



Crathes Drumoak & Durriss Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 9th October 2024

APPROVED OCT MEETING MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Cllr Black welcomed everyone to the meeting.

All members agreed with constitution which had been sent in advance.

Code of conduct – Cllr Black advised all members should read and understand this. Also training available – again recommended everyone try and attend these. Sessions are recorded for anyone who cannot attend.

Everyone agreed rotation of meeting dates and locations.

Appointments of office bearers:-

Nomination for Chair – DM nominated DE. DE was happy accept nomination. MA seconded

Nomination for Vice Chair – DE nominated LC. LC was happy accept nomination. EC seconded

Secretary – not a nominated cc member – a self-employed individual offering services.

Treasurer - DE nominated MA. MA was happy to accept. SF seconded. It was noted that may need to be some succession planning for this role.

Cllr Black passed over to DE to start as re-elected Chair

Cllr Ross declared that she is married to LO cc member.

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 – apologies sent

Ewan Reid (ER) – Crathes Rep – apologies sent

Anne Shearer (AS) - Drumoak rep – on-line

David Morrish (DM) – Crathes rep

Shaun Falcus (SF) – Durriss rep

Not present:-

Councillors:

Cllr Alan Turner (in person)

Cllr Wendy Agnew (on-line)

Cllr Sarah Dickinson (on-line from 8.25pm)

Cllr Dawn Black (in person)

Cllr Eileen Durno (apologies sent)



Cllr Ann Ross (in person)
Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey (on-line)

Others:

Susan Cordiner - Drumoak School Council rep
Tim Stephen – Area manager Kincardine and Mearns
Eileen West – local resident
Steven Kemp – local resident

Minutes:-

Sharon Hauxwell (SH)

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

1. Susan Cordiner – Drumoak School Council Rep came to speak about fundraising the school council and currently raising fund for. They are looking to upgrade one of the rooms into the school into a sensory room. She explained that across Aberdeenshire about 48% children have additional needs. Awareness of ADHD and autism is much greater now. No extra funds are available to the schools until diagnosis is made and this can take up to 2 years. Looking to support school to meet the needs of children in Drumoak School. Aberdeenshire Council have reviewed policy – all P1 and P2 pupils who would have had chance to go to enhanced provision no longer on offer – need to be accommodated within their local primary class. Would like to generate a sensory room. Have a local group (of 20 parents who all have additional support needs) who give each other support all agree it would be a fantastic facility to have for children at the school with needs. Have put in an application to Meikle Carewe and about to submit to Tesco stronger starts. They have also already raised £1000 and are planning a Christmas night out in December and possible race night in March. Cllr Black will look into whether ‘area’ match funding might be possible (in the new financial year) SF will find out who completed the installation of the de-fibs as the can sometimes offer services for free if for the community. They have also submitted an application to the CC which will be considered later in the meeting.
2. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND CC UPDATES**
 - a) **Approval of Minute of Meeting (Sep 2024)**
SF – proposed EC - seconded.
 - b) **Actions & Matters Arising from Sept meeting not mentioned below**
MA waiting on Anne Simpson (Neil and Andrew) mum to reply about a possible launch event.
- 3) **SECRETARY’S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE**

Path between A93 and Drum Castle. Cllr Dickinson – sent an email on 2nd Oct – been split into sections with multiple time frames. It is unlikely to start until February – leaving it with the CC to reply to the resident.

Banchory Group Practise – minutes are in the Gmail – feel free read it

DE



Peterculter – AS contacted medical practise to see if they have a forum – they don't have such a thing and would not meet with AS. Have advised people can contact them directly if they have any complaints/comments. Cllr Ross suggested you can complain to Aberdeen City Health and social care partnership if it was felt necessary as Peterculter is part of the City. EC will pick this up.

EC
DM/JW

Bedding plants – DM will pick this up for Crathes. JW to pass this onto those in Drumoak involved.

Properties for sale – flagging for information

Mini orchard imitative – will see if JW will head this up as Drumoak interested.

JW

4) Police Reports

DE has spoken to DC and GG and they advised that they will not be able to attend the cc meetings in person. Reports can also not be changed. Are keen to work with us. DC is going to attend the warm space at Drumoak on a regular basis. If there is anything specific in the report, we want to ask about we can. DM asked for an update on the air rifle incident that occurred at the Glebe. Apparently nothing further can be done as the individual concerned cannot be identified.

5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Road Safety

Tim Stephen who was in attendance started this section by advising that Ross Anderson has left Aberdeenshire Council. Ken Mercer is now covering. He reported back (from Ken Mercer) that the reduction of the Kirkton of Durriss speed limit to 40mph - the title will go K & M committee 19th Nov, then there will be a couple of months of consultations – it is anticipated this should be in place by the new financial year.

There was then a lengthy discussion about the existing set up in place with Ross Anderson and how to move forward. It was agreed that there will still be a regular call/email every quarter with updates on key points rather than specific operational details as those in the existing spreadsheet.

DE reiterated that the cc would like to keep the communication in place and can prioritise the list better so it is not specific items but specific 'areas'.

DE advised that 3 incidents/accidents on South Deeside Road since July – provided by Police Scotland.

Stagecoach – update from Cllr Turner was sent in the Gmail on 8.10.24.

Flashing Speed camera A93 Crathes – Cllr Ross investigated on our behalf and confirmed by email that this has been removed and it is not going to be replaced.

b) Park Quarry/Nether Park Quarry

Meeting pencilled in - 15 Nov with Park Quarry

c) Park Bridge

Cllr Turner – reported that he has chased scoping document again this week (and throughout the month since last meeting) hopefully it will be ready by Nov meeting.

