



Responding to community needs

**CRATHES, DRUMOAK & DURRIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CDDCC)
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2016 19:30 – DRUMOAK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Community Councillors: Peter Renwick (Acting Chair) David Reaich, Howard Scholey, Mike Taylor, Mark Ansell, Marion McNeil
Aberdeenshire Councillors: Cllr. Graeme Clark
Minute Secretary: Rhona Garry

2. REVIEW OF APRIL & MAY MINUTES

The Chair began a review of the previous meetings' actions and discussions were held.

The issue of the safe access to school had been postponed waiting for Marion McNeil's return and attendance to a school meeting, which was currently still being awaited. Cllr. Clark questioned if the current path was being used to which Marion McNeil said that the feedback she had been receiving was that students were not.

In a previous meeting David Morrish was to contact Stewart Milne concerning the discontinued work at Crathes, since then there had been no knowledge of a reply from Stewart Milne. Howard Scholey commented that he learned that Crathes Hall had been booked by them for a public consultation next month, but was unsure about the purpose. It was said that Howard Scholey and Peter Renwick would follow up with any other information concerning the issue as David Morrish was currently away.

Regarding the buses all the information was present on the community council website. Mike Taylor also commented that he had not received any feedback from the public yet, but also personally had had no problems recently.

Recruitment was briefly overviewed as the nomination advertisement had been distributed. The deadline had not yet closed.

The issue of water running down Sunnyside was ongoing, following Mike Taylor's email exchange with Stewart Milne in which they were looking for a drainage point.

Following the discussion from the previous meeting for the need of organisation of the community council for agendas and chairing it was agreed that the rotating chair should continue. The chair for the next meeting would always be decided at the end of each meeting. Furthermore, Marion McNeil would create and distribute the agendas.

April minutes had been approved by email, following the addition of the clause for signatories.

May minutes were taken, however as the meeting was not quorate only discussions were held.

3. POLICE REPORT

No police report had been received for the meeting.

4. FINANCE

Mark Ansell, Mike Taylor and David Reaich had been added as signatories.

5. FUNDING PROJECTS

The prior funding applications for the Crathes Hall and Durris Hall were believed to be with Fred Olsen now, so would be processed soon.

5.1 Drumoak Football Club

David Reaich had recently been in contact with Kyle from the Drumoak Football Club in which he had learned they were the only team in their league without changing facilities at the pitch. He hoped that there may be possibility for the Community Council to support the club either with facilities or in another project, possibly with the replacement of the goals which could be approximately £4000. David Reaich commented that more details would be needed to see how the Community Council could provide support in the future. He had told Kyle to look at the website and the Windfarm applications.

David Reaich suggested to Kyle to join the Community Council, however he lives out of the council's area. The invitation was extended to any other members of the Football club to open up communication. David Reaich said that he would actively support anyone who joined, if this was not possible he would continue to communicate with the club on behalf of the council. At the moment, he would continue to work on the topic and would update the council next meeting.

6.2 Woodend Barn

The group Third Stage that operates through the Woodend Barn had recently been in contact, as they had been struggling with the funding application. It was believed that it would be submitted soon. More information would be available once the application was completed.

6. ROAD SAFETY

6.1 Safe Access to School

It was discussed at length what further involvement the Community Council should have on the issue. It was questioned if this would rather be within the School Council's realm. David Reiach commented that Roads department was meant to have contacted the School Council, but believed this had not been done as of yet. He also suggested that perhaps the question of what should be done next should be taken to the School Council, to see what actions they would like to take, especially concerning if media should be contacted. It was decided that any future action would be done in agreement with the School Council. Marion McNeil commented that she did not yet have a date for the next School Council's meeting. Marion McNeil and David Reaich said that they would try and call a school council meeting so that the issue could be discussed. It was decided to try and liaise with the school council to formulate a letter. This could then be circulated for agreement. Cllr. Graeme Clark offered to email the project team for the school on behalf of the Community Council to enquire for more information on the status of the crossing. David Reaich suggested that perhaps pictures of the crossings could be attached to the email to highlight the issues. There was also mention of problems with the signage and flashing lights. It was noted that if changes were to be made it would be important that they were fixed before school began again after the summer holidays.

