



## Crathes Drumoak & Durris Community Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 7.30pm Durris Kirkton Hall/online

### APPROVED OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

#### 1) INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

##### Present:

##### Community and Aberdeenshire Councillors:

Jules Wood – Drumoak rep.  
David Edgar – Chair and Durris rep.  
Mark Ansell – Treasurer and Durris rep.  
Lynn Coull – Drumoak rep.

##### Councillors:

Cllr Alan Turner  
Cllr Wendy Agnew (online)  
Cllr Sarah Dickinson  
Cllr Dawn Black

##### Minutes:

Jules Wood

##### Apologies notified:

David Morrish – Crathes rep.  
Anne Shearer - Drumoak rep.  
Peter Renwick – Crathes rep. (IT failure)  
Shaun Falcus – Durris rep.  
Cllr Yi-Pei Turvey  
Cllr Eileen Durno  
Cllr Ann Ross

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

DE welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mark Ansell proposed the September minutes for approval. Lynn Coull seconded them.

##### a. Actions & Matters Arising from August

These are dealt with under the main headings that follow.

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

##### Actionable Correspondence

- **12/9<sup>th</sup> and others** Various — Correspondence linked to Defibrillation units and funding application. SF has completed all the required paperwork and submitted the application to Meikle Carewe fund.

- **13/9** Emma Storey — Flooding Related Documents
- **13/9** Bruce Stewart — Follow up to Road Safety emails & arrange meeting. Ongoing DE
- **13/9** Bruce Stewart — Follow up to The Glebe emails & arrange meeting. Ongoing AS.
- **14/9** Mark Ansell — Email containing information on Gateway Signage.
- **14/9** Emma Storey — Upcoming Community Councillor Sessions  
16/11, 7.00 — 8.30pm, General CC Induction  
23/11, 7.00 - 8.30pm, Planning  
Both held at Gordon House, Inverurie & Online, register by 2/11. A reminder to be sent out to all CC members nearer the time **ACTION DE.**
- **14/9** Donna Kelly — Police Scotland CC Report August — K&M Area.
- **17/9** Marion McNeill & Others — Coffee with a Copper Information. Meetings were held in Drumoak and Durris, both were well attended. A further event is scheduled for next month in Drumoak.
- **20/9** John Gaunt — Providing feedback on the proposed windfarm at Hill of Fare. DE emailed a reply.
- **21/9** Ada Renwick — Comms linked to Bedding Plants. DM is dealing with this.
- **21/9** Tony Young — Email confirming Approval for extension to Fetteresso Wind Farm.
- **22/9** Lynn Coull-email containing Pedestrian crossing data from Drumoak Survey.
- **22/9 and others** Anne Shearer – email regarding Park Bridge Assessment and subsequent replies from ASC.
- **23/9 and others** Ruth Liddiecoat -comms regarding Hill of Fare Wind Farm public exhibitions. The information was circulated to all by DM (lead).
- **26/9** Anne Shearer – Meikle Carewe Community Fund Panel Nomination. AS has responded.
- **26/9** Sara Dickinson – Information on the change from Diamond to Comb Lift Bins.
- **27/9** Craig Pattison – email suggesting we look at Bike Lockers for the community. Crathes Hall and Drumoak Bowling club were suggested as possible locations with a view to aiding access to public transport links (park and ride). Some



research may have already been carried out.

**ACTION Cllr Dickinson** to investigate further.

- **27/9** Piers Blaxter – LDP 2022, update on agreement of the modified proposed plan for adoption. ACTION MA and PR.
- **29/9** Andrew Raeburn, Alexander Burnett Office, Notice of Public Exhibitions for Hill of Fare Windfarm.
- **29/9** Emma Storey – request to complete survey on the review of Environment and Infrastructure Services Charges. To be completed by 6/11. Not sure if it is applicable for us to do so? **ACTION DE.**
- **29/9** Anne Shearer – Park Quarry visit. In hand.
- **29/9 and others** David Morrish and various community councils – Comms regarding H of F Windfarm, the setting up of a meeting and the discussing public exhibitions. Completed but an ongoing topic. DM lead.
- **30/9 and others** Meikle Carewe Funding, comms relating to the application for Defibrillation Units.
- **3/10** David Edgar and Matt Watt, comms regarding core paths in Durriss.
- 4/10 K and M Citizens Advice Bureau, notice of AGM, 28/10 2pm via Zoom. RSVP by 24/10.
- 5/10 Elan Speed Signs, winter offer. Delegated to the Road Safety Sub Group.
- 5/10 Marr Area, Agenda for upcoming committee meeting.
- 6/10 Peter Renwick, suggestion to review Risk Assessments. Covered during the meeting.
- 7/10 and others Mark Ansell funding applications for approval.
- 7/10 Garry Garrow, Police Scotland Marr Report July to September.
- 10/10 Michael Lorimer, details of upcoming public consultation for Hill of Banchory Retail Development. 17/10 and 7/11 at 3 -7pm at Banchory Business Centre. Register attendance. DE acknowledged receipt of invitation, once attendees are identified we will feedback. **ACTION DE**
- 11/10 Cllr Wendy Agnew comms regarding the Glebe and the proposed bylaw.

#### 4) POLICE REPORTS

2 reports have been received, K and M August and Marr July – September. A monthly rundown would be preferred, DE will request this. Antisocial behaviour and theft (mountain bikes, quad bikes, fuel and tools) are the main issues.

The need to take preventative measures to secure property was highlighted, outdoor security lights, gravel, CCTV and the use of timers for indoor lights are all good deterrents.

