



Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 9th November 2022 7.30pm Drumoak Bowling Club/online

APPROVED NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

1) INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Present:

Community and Aberdeenshire Councillors:

Joanna Prystupa – local resident
David Edgar – Chair and Durris rep.
Mark Ansell – Treasurer and Durris rep.
Lynn Coull – Drumoak rep.
Shaun Falcus – Durris rep
David Morrish – Crathes rep
Anne Shearer - Drumoak rep

Councillors:

Cllr Wendy Agnew (on-line)
Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey (online)
Cllr Ann Ross (online)

Minutes:

Sharon Hauxwell/Shاون Falcus

Apologies notified:

Peter Renwick – Crathes rep
Cllr Eileen Durno
Cllr Alan Turner
Cllr Sarah Dickinson
Cllr Dawn Black
Jules Wood – Drumoak rep.

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

DE welcomed everyone to the meeting and in introduced Sharon Hauxwell and Joanna Prystupa

Third Sector Survey not completed by DE – apologies for this and sadly missed the closing date.

DE Identified a technical issue causing some e-mails to be going directly into Archive. All e-mails archived have been brought back into the inbox and being worked through. Apologies given for anyone who has not had a prompt response due to this issue.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE
Actionable Correspondence

- 11/10 David Edgar – Proposed Core Path Durris
- 11/10 Alison Cumming – Marr Area Council, Community Engagement Project (meeting on 7th Nov – spaced filled by 12th Oct)
- 11/10 Michael Lorimer, Ryden – Banchory Retail Development, Public Consultation. **Reply and offer to attend future CC Meeting. Agreed not necessary to do this before 2023.**
- 12/10 Cllr Wendy Agnew – Re The Glebe (As discussed at last meeting)
- 12/10 Kirsty Macleod – Marr Area Community Resilience Fund – funds available
- 12/10 Cllr Wendy Agnew – Email linked to Levelling up Fund – Park Bridge
- 12/10 Cllr Alan Turner – Email with RA template. R.A's complete on facilities used.
- 13/10 Emma Storey – Email linked to MS Team Licenses
- 13/10 Judith Chalmers – Email with 2023 Local Holiday Dates for K&M
- 13/10 Marr Roads – Urgent Closure of road near Crathes Cemetery (posted to Facebook)
- 13/10 Janine Fell – Email requesting missing agendas and minutes (documents sent)
- 13/10 Jenny Ross, Scottish Water – Scottish Water Autumn Newsletter
- 13/10 Banchory Group Practice – Email reply to Mark re Patient Participation Group. **Happy to include a rep in next meeting.**
- 13/10 Mark Ansell – Land Ownership Information for Woodlands of Durris Further comms on 17/10 Hopefully get hopefully get a footpath from school to west. Dunecht own it.

2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Anne Shearer's apologies were not noted from last meeting. To be updated prior to issue. **(SH)**
Mark Ansell proposed the October minutes for approval. Lynn Coull seconded them.

a. Actions & Matters Arising from October

Shaun – received grant to towards installation of defibrillators in the area. There will be several month lead time on getting the units due to circuit short falls. Action to formalise agreement with locations



Actions for MA & DE to review common correspondences between landowners regards path network to streamline.

- 14/10 David Edgar – Forwarding previously submitted Road Safety Documentation to Bruce Stewart
- 14/10 David Edgar & Cllr Ann Ross – Emails linked to issue of Overgrown Trees between Durris Bridge and Crathes, Issue raised by local resident because of her son walking to school (further comms on 24/10) **Joanna has completed a report through Aberdeenshire. Cllr Ann Ross will wait to see what council responds before intervening. To be sent once received.**
- AR 14/10 Sarah Dickinson – Contact details for Martin Hall re Bike Lockers – to follow up.
- 14/10 Forest & Land Scotland – Follow up to an enquiry sent from Mark re Brachmont Woods
- 17/10 Diane Henderson – SEN – Request to share link to FAQ with regard to Rota Load Disconnections (further comms on 24/10 Leanne Robertson) **If we need to cut off power – it may be cut off for 3 hours – there is no rota published yet or blocks. Agreed too early to send out the information until further information has been formalised.**
- 17/10 Jules Wood – Draft Minutes from Oct meeting
- 17/10 Ian Edwards – Website Enquiry Form, RE: Hill of Fare Windfarm
- 18/10 Marr Roads – Closure of road near Blairydrine (posted to Facebook)
- 18/10 Kate Ingram – Deeside & Upper Deeside Strategic Needs assessment Project update Responding to community needs www.crathesdrumoakdurrisscc.org crathesdrumoakdurrisscc@gmail.com Facebook: Crathes-Drumoak-and-Durris-Community-Council. **Scotly ward has been temporarily closed and patients/staff transferred to Morven ward. Ward is currently being refurbished – hoping to reopen in Spring. Cllr Ann Ross advised Integrated Joint Board (IJB) is in Dec – Which the Scotly Ward will be brought up within the meeting followed by some additional workshops. Meantime Need to monitor situation very carefully to ensure work they are saying is getting done, does get done. Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey confirmed date as 7th Dec and will confirm info to request to speak at the meeting. Cllr Ann Ross advised that if we want**

