



## Crathes Drumoak & Durriss Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### APPROVED MAY MEETING MINUTES

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

**Present:**

Community and Aberdeenshire Councillors:

David Edgar (DE) – Chair and Durriss rep  
David Morrish (DM) – Crathes rep  
Mark Ansell (MA) – Treasurer and Durriss rep.  
Lynn Coull (LC) – Drumoak rep  
Les Oliver (LO) – Crathes rep

**Not present:-**

Eveline Crossan (EC) – apologies sent  
Jules Wood (JW) – apologies sent  
Shaun Falcus (SF) – Durriss rep - apologies sent  
Nicola Chambury (NC) – Crathes Rep - apologies sent  
Ewan Reid (ER) – Crathes Rep - apologies sent  
Anne Shearer (AS) - Drumoak 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 Dawn Black (on-line)  
Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey (on-line)

**Not present:**

Cllr Eileen Durno

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

Speed camera – location – DE confirmed that if we can find out more information that would be great. Cllr Dickinson confirmed that she has had some feedback. Why it is where it is – it is linked to data regarding speed related collisions including a pedestrian death –



Aberdeenshire Council has worked with Transport Scotland's advice – it has to be within 1km of where these collisions have taken place. There is also a need to put them where there is access to power.

Cllr Ross requested if Cllr Dickinson could share this information as she has had a lot of enquiries from her constituents. Cllr Dickinson confirmed she will try and get something in writing and send this out.

**Cllr  
Dickinson**

**a) Approval of Minute of Meeting (April 2024)**

MA– proposed DM seconded.

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

Mailing Lists and GDPR – brought up at the last meeting. We do not have a policy to ensure that the details we have on file are secure. It was agreed that we should have a separate meeting to agree on this.

In the meantime, It was agreed that everyone who has any form of mailing list for either Hill of Fayre and/or SSEN to confirm so. DM is happy to try and create a folder in the Gmail account and make it password protected for all email addresses to be stored securely.

**ALL**

**DM**

It was also agreed that DE and MA will purchase a CC Chromebook by next meeting and purchase a Team licence.

**DE/MA**

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

Gerry Moorhouse - MA attended the event and they cleared one of the sections that they were aiming to. Gerry is keen to organise another one – perhaps at the weekend as there had been a lot of interest to participate just not midweek.

Email came in since email correspondence document issued regarding upper Balfour – football portacabin – we need to respond to this but it is on private land and not a CC issue. MA will call Derek Forbes to discuss and then reply to the enquiry.

**MA**

30/4 - Proposed re-design of Craig Neil windfarm – need to put this on as an agenda point. It was previously approved but our understanding is there will be less turbines but the height will be larger. DM to speak to Jim Steven from Stonehaven – DE gave his mobile phone number – DM will call.

**SH**

**DM**

**4) Police Reports**

Issued on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**5) COMMUNITY UPDATES**

**a) Road Safety**

LC confirmed that the flashing school signs are now up in Drumoak and the speed monitor is back up in Drumoak (as you enter Drumoak from Park). LC still keen to try and get one outside of Park itself (as you approach it from Banchory). She will follow this up.

**LC**

Update from Cllr Dickinson earlier in the meeting re: the South Deeside Road

DE confirmed that the 30mph sign has been put further back in Woodlands.



DE and LC are due to meet at the end of May.

Cllr Ross advised that Police Scotland will be working with Parking officers especially focussing on unsafe parking around schools and parking on pavements.

Cllr Ross will chase to find out when the 4-way traffic lights are going to go up in Crathes so that we can forewarn the local residents. **Cllr Ross**

Cllr Black will continue chase to find out when the road outside Durriss hall will be filled in. **Cllr Black**

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

AS not at meeting to update.

**c) Park Bridge**

Waiting on Donald McPherson coming back with costs. It was agreed that if these have not been received by the next meeting will need to chase this up.

Cllr Turner advised that he has chased the response to SF's email that has been submitted.

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

DE and MA have a meeting with Ethos on Friday with an update/costs. Biggest drawback at this stage is from Dunecht estate – stopping a footpath being created along past Durriss School. This would cover the paths network and cover road safety.

Cllr Black will contact Stuart again upon our behalf.

**Cllr Black**

**e) Proposed Hill of Fare Windfarm**

Expecting area committee to take place in June. LC and DM met with Paul Macari today – the reason for the delay in the meeting date is that Nature Scotland and HIS Scotland have requested more information from the developer. It could be that is gets pushed back even further than June.

DM/LC will put a post on FB encouraging people to still contact Councillors/ISC committee members

**LC/DM**

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

Have submitted formal feedback which has been acknowledged.

In a bit of a waiting game now.

Alignment consultations have been delayed.

LC listened to the debate at Holyrood. Also, a similar discussion at Westminster with about 15 MP's present. What was disappointing was that Andrew Bowie was not in attendance.

MA reported that the Deeside Against Pylons have been involved with the following:-

Holyrood campaign was a success – a lot of television coverage.

Tractor run was very well received.

June – walk the line event

Durriss Q & A will take place end of May/beginning of June

**6) FINANCE**



### **CDDCC Finance Update**

We have £3568 in our account and awaiting payment (£3500) from Fred Olsen Renewables for the last 3 Mid Hill Applications for onward payment.

