

Dyke Landward Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 7 October 2015 at 7.30pm in Dyke & District Community Hall

1. Present

Carol Shaw (Chair) (CAS), Steve Arkley (Treasurer) (SA), Arnold Boyle (AB), Jane Foster (JF), David Shaw (DS)

In attendance

Christine MacLeod (Secretary) (CM), Andrew Anderson (Kintessack Residents' Association), Insp. Paul McCruden (Police Scotland) (PM)

Apologies

Alistair Sutherland (Vice-Chair), John Bonsall (Youth Rep), Cllr Lorna Creswell (TMC), Cllr Anne Skene (TMC)

2 Police Report

No report had been pre-circulated because PC Angela McCarthy was on annual leave.

Inspector McCruden: since 2 Sept there had been no reported crimes and 6 minor incidents in the DLCC area; local police were currently concentrating resources on the wave of vandalism which occurred in Forres last weekend. **AB:** do agricultural vehicles have to show flashing lights - as some were travelling at high speeds on the roads through and around Conicavel? **PM:** will check the regulations and report back. **AB:** how best to deal with a private homeowner in Conicavel who had surrounded his/her house with CCTV cameras that intrude on his/her neighbour's property. **PM:** approach the homeowner directly, but if the matter cannot be resolved get back to Police Scotland and/or TMC. **AA:** Kintessack RA would like a speed monitoring exercise in the village because there's no speed restriction there, it's been 10 years since speeds were monitored, and the village had since grown considerably, with a potentially dangerous school bus-stop. **PM:** traffic-calming measures might be appropriate.

Action: **CAS** will approach TMC to propose 30MPH limit and/or traffic-calming measures on the road through Kintessack. **PM** to report back on agricultural vehicle regulations.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

JF proposed, **DS** seconded, that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the last meeting (2/9/15); agreed, and signed off by the Chair.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(i) A96 at Brodie. **CAS** had replied (9/9/15) to Transport Scotland specifically about the need for street-lighting at Brodie, and received a letter via email (6/10/15) from the new area

manager, Gordon Sinclair, which was generally deemed to be inadequate on several counts but especially on its cost-benefit approach to further fatal accidents. The only recourse seems to be involve the local media to add the weight of public opinion to pressure of local councillors and MSP on Transport Scotland.

Action: CAS will send press release to *Forres Gazette, Inside Moray, P&J*.

(ii) Road Accident Statistics: PC McCarthy's email to CM/CAS advised using a Freedom of Information request to Police Scotland -- request all accident statistics since at least 2010. SA suggested an approach to the Association of British Insurers since it may keep data on minor collisions.

Action: DS will pursue both these suggestions.

(iii) Speed monitors in Dyke. CAS: no reply received from TMC. Consider following Avoch residents' example and get together a working party to monitor speeds.

(iv) Conicavel road closures: AB: Cllr George Alexander had raised these issues with TMC's Roads Dept but its reply remained unsatisfactory. Contrary to the Roads Dept's claim that the road had been too narrow to install temporary traffic-lights at the road-works, AB's own measurements showed it was in fact wider than where traffic-lights had previously been installed. As to the verge, a small experiment with the soil indicated it would be suitable for re-sowing in the spring with rye grass/wild flower seeds.

(v) Liaising with other local community councils. CM: minutes had been received from Findhorn & Kinloss CC, which she had circulated to DLC councillors; none yet from Forres CC. She will continue to send DLCC's minutes to both CCs.

5. Treasurer's Report

SA reported the balance in DLCC's account is £1,375.84. He again urged councillors to claim their travel and administrative expenses before the end of the financial year.

6. Correspondence

The following items had been received by the secretary and circulated to DLC councillors prior to the meeting:

tsiMoray bulletins (10/09), tsiMorayAGM, 28 Sept

Foundation Scotland: Achieving impact reminders, 29 Sept

Sylvia Jamieson: Moray Community Awards

Tracey Rae: Digiworkshops for CCs, Elgin, 30 Oct

Network Rail: Aberdeen to Inverness railway improvement project, 14 Oct

Mandeigh Wells: tsiMoray, free training courses, October

Tracey Rae: Public Panel members wanted

Scottish Boundary Commission: 5th Reviews of Electoral Arrangements

Keep Scotland Beautiful: consultation on climate change prior to Paris UN Conference
CAS drew attention to various items on the list: while several items might interest individual councillors, it was felt that nothing required the attention of DLCC. **CAS** and **DS** intend to go to the Network Rail meeting on 14 Oct.

7. Community Feedback