



Crathes Drumoak & Durriss Community Council Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 10th November 2021 – Google Video Conference
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1) INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

Present:

Community Councillors and Guests:

Lynn Coull – Drumoak rep.
Peter Renwick – Chair and Crathes rep.
Jules Wood – Drumoak rep.
Anne Shearer – Drumoak rep
David Edgar – Durriss rep.
Mark Ansell – Treasurer and Durriss rep.
David Morrish – Crathes rep.
Philippa Jensen – Crathes rep.
Marc Camus – Police Scotland
Niki Hare-Scott
Stuart Andrew
Yi-pei Chou
Martin Ritchie

Councillors:

Cllr Wendy Agnew
Cllr Sarah Dickinson

Minutes – Philippa Jensen

Apologies notified:

Cllr Robertson
Cllr Ann Ross
Cllr Rosemary Bruce

The meeting was declared quorate.

Introduction

PR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mark Ansell proposed the October minute for approval.
Anne Shearer seconded them.

a) Actions & Matters Arising from October

- **Recent road accident at Park**
PR has not received a response from Roads regarding the diversion signage. This item remains open. **Action: PR**
- **Glebe Park Signs**

LC has a form to apply for funding from the Phoenix Fund. Another option is the Midhill Wind Farm Fund. **Action: LC**

- **St. Ternan's Football Pitch**

DM contacted the Ley's Estate to establish their strategies for paths on the estate and discuss the path across the football pitch at Milton of Crathes. DM to pursue with Leys' factor. **Action: DM**

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT and CORRESPONDENCE

Actionable Correspondence

- **13 & 25 Oct** Emails concerning the CC representative for KDP Committee to decide Meikle Carew Wind Farm Fund applications. The subsequent meeting discussed 17 applications, 9 of which were rejected. Following clarification of the guidelines/eligibility a further meeting will convene to discuss the rejected applications.
- **16 Oct** E Storey with details of CC induction training. JW attended.
- **29 Oct & 2 Nov** ASC Roads acknowledging defect reported by PR on behalf of CC re the ghost island at Drumoak east 30 mph zone– initial ASC survey suggesting low priority, subsequent challenge by PR in email to Roads dept. See below under item 5f.
- **29 Oct** Banchory Town forum invitation, apologies sent as clashes with CC meeting.
- **1 Nov** Emails on Park Quarry Public Consultation with Johnstone, Poole & Bloomer. Shared on Facebook and discussed under item 5b.
- **1 Nov** Email concerning the A93 multi modal survey which was shared via Facebook. Community Cllrs to submit their own responses. **Action: All**
- **3 Nov** Email exchange with Gavin Steel re length of road closure on C5K in Woodlands of Durriss for new water pipe. The duration is due to the new water main having to be laid along the main road.
- **5 Nov** From E Storey concerning the next K&M CC Forum 16 Nov. **Action: MA & PR**
- **8 Nov** Emma Windle requested funds to repair defibrillator. Discussed under item 6.
- **10 Nov** Emma Storey sharing the draft consultation on Developer Obligations and Affordable Housing. **Action: DM**



4) POLICE REPORTS

a) October Reports

PC Camus provided a summary of the K&M report for October, highlighting the main points.

PC Camus undertook a speed check in Park on 22 October following recent concerns about speeding there. Of 116 vehicles, 9 were travelling in excess of the speed limit travelling west to east direction. Drivers travelling east to west were noted as braking suddenly upon entering Drumoak. PC Camus was asked to perform a similar check on vehicles travelling east to west. There has been positive feedback from residents about the speed check taking place.

PC Camus was asked about the road traffic accident at Mains of Drum and will provide information at the next meeting. **Action: PC Camus**

5) COMMUNITY UPDATES

a) Park Bridge (AS)

PBAG contacted ASC Chief Executive Jim Savage to advise of their intention to submit a complaint to Transport Scotland about ASC not having maintained the bridge appropriately. A response was received saying a proposal to spend £750,000 in 2024 to conserve and protect the structure for pedestrians & cyclists will be discussed at the Infrastructure Services Committee. No detail was provided as to the scope of the work & Cllr Agnew will ask for clarity.