#### **a) Applications**

##### **Mid Hill Fund Applications**

One Mid Hill application received this month, from 1st Drumoak Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. The group serves all 3 communities. Application for £1965 to replace their very old and unsafe (stove incident last summer) cooking equipment, to be used for their up-and-coming camping trips commencing in June.

Kelley has provided very detailed quotes for the most suitable equipment, (recommended by the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme) which must be 'safe' and meet necessary standards. This purchase will provide 7 complete cook-sets. Preparing and cooking food is one of the key camp activities.

We have £7065 in our Mid Hill fund.

All agreed to give them £1500.

**MA**

##### **K&M Area Budget Application- Local Place Plan**

Eveline and Nicola are working on this project and seeking funds to help with organising public consultation events and community surveys to seek input from all our communities on the content for our Place Plans. Funding is to help with hall hire, printing and consumables- (£ amount tbc) LO advised to check email as remembers something coming in about being able to apply for funding for this.

**EC/NC**

CDDCC also have an outstanding K&M application submitted in January, for a Woodlands of Durriss notice board (£266); still awaiting news on budget allocation for 2024/2025.

MA asked the Councillors if there been a budget been decided? Cllr Dickinson confirmed that the maximum you are able to apply for is £6,000 instead of £8,000 (last year) – match funding as per last year.

#### **7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

##### **b) *Validated***

**Week beginning 22.4.24**



**[Installation of Starlink Satellite Receiver Including Associated Fixings and Cabling](#)**

Drum Castle Drumoak Aberdeenshire AB31 5EY

Ref. No: APP/2024/0688 | Received: Tue 23 Apr 2024 | Validated: Tue 23 Apr 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision

**[Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse](#)**

St Duthac Cottage Raemoir Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 5RA

Ref. No: APP/2024/0522 | Received: Wed 03 Apr 2024 | Validated: Mon 22 Apr 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision

**Week beginning 29.4.24**

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	Awaiting decision
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

No Comments to make

***Approved***

**Week beginning 15.4.24**



## Responding to community needs

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Reference	APP/2024/0305
Alternative Reference	100662703-001
Application Received	Wed 28 Feb 2024
Application Validated	Thu 29 Feb 2024
Address	Crathes Public Hall Crathes Banchory
Proposal	Installation of Solar Panels
Status	Decided
Decision	Approved
Decision Issued Date	Tue 16 Apr 2024
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

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### **Week beginning 29.4.24**

Reference	APP/2024/0545
Alternative Reference	100667334-001
Application Received	Fri 05 Apr 2024
Application Validated	Fri 05 Apr 2024
Address	Doucer Den 2 Durris Forest Banchory
Proposal	Formation of Private Way
Status	Decided
Decision	Prior Approval Not Required
Decision Issued Date	Tue 30 Apr 2024
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

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No Comments to make

#### **c) Place Plans**

No update at this meeting.

#### **8) Aberdeenshire Council Updates**



Cllr Ross – Play for all playpark was successfully opened last week in Banchroy. They raised the money in approx. 8 months. Now fundraising for other playpark equipment.  
Cllr Ross recommended looking at the committee minutes that appear on the website – there is a lot of information on here you may not be aware of.  
Cllr Turner confirmed that the ISC papers went out this morning – now available publicly.  
Consultation from NESTrans is still open and available – would encourage people to complete this.  
Also a consultation live with SEPA – would encourage people to complete this as well.  
Cllr Turner will send the links to both consultations

**Cllr  
Turner**

Cllr Dickinson – provided an update to SF re the water on the road on the Slug Road. The problem sits with the pipe – the ditch has been filled in around it so the pipe is no longer working effectively. Council is following up with that landowner.  
Cllr Turvey - noted that there are 2 surveys going out to parents and would encourage people to complete .

**9) Strategic initiatives**

**a) Green Initiatives**

Some of the bulbs we planted earlier in the year – not too many seemed to have flowered. May want to pursue again next year and chose different locations.

**b) Vacant Positions, Recruitment and Communications**

Nothing to note on this at this meeting

**10) AOB**

**a) June Meeting – Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June, Durrisc Village Hall**

**b) Bike Shelters** – SF advised his previous contact is on maternity leave so has made contact with her replacement.

**c) Flooding in Drumoak** – Cllr Black – has not had any luck with the floods team on getting a timescale. Also will chase Sunnyside Farm re the pipe. Fencing has now been replaced and resident is very happy. Fence between Keithmuir and the park has not yet been fixed – Cllr Black will chase this as well.

**Cllr Black**

**d) Banchory Tourism Plans** – DM walked the area with Nicola last month. Keep on agenda for next month. Cllr Ross recommended making contact with Banchory Community Council.

**e) Deeside Against Pylons Q&A evening Durrisc Hall**

Looking like first week in June.

**f) Grass cutting**

Landscaping services will be contacting the area committees soon. The Councillors have not seen anything yet. Budgets have been cut. Landscaping is on the area committee agenda in May.



**g) Post Office**

The post office in Culter is due to close in June. Try and think of any local businesses we could approach.

*Meeting closed at 21.30 hrs.*