



Crathes Drumoak & Durriss Community Council Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 8th December 2021 – Google Video Conference
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1) INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Present:

Community Councillors and Guests:

Peter Renwick – Chair and Crathes rep.
Jules Wood – Drumoak rep.
David Edgar – Durriss rep.
Mark Ansell – Treasurer and Durriss rep.
David Morrish – Crathes rep.
Philippa Jensen – Crathes rep.

Councillors:

Cllr Wendy Agnew
Cllr Sarah Dickinson
Cllr Rosemary Bruce
Cllr Ann Ross

Minutes – Mark Ansell

Apologies notified:

Cllr Robertson
Marc Camus- Police Scotland
Lynn Coull- Drumoak rep.
Anne Shearer- Drumoak rep.

The meeting was declared quorate.

1) Introduction

PR welcomed everyone to the meeting, and proposed the first item be Storm Arwen/Barra community resilience/response.

2) Storm Arwen/Barra Resilience and Response

PR invited feedback on experiences and learning, and requested a formal survey from AC at some stage. Council offices were getting some SSEN information, and Ken Duncan was providing email bulletins for Aberdeenshire Council. Cllr Bruce requested that feedback on experiences is provided by all. Cllr Dickinson stated that it is an evolving situation; Cllr Ross echoed comments highlighting neighbour experiences and learning e.g. chimneys swept to permit fires.

All CC's provided feedback on key points- DE- Council emergency phones not manned earlier, and not weekends; Kirkton Hall has gas provision but no

power. MA also stressed the need to look at community halls regarding back-up power provision. PR- homes need phone charging, mobile signals were lost in some areas. DM mentioned need for links to hall committees, the need for back-up generators and a list of vulnerable residents needing assistance. JW similarly stressed the need for a register of vulnerable people, and that SSEN were offering this via text service.

3) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Jules Wood proposed the November minute for approval.

Mark Ansell seconded them.

a) Actions & Matters Arising from November

● **Glebe Park Signs**

An update on progress will await Lynn's availability. **Action: LC**

● **St. Ternan's Football Pitch** See update below under 'Paths'.

● Issues on Roads/Traffic from the CC Forum with Brian Strachan, Roads, have been escalated to Bruce Stewart, Area Manager.

● PR provided summary on the draft consultation on Developer Obligations & Affordable Housing, with the emphasis on fairness. DM has agreed to digest the document, insert comments and circulate, on behalf of CDDCC. **ACTION DM**

● Defibrillator Pads for Drumoak; funding agreed, MA waiting on bank details from Emma Windle.

● Durriss School issue with completion of green space behind school and developer lack of action; no progress, Cllr D Robertson pursuing with developer, Kirkwood Homes. If no progress continues, CDDCC (MA) will invite Kirkwood Homes rep to meeting. **ACTION DR**

4) SECRETARY'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

Actionable Correspondence



- **10 Nov** AC seeking input on Developer Obligation/ Affordable Housing under LDP. (see above)
- **11 Nov** Mosside Farm Plng Appl to convert steading to commercial use, after 10 years; CC have objected.
- **11 Nov** CDDCC has now paid Emma Windle for AED maintenance.
- **23 Nov** SEPA update from Emma Storey that SEPA will review flooding in 2024. CC will report any issues. **ACTION DM, MA and DE.**
- **23 Nov** Keithmuir Park maintenance email now sent to correct address for Ian Welsh.
- **17-26 Nov** exchange email with AC ISC, re Park Bridge; MA/AS awaiting response on request for meeting.
- **23-26 Nov** Document with CC comments on Woodlands new plots and flooding, submitted to planners; awaiting response.
- **24 Nov** Response from Roads, Ewan Smith refusing to lower Kirkton speed limit; project to be continued under Traffic Speed project.
- **26 Nov** Emails sent to Stuart Andrew and Martin, Drumoak, to join CC, but no reply.
- **2 Dec** Upper Deeside Police Report received.
- **3 Dec** Queens Jubilee funding applications deadline 15 Dec.
- **3 Dec** Park Quarry POAN presentation invite to 2nd online consultation. **ACTION: ALL if available**

5) POLICE REPORTS

a) October Reports

Report for Marr Area received; PC Camus unavailable this evening. (carried over; PC Camus was asked about the road traffic accident at Mains of Drum and will provide information at the next meeting) **Action: PC Camus**

6) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Park Bridge (AS/MA)

In AS's absence MA provided an update on email exchanges between CDDCC, PBAG and Cllr P Argyle, the ISC chair. Having been refused requests to address ISC meeting, CDDCC has been offered a meeting with Alan Wood Director of infrastructure, in January 2022. Cllr Agnew added that there needs to be an independent assessment on the bridge carried out, and that there is an additional meeting with councillors and officers second week in January. **Action: MA**

b) Traffic Speed in Drumoak/Road Safety

PR and MA attended the online CC Forum 16 Nov and PR circulated a summary email. The issues highlighted included Drumoak village, Kirkton/Woodlands of Durriss, A93 Culter to Drumoak, and a survey will be put together early in 2022 to seek communities' views on all issues. DM is drafting initial statement for the sub group's intentions. Cllr Ross mentioned that there is an AC team looking at a 20mph roll-out in built-up areas. **ACTION: Sub Group**

c) Keithmuir Park

Email to AC regarding maintenance now sent to correct address.

d) Paths (DE/DM)

DM has had a meeting with the Leys Estate representative, Richard Elliott, and Christine Hansley, (Mhairi Robertson?) for St Ternans, regarding the access path to the Dee, by the Milton football pitch. The signs currently in place are actually illegal. From the meeting, now proposal to install small access gate temporarily, and create a path- all in agreement.

DM has also spoken with the Dunecht Estate regarding access to the riverbank. Cllr Ross is to also contact Leys Estate. **Discussions ongoing.**

DE provided update on plans for the path to link Kirkton and Crathes. Dunecht Estate not keen on proposed route, but plans continuing. DE has suggested a quicker route and also now made contact with James Davidson Aberdeenshire Council paths contact, who is keen to help. **Discussions ongoing.**

e) Banchory Patients Participation

PJ to follow-up on clarifying new practice systems. (carried over from previous minutes) **ACTION: PJ**

7) FINANCE

Current bank balance is £5496.24. Mid Hill fund payment made to Durriss Scottish Women's Institute, and awaiting bank details to pay Crathes School project for coaches training. Also possible application from 'Gravitate' in the pipeline.

a. Mid Hill Application for Drumlea Residents Rewilding Project (Drumoak)

Details on this project including costs (£2165) have been received and circulated; all



community councillors agreed that this is a very worthwhile project, and should proceed.

Action: MA.

MA will circulate an updated Windfarm Fund flyer for promotion via social media. **ACTION MA**

With the new Omicron strain now on the increase, all CC'ers were asked to consider the new impacts on our community with in particular with respect to the Resilience of our community.

10) AOB

8) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications from October-November 2021

Approved and new applications were circulated in advance of the meeting. PR took the meeting through the list of new applications: 13 Deevie Gardens, Drumoak had previously been a CC objection but now has a revised application.

It was agreed to object to the application from Mossie Farm retrospective change of use from Agriculture to Storage. **Action: AS**

No other issues were raised with approvals.

9) Strategic Initiatives

PR had previously stated the CCs focus on the three strategies identified.

a) Green Initiatives/Climate Change

COP 26 and Storm Arwen presented initiatives in particular tree planting.

b) Succession/Recruitment

Whilst we have had some interest shown by individuals, PR reminded all CCs the need to think about recruitment for new councillors for all our areas, and also key positions becoming vacant.

c) Living with Covid

a) January Meeting

All agreed not to schedule a meeting in January, but an impromptu meeting on a specific issue can be organised if necessary.

b) Kirkton and Woodlands Issues

DE raised several points including the reinstatement of the archaeological cairn in Kirkton Wood, and contacting the relevant people for assistance; Kirkton Hall are actively seeking new committee members, and the community groups using the hall may well benefit from attending a CC meeting to share info.

Storm damage in Kirkton was considerable with the South Deeside road restricted by fallen trees, crash barriers damaged, and Forestry and Land forest routes closed.

c) MS Teams

The MS Teams trial was organised by DE and used for the Road Safety Issues sub group meeting; all agreed successful with some additional features. Cost may be an issue for meetings longer than 1 hour.

- Next meeting Wednesday 9th February 19.30

The meeting closed at 21.35 hrs