Action: WA

Cllr Dickinson agreed to speak to the Infrastructure Services Committee chair, Cllr Argyle, to highlight the community's concern about the ongoing closure to light vehicles and help him understand the detrimental impact of the closure on the community. The CC will ask to make representation at the meeting reinforcing the community's wish to re-open the bridge to light traffic and focusing on recent impacts of continued closure including on the church congregation & after school club. **Action: SD & MA**

b) Park Quarry (PR)

Community Councillors attended public consultation events in respect of the proposed processing of inert construction and demolition waste to produce recycled sands and aggregates

at the quarry. Operators, JKR, seek permission for an 8-year duration. There was a low turnout but events were not widely known about. Concerns include the amount of traffic to/from the site & there is an outstanding transport study & environmental assessment. A planning application is anticipated in December.

c) Durriss Drainage (MA)

DM & MA visited the site and obtained local weather data showing that there have been significant surges of rain in late 2020 & 2021: larger deluges than previous. The burn is not able to cope with the increase and the impact of the development has exacerbated the problem further. It is felt the drainage reports forming part of the planning application were inadequate in terms of the surface water run-off and were based on the incorrect assumption that the burn would cope with existing rainfall. NH-S has complained to ASC about the development of the sinkhole due to poor Planning process and received an acknowledgement with timeframe for response.

A new house has been approved & the CC will inform the Planning dept that the drainage assumptions are incorrect. **Action: MA & DM**

d) Durriss PTA (MA)

MA & Cllrs attended the PTA for an item about the green space behind the school which formed part of the planning conditions for the Woodlands development, completed 4 years ago. The surface is poor, planting outstanding and the area unsuitable for use. The PTA have communicated with Kirkwood Homes & the Planning dept. It was agreed at the PTA that Cllrs Agnew and Robertson would pursue through Planning. **Action: WA & DR.**

Kirkwood Homes have committed to starting the work in mid-November and completing it by February 2022. Y-PC, Secretary for the Parent Council highlighted that the planning permission stipulated that Kirkwood Homes have to make the area accessible for the community to enjoy. The CC agreed to invite a representative for Kirkwood Homes to a future meeting. **Action: MA.**

e) Banchory Patient Participation Group (PJ)

PJ contacted the new Practice Manager to introduce self as representative for the CC &



report that access to appointments has been raised at recent meetings. The Practice are planning to restart PPG meetings and welcome a dialogue with the local community. They have had to adapt their service and now operate telephone triage as well as eConsult. Y-PC reported that parents have discussed the triage system and would find it helpful to understand better how it works. PJ will follow up with the Practice. **Action: PJ.**

f) Speed of Traffic in Drumoak / Road Safety (PR)

The CC has previously led campaigns around speeding & driving behaviour also highlighting issues with road signs and vegetation. DE has recently been trying to have the limit at Kirkton of Durris reduced from 50mph to 30mph and issues in Drumoak have been noted too. A CC sub-group has formed with LC, DE, DM & PR to consider the same issues across all our communities and have collated issues. SA, Park resident, said there is consensus amongst residents to reduce the limit from 40mph to 30mph, and most homes have young children. Residents have been advised to get a camera to record speeds in the first instance to build a case. SA agreed to join the sub-group. PR reported an issue with worn road markings at Drumoak to ASC in October which was assigned a low priority which PR challenged. Cllr Dickinson said that raising issues at Ward meetings can be effective as Officers & the Area Manager are present. **Action: PR.**

6) FINANCE

a. Defibrillator pads

A request was made to the CC to replace the pads on Drumoak's defibrillator which are out of date at a cost of £60. This was unanimously supported. **Action: MA.**

b. Drumlea Residents

Residents at Drumlea, would like to apply for funding to rewild communal land. An application for this could be made to the Midhill Wind Farm Fund and PR/MA will follow up. **Action: MA/PR**

c. The Glebe

This item was discussed under 2a.

d. Keithmuir

A request for funding to improve the play areas in Keithmuir was forwarded by AS. Need to determine who owns the equipment.

The latest bank account figure is approx £5500.

It was suggested that the Wind Farm funding could be promoted via the CDD CC social media to encourage applications. **Action: MA**

7) PLANNING & PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications from October-November 2021

Approved and new applications were circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was agreed to look at the application from Mossie Farm ref 2021/2505 in more detail as it may result in an increase in traffic. **Action: AS**

8) Strategies (not discussed but retained as reminder)

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

a) Green Initiatives/Climate Change

b) Succession/Recruitment

PR reminded all CCs the need to think about recruitment for new councillors for all our areas, and also key positions becoming vacant.

c) Life Post Covid

All CC'ers were asked to consider impacts on our community with the prospect that we may have to live with Covid for the future, in particular with respect to the Resilience of our community.

9) AOB

a) Resilience Plan

Fire and flood should be considered when reviewing the resilience plan, which should take place at the time of the AGM. The Plan will be shared and updates requested nearer the time. **Action: PR**

b) Minute Secretary

The successful candidate has withdrawn and the position remains vacant.



c) **MS Teams**

A trial run of using Teams for a CC meeting will take place for the Speeding sub-group. **Action: DE**

- Next meeting 8 December 19.30

The meeting closed at *21.35 hrs*