Inspection reports were emailed by Cllr Turner to the Gmail on 8.10.24.

Cllr Agnew – spoke to Jim Savage recently. She may also speak to Andrew Bowie to see if any options for grants to help with the restoration of the bridge.



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

MA and DE have created an on-line portal so public can go on-line and provide comment/feedback. Have a meeting on Fri afternoon about launching the portal. Hoping the company helping them with the portal will also have created a proper map that they can send to Historic/Environment Scotland to get their approval. Only people did not have a response from are Dunecht esates.

e) Proposed Hill of Fare Windfarm

Infrastructure committee meeting took place – Aberdeenshire Council will formally object to the planning application.

f) Proposed new 400KV Overhead Line SSEN

Steve Kemp – lives West Park – have a small local group – wished to listen and communicate back.

Eileen West – Part of Deeside Against Pylons – here to listen in and feedback

Letter has been sent representing 13 cc along the affected proposed ling. SK asked if this was a public document and DE confirmed that all 13 cc's have been asked if they are happy for the letter to be published to the public (after signatories removed) – just waiting on confirmation from all.

Attended Local Community Forum – what support is available – restrictions in place for this.

Aberdeenshire Council Planning – got feedback from Paul Macari and some suggestions about how to progress.

SSEN consultations are taking place – 400 people attended the event last week in Drumoak. Next week there is one in Durriss.

Running a new questionnaire and hoping to get some new responses.

AS and LC due to meet with Andrew Bowie on Friday at 1.30pm.

AS advised that she replied on behalf of the CC to the ECU on the scoping report – copy in the Gmail on the 7.10.24. The 2 areas in particular she commented on was 1. impact on the environment. SSEN are saying that the effects on the proposal are minimal as it is part of the government's overall initiative. Absolutely disagrees with this. Second was the impact on health. SSEN are proposing that they will comply with ICN IRP guidelines – believes these guidelines are out of date and that there is scientific back up to support this. DE – has gone back to SSEN to ask about legal status about consultations with new proposed line location – not had a response so far.

CC in Highland – AS feels we could learn from this and may like to follow a similar path.

Eileen advised that a Deeside Against Pylons have now formed a specialist group after the consultation at Drumlitthy.

g) The Glebe

DE reported that there was an excellent meeting held at the Glebe with Fiona Bruce and PC Charnley – AS/DE/LC all in attendance. Got some good action points from the meeting including additional signage/How to report/possible glass recycling bin/possible movement of the gate/clearing of some of the bushes close to river.



h) Flooding in Drumoak

No further update at present. Tim Stephen confirmed that the work has been commissioned.

i) Bike Shelters

SF confirmed that Scottish Cycling will commission this. SF will take this forward.

6) FINANCE

MA advised that there is currently £2190 in account

a) Applications

Discussed 4 at last meeting. Finzean - going to apply to own area. Warm Space – MA reported that we will still consider paying full amount if unsuccessful with Meikle Carewe. Defib maintenance approved and been sent. Still working with DE on IT application.

Drumoak School Council application discussed and all agreed to fund £1500 towards this.

SSEN fund – for line that is already in place. Need to decide if we want to be part of it. It was agreed that need to have a sub-group meeting to decide on this.

DE

7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

b) Applications

Validated

Week beginning 23.9.24

Reference	APP/2024/1557
Alternative Reference	100684420-001
Application Received	Wed 18 Sep 2024
Application Validated	Thu 26 Sep 2024
Address	Site At Craigbeg South West Of A957 Slug Road Stonehaven Aberdeenshire
Proposal	Extension of Borrow Pit (For maintenance of existing forestry track)
Status	Awaiting decision
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

There are [5 documents](#) associated with this application.



Week beginning 30.9.24

Reference	APP/2024/1465
Alternative Reference	100683592-001
Application Received	Mon 02 Sep 2024
Application Validated	Tue 01 Oct 2024
Address	Kennerty Toll Cottage Raemoir Banchory AB31 4DQ
Proposal	Installation of Free Standing Solar Panels
Status	Awaiting decision
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available
Local Review Body Status	Not Available
Local Review Body Decision	Not Available

DM will have a look at both in more detail and comment on them.

Approved

Week beginning 16.9.24

Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse

5 Reidford Gardens Drumoak AB31 5AW

Ref. No: APP/2024/1289 | Received: Fri 02 Aug 2024 | Validated: Mon 05 Aug 2024 | Status: Decided

Installation of Free Standing Bike Storage Facilities

Crathes Castle Crathes Banchory AB31 5QJ

Ref. No: APP/2024/1282 | Received: Thu 01 Aug 2024 | Validated: Fri 09 Aug 2024 | Status: Decided

Installation of Free Standing Bike Storage Facilities

Drum Castle Drumoak AB31 5EY

Ref. No: APP/2024/1283 | Received: Thu 01 Aug 2024 | Validated: Fri 09 Aug 2024 | Status: Decided



No Comments to make

c) Place Plans

EC confirmed that there are a further 5 public meetings planned and going to attend Warm Space event on 1st Nov. Website has been updated. Was an issue with the QR code – now using the link rather than the QR code.

8) Aberdeenshire Council Updates

Cllr Ross is issuing food packs – if we know of anyone who is struggling let her know. Happy for it to be shared on FB.

10) AOB

a) Nov Meeting – Wed 13th Nov – Drumoak Bowling Club

b) CC Email distribution list

Leave for another meeting.

c) Event Regs and Drumoak & Durriss Community Group

Cllr Black – still working on this

d) Meikle Carewe Windfarm Community Fund representative

AS will speak to JW to see if she would be willing/interested in taking over as the representative before asking the wider group

AS/JW

Meeting closed at 21.40 hrs.