#### 5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

##### a) Road Safety Subgroup

The group has had 2 meetings with Bruce Stewart (Area Manager) and Ken Mercer (Road Safety Unit Civil Engineer). The sub group were impressed that BS and KM have taken their concerns on board. The council are working methodically to see what can be done to improve road safety in our villages (evidence led) while explaining the rationale for the decisions (refusals) being made. Gateway signing has been ordered for Drumoak. Dragons Teeth are in the pipeline and the council are offering a flashing sign for use at times when children are crossing to go to school. It was suggested that the sub group look to inform the public as to what progress is being made so they are aware that the chain of communication from individuals to community councilor to Aberdeenshire council does indeed lead to action. A further meeting is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> November.

##### b) Park Quarry

Tim Davies has offered the CC the opportunity to visit the quarry, we just need to decide on a date.

##### c) The Glebe

Discussion around getting a byelaw in place for the Glebe. The onsite meeting that CC members had with Bruce Stewart, Fiona Banks and Malcolm White was constructive and the notes from this are in an email.

Cllr Turner suggested that it should be the local community who decide exactly what they do and don't want to take place on the Glebe, this would then give a framework for the byelaw. Various activities are already an offence e.g., littering, not picking up dog mess, lighting a fire near woodland, these do not need including into the byelaw. To strengthen the case, it needs to be well documented that problems with fires and antisocial behaviour are occurring. The public should be encouraged to call or email the police ([StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:StonehavenLowerDeesideCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)) so an incident is logged. In 2022 only 4 calls were made to the police, all regarding fires. David Edgar suggested we form a subgroup to



start collating information from land owner, locals etc.

**d) Park Bridge**

The tender has gone out for the independent structural assessment. Anne Shearer has been assured by Donald MacPherson that an assessment will be done on all the components of the bridge and a digital model constructed.

**e) Community Path Network**

**Kirkton of Durriss - Woodlands of Durriss Core Path Connection:**

Following discussions earlier this month, Matthew Wood from ASC is now setting up a meeting with the landowners along with the Councils Area Project Officer. This meeting will allow us to open up further discussions, gather thoughts and explore the options further to move the project forward, date to be confirmed. On the face of it the project would be financed through a mixture of, council funding and grants that are available to community groups and councils. Funding is also available to landowners to install paths through agri-environmental funding, which may help us continue the path and connect to Durriss Primary School.

**A93 Corridor Consultation Feedback:**

Feedback from the recent consultation on the A93 Corridor suggests there was generally high support for several items that are being worked on through the road safety sub group - pavement widths in Crathes, Drumoak and Park, the routing of the Deeside Way, Park & Pedal Facilities at Crathes and Drumoak, with some mentions of Speed Limit reviews, to make walking between settlements safer. In terms of the next steps, consultants are currently finalising our report for Aberdeen City Council and this includes all the feedback from the engagement exercises with the community. Beyond that, it may be that Aberdeen City Council will look to take the study to the next stage and carry out more detailed appraisal on some of the options.

**f) Hill of Fare Windfarm**

The four CC's most directly affected by the windfarm have come together to coordinate

collection of public opinion on the Windfarm independently to RES. The first consultation at Crathes Hall was well attended. Verbal feedback on the day was generally against the proposals. Further public responses will be collected by CC members at the remaining RES public consultations. David Morrish is leading on this and liaising with the other CCs via email and in person meetings.

Anne Shearer received a response from NatureScot re windfarm policy which she forwarded to the CDD CC account.

**g) Recognition -The Simpson Brothers**

Mark Ansell has emailed Royal Mail who have acknowledged and passed to the relevant department. Once a reply is received Mark will contact Maggie Simpson.

**6) FINANCE**

Two Mid Hill fund applications have been received since the last meeting. Outlined below both applications were given unanimous support.

Durriss Bowling Club: £900 to cover a year's hire of the hall to allow the club to continue to run.

Drumotters, Drumoak Primary School Swim Club: £2045 for the training of volunteer swim instructors who need the Scottish Swimming Teaching Qualification, and pool hire.

The CC account has a balance of £6900 while the mid hill fund is circa £7000 after the latest 2 applications are taken off. £200 compensation has been received from RBS following MA complaint re adding signatories to the account.

**7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**a. Retail Development Hill of Banchory**

Details of the upcoming public consultations were received 10/10. Two sessions planned, 17/10 and 7/11. Jules Wood and David Edgar expressed an interest in attending.

**b. Planning Applications**

Nothing contentious this month.



**c. LDP 2027 Place Plans**

Cllr Dickinson sought to clarify the time frame for registering and completing Place Plans. She has forwarded a number of links to aid everyone involved.

The meeting closed at *21.31 hrs*

**8) Aberdeenshire Council Updates**

Cllr Dickinson is chasing Kirkwood homes regarding lack of progress on the land behind the school in the Woodland of Durriss. The work was promised for summer but all that's been given is excuses.

**9) Strategic Initiatives**

**a. Green Initiatives/Climate Change**

Lynn Coull suggested we ask members of Deeside CAN to come along to a meeting to tell us what they are up to.

**b. Succession/Recruitment**

We have had one application for the position of secretary, the individual seems well qualified and an interview will be scheduled.

**10) AOB**

**a) November Meeting**

Next meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Drumoak Bowling Club.

**b) Kirkton of Durriss Soak Away**

This work has been delayed; Cllr Agnew will investigate.

**c) Microsoft Teams**

Funding for this may be available through the resilience fund. Cllr Dickinson suggested we approach Emma Storey.

**d) Risk Assessments**

Peter Renwick suggested we should review risk assessments for all venues used for the CC meetings. The easiest route forward would be to take each venue's risk assessment and update/alter this (should that be required). The risk assessment for Durriss Hall was completed at the meeting.