6.2 Durriss Speed Limit

Mark Ansell reported that the two houses in Kirkton of Durriss had applied for signage to be erected. This would possibly effect the development of a speed limit in Durriss.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Park Quarry Extension

The application for a 3 year extension of the quarry was accepted. It was questioned as to the effect the extension would have on the Kinclunty application, there was not thought to be any.

7.2 Park Quarry – PDH Delay

The Community Council had been notified that the pre-determination meeting had been deferred until October 6th, on the grounds that the Council wanted to survey the condition of the Park Bridge. Community councillors felt that this raised larger questions as to if the bridge was deemed unsuitable because the original application had never discussed a contribution to the bridge. Howard Scholey mentioned that it was a listed monument so would be difficult to carry out changes to it. Mike Taylor said that the bridge had been closed during the flooding for inspection, but was unsure if it was actually carried out because of the continued heavy water. It was also believed that a survey may have been carried out for strength and volume of traffic. Peter Renwick offered to

draft an email to request these surveys from the council, he was told to contact Steven Archer. It was also mentioned in connection to the Park Quarry application that they didn't expect residents to use the bridge but instead the exit onto the South Deeside Road. Additionally, David Reaich said he would draft a post for Facebook to inform people about the pre-determination meeting and extension application.

8.3 Recent Applications

The April and May applications were mentioned as being minor developments that did not call for any comments. There was a general remark made at the few number of applications seen.

8. STRATEGY

8.1 Recruitment

The public announcement for nominations had been advertised.

Howard Scholey said he was frequently asked about co-opting. He outlined that 3 full members could be co-opted, and after this members could be co-opted but they would be unable to vote. David Reaich and Mike Taylor were to put their forms in for full membership. As they were previously, co-opted members this would renew co-op vacancies for the Community Council.

8.2 Relationship with DDCG

There was discussion about how the Community Council could work with the Drumoak and Durriss Community Group, as there were feelings that there was projects that would be of mutual interest. David Reaich felt that the Community Council could at least work as a conduit for some of the Community Group's projects. Peter Renwick suggested that a meeting should be organised with the two groups to discuss how they could work together, or a Community councillor could attend one of the DDCG meetings. It was decided that David Reaich would attend the DDCG meeting, to try and foster relations. He also proposed that if contact details were passed along, the DDCG could have a section of the Community Council website so as to further advertise their activities.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Howard Scholey had received correspondence from a woman concerning the Crathes Housing Development, but it had been answered by Jill Webster.

David Reaich had been sent a link for a current satellite image compared to an 1838 map of the area. He was going to place the images onto the website for general interest.

Marion McNeil asked to be sent a copy as well so she could place it in the newsletter.

10.1 Crathes Castle

There was correspondence with the new manager of the Crathes Castle as he wanted to attend a meeting. He had concerns about the speed limit in the Crathes area, as he wished to attempt to extend the 40mph limit to the castle entrance as well. Howard Scholey thought that he could be contacted to try and work together on the issue.

10. AOCB

There was a quick discussion about if any news wanted to be put into the newsletter that would go out mid-June. David Reaich mentioned that a small bit about co-opted and full members could be possibly added.

Marion McNeil said that Jackie who ran the Away Day needed a testimony about the day for the KDP report, which Peter Renwick said he would complete.

There was a question if another meeting was needed in June. It was thought that there were no pressing matters, except the safe access to school. It was decided that if the issue needed further follow up a closed committee meeting could be called. If a June meeting was called then David Reaich would chair and send out an agenda. Otherwise, Mark Ansell would be chairing the next meeting in August. It was also decided that Marion McNeil could book the venues for the following September and December meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:30.