawn Black – apologies sent
Cllr Eileen Durno – apologies sent

Others: Emily Clark – Forget me not Club
Michael Turvey – Durriss resident
Liz Anderson – Durriss resident

Minutes:-

Sharon Hauxwell (SH)

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



Forget me Not Banchory

Emily Clark attended the start of the meeting to give an introduction to the Forget me Not Club who have submitted a funding application. She advised that the Forget me Not Club is based at Bennet House in Banchory but accept people from out with Banchory including Drumoak, Durriss and Crathes.

They are open 4 days per week but also offer an outreach programme and home visits. They own Bennet House outright because of a donation they received. They operate 361 days per year and accept anyone who has a diagnosis of dementia or are being investigated for it. There is no charge per hour but encourage donations from those who can offer it. It costs approx. £20K to run the facility per month. On Thursday the centre is closed and the staff do one-to-one visits, and the centre is open the rest of the week - Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri. Challenge they have is current financial climate. Emily been brought on board to fund raise. 90 people come regularly each week.

Julie applied for funding recently. This will pay for collection envelopes to be distributed in Banchory, Aboyne and Alford and also a pop-up banners to use at events as marketing material.

It was noted by many at the meeting what amazing work the Forget me Not Club provide.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Approval of Minute of Meeting (May 2024)

MA– proposed LC seconded.

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

Mailing lists – GDPR – DM has made a start on it. SH to put on agenda for next meeting
MA/DE to start looking at purchasing a new laptop. Will look at a funding application for the purchase of these

Second clearing with Jerry Moorhouse at Elsick Mounth Path. MA attended. Only 5 came to this meeting.

Proposed changes to Craigneil Windfarm – email from DM on this.

MA spoke with Derek Forbes re the football building and reply sent to resident.

SH
MA/DE

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

Various Survey's been highlighted by Councillors including Active Travel Survey and the winter roads survey. LC encouraged as many people as possible to complete the survey especially regarding the issues at Drumoak School.

Flooding in Drumoak – smaller play park. This has raised its head again – was dealt with previously. Cllr Black is following it up. Landscape services are working on this.

Hurley Meeting tomorrow re substation – DE and LC going to attend.

It was noted that the 40mph restriction at Blairs has been extended.

4) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Road Safety

Meeting took place – only LC was able to attend. This was only with Tim Stephen as Ross Anderson (Head of Roads) was unable to attend. Went over all the things still on the list and



asked Tim to pass these onto Ross. One of the main items they would like see is a speed camera outside of Park (as you approach from Banchory). Cllr Turner will take this on to see if the current one just inside of Drumoak (as you approach from Park) can be moved and to also request some data from the one that is currently there.

**Cllr
Turner**

b) Proposed Hill of Fare Windfarm

16/17th October – extension for any feedback/objections.

c) Proposed new 400KV Overhead Line SSEN

Meeting earlier in week with Andrew Bowie as an energy minister rather than MP.

Hurley Substation meeting in Stonehaven tomorrow.

Document SSEN has produced – it recognises that we are objecting to the proposed new line.

13 community councils meeting – all affected by the proposed new line.

MA – update from Deeside Against Pylons. Met last night. A family in Echt had agreement with Bancon – offer has been withdrawn. Appears to be due to pylons.

At the meeting, the CC's asked resident Michael Turvey for advice about other areas where substations were due to be built but through objections were moved location. Michael Turvey suggested trying to find out what are the powerful stories can be used in Drumoak/Durriss that media can focus on? Also speak to SSEN from a business perspective – why would this be bad for business. Also approach all political parties at the same level.

5) FINANCE

a) Applications

Forgot me Not - £935 – will discuss at next meeting

The Barn have also enquired – MA go back to them to explain they are now in the Banchory area so need to apply to them.

b) Update

Olympic Rings – hoping plaque will be ready by end of summer. Can then be installed into gardens at Durriss Community Hall.

Funding for place plans – MA has put an application in for this – in the region of £300.

6) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Planning Applications

b) Validated

Week beginning 20.5.24



Responding to community needs

Reference	APP/2024/0860
Alternative Reference	100672634-001
Application Received	Thu 23 May 2024
Application Validated	Thu 23 May 2024
Address	1 Bogmore Cottages Drumoak AB31 5AB
Proposal	Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse, Erection of Store/Utility Room, Pergola and Installation of Air Source Heat Pump
Status	Awaiting decision
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

There are [12 documents](#) associated with this application.

Week beginning 3.6.24

Reference	APP/2024/0885
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Tue 28 May 2024
Application Validated	Thu 06 Jun 2024
Address	Hogshillock Steading Drumoak AB31 5HQ
Proposal	Conversion, Alterations and Extension of Agricultural Steading to Form Dwellinghouse (Class 9)
Status	Awaiting decision
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

There are [6 documents](#) associated with this application.

No Comments to make

Approved

Week beginning 3.6.24



Responding to community needs

Reference	APP/2023/2356
Alternative Reference	100655899-001
Application Received	Thu 21 Dec 2023
Application Validated	Tue 16 Jan 2024
Address	Drumholly Drumoak Aberdeenshire AB31 5AN
Proposal	Erection of Agricultural Storage Shed
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved
Decision Issued Date	Mon 10 Jun 2024
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

There are [16 documents](#) associated with this application.

No Comments to make

c) Place Plans

No updates at this meeting as Evelyn been away. NC has been attending the Banchory Community Council meetings to see what they are doing and to adopt some ideas. She is keen to recruit some helpers.

7) AOB

a) July Meeting – Wed 10th July, Drumoak Bowling Club - LC to book

LC

b) MA requested DE sent him a map for paths as needs it for Forestry application.

DE

Meeting closed at 21.00 hrs.