to speak, we need to write to administrator and Chair of IJB 2 weeks prior to the event (23rd NOV) – Anne Strling is the Chair - . Cllr Ann Ross will let us know if Banchory are going to pursue representative at the meeting on the 7th December before we decide if we will apply.

- 18/10 Mark Ansell – Funding Application from The Simpson Brothers
- 18/10 Aude Chaiban – Email reply re Glashmore, Drumoak
- 19/10 Ken Duncan – ASC Cost of Living Support, media release
- 19/10 Mike Urquhart – Rural Matters – October Edition
- 19/10 Carol Robertson – Reply to FLS Surveillance Certification Audit
- 19/10 Madelyne Simpson - Marr Area Bus Forum Invite
- 19/10 Leanne Robertson, ASC – Updating Community Café Leaflet
- 19/10 Sarah Ritchie, NHS Scotland – Looking for people to sign up to the SHARE register, research studies
- 20/10 Ken Duncan, ASC - Loves Local Media Release (Gift Cards)
- 20/10 Lesley Robertson, ASC – Request for information on Warm Space Plans (deadline 26/10)
- 20/10 Piers Blaxter, ASC – Delay to launching LDP 2022
- 20/10 Donald MacPherson, ASC – Park Bridge Structural Assessment Update
- 20/10 David Morrish – Summary of Hill of Fare Wind Farm proposal to date
- 21/10 Mark Ansell – Feedback from Mesolithic Deeside Dating Project (previously awarded funding)
- 23/10 Maureen Gibson – query on Hill of Fare Questionnaire
- 24/10 Pierre Bernard – Information Request (moving to the area). **Action to reply with recommended organisations to contact.**
- 25/10 Stephen Watt – Reply, Hill of Fare Wind Farm Questionnaire
- 26/10 Lesley Robertson, ASC – Cost of Living Forum update
- 26/10 David Morrish – Crathes Shelter Belt – Proposed Tree Felling (Further comms from Stuart Young 27/10 and Anne Ross 5/11)
- 27/10 Leanne Robertson, ASC – Community Resilience Hubs – **Request information from Kirkton Hall on progression with generators**



and funding being offered, check with Finzean etc... for method / success.

- 27/10 Louise Anderson, SEN – Update on the SEN Transmission East Coast upgrade project
- 27/10 Diane Henderson, ASC – Launch of Community Resilience Strategy Page
- 28/10 Mairi Eddie, ASC – Grassroots Action Network, invite to event 9/11 6.30pm Stonehaven, sharing best practice amongst communities offering warm spaces and resilience initiatives.
- 2/11 Malcolm White, ASC – Follow up to The Glebe meeting (further comms on 7/11)
- 6/11 Ada Renwick – Follow up to DM email from Shelagh Reid regarding Drumoak Plants. **DM to reply to offer a formal collection with a trailer for this area.**
- 7/11 Madelyne Simpson, ASC – Upper Deeside Active & Sustainable Travel Study, public drop in session 9/11 Ballater

4) POLICE REPORTS

No specific details about our area.

5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Road Safety Subgroup

Meeting takes place 10th November. DE would like a action plan in some form that we can hold them accountable to after this meeting. Cllr Anne confirmed that there is a £60 million deficit to fill so budget decisions will be made early next year. Cllr Ye-Pei advised any blocked drains should be reported through roads dept.

b) Park Quarry

Due to visit 15th November. Going to look at both areas of concern during the visit including the new excavation area and the NE where there is considerable amount of water appeared. Findings to be reported back to CC. AS/DM/MA The visit planned for 15th Nov did not take place due to testing positive to covid and very poor weather. It has been agreed with Tim Davies of JKR to reschedule this for the spring.

c) The Glebe

AS need to respond to email. Agreed to create a sub-group to decide on the best way forward with full CC to support on actions. Do want a Bi-Law – this group can make this decision. Cllr Anne – advised that the Community Council need to get their voices heard loudly – possibly going to

press? Next newsletter – mentions that any problems should be reported. Sub-Group leader to be decided out with meeting.

d) Park Bridge

Three vendors have provided tenders for the inspection of the bridge which are being reviewed by the council. It has been confirmed that the request is for inspection to the against the national standards. Will shortly see who has been instructed to complete a structural assessment and hoping to allow to be involved in reviewing the scope with the chosen vendor.

The structural assessment has been awarded to WSP of Glasgow, a global firm with extensive expertise. It is hoped they have, or have access to, expertise on cast iron structures. The check assessment has been awarded to Stantec, also Glasgow and the expected report back is mid-May 2023.

PBAG would like to engage with WSP and an approach will be made to Donald MacPherson in the New Year.

It is important to stay engaged on funding for the restoration of the bridge as although £750,000 has been allocated for 2024, there is concern that this may not be ring-fenced. CDD CC should aim to be involved with the Infrastructure Services Committee when budget time approaches to ensure that the importance of Park Bridge is properly recognised, especially as there is a new chair and new members on the committee.

e) Community Path Network

Kirkton of Durris - Woodlands of Durris Core Path Connection:

Matthew Watt is speaking to landowners on behalf of the Council. Has progressed slightly since last meeting and awaiting confirmation of a meeting between all parties.

f) Hill of Fare Windfarm

Five community councils are due to meet on 14th November to look at the results of the Windfarm survey already completed, and



decision required in how to collate and issue the results.

DM confirmed that we need to stay neutral until we know what the community thinks.

Likely to be another round of formal independent consultations by CDD CC before planning applications are submitted. At present there is a single source form located on the CDD CC Facebook page and website and recommends family and friends to be advised to fill out the questionnaire. Members to share with local community groups on social media, however ensure a clear note is made that *“if people have filled the form in already at the exhibitions, there is not requirement to complete again”*.

Positive point noted is that Community Councils are speaking to each other.

Need to look at GDPR options when collection email addresses in future and if we decide to contact those who have responded again.

g) Recognition -The Simpson Brothers

Royal Mail replied with a contact to speak to about painting post box gold. MA will chase again. However a fall back option would be looking at a dedicated sculpture at Kirkton Hall.

No 52 Mid Hill Application in the system, Simpson Brothers' Skis £4000, with Fred Olsen Renewables.

Remaining Mid Hill Fund after No 52 paid, is at least £6069, but maybe more; I will try to get accurate figure from FOR.

7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Retail Development Hill of Banchory

Banchory CC replied to DE to confirm that the majority of residents are in favour of the development from consultation results and Facebook campaign.

b. Planning Applications

Woodland of Durriss – Spring bank.
Cedar Avenue – suggest we object as developer needs to do something to alleviate the flooding.
MA to action

Approved

East Mains Farm House – approved
Park Smiddy – approved

8) Aberdeenshire Council Updates

Councillors to send anything key to advise or actions required via e-mail due to time constraints.

6) FINANCE

CDDCC account is currently £7516.46; includes recently received Mid Hill Admin Fund £759, and RBS compensation £450.

Proposed Christmas Charity donation circa £450, to be agreed and finalised on 14th.

Also in account £5040 (not included in £7516) for defibs project (Shaun), from Meikle Carewe Award 2022.

Recent Mid Hill awards both paid- Drumotters Swimming Training £2045, and Durriss Bowling £900.

9) Strategic Initiatives

a. Succession/Recruitment

Cllr Ann will send the description of representatives of the community council for review.

10) AOB

a) December -

Will be an informal dinner

January – will need to decide soon if we want to go ahead with this or wait until February,

C) Microsoft Teams



Funding for this may be available through the resilience fund.

d) Joss Quarry

Perhaps need to visit as we do with Park. Noted more noise and dirt in the air than in the past and review both equally.

e) Tree shelter belt

Currently cutting this down and planting trees there. Queries were risen why were we not the estates first port of call – they had delivered letters to all the people in the new houses but not the older houses on the opposite side of the road. Requested advised of what trees are they planning to plant

e) Lights – very bright at Well Gear premises blinding drivers.

This has not been noted previously or reported. This will be continued to be monitored and acted upon if further complaints or noted instances are highlighted.

The meeting closed at *21.40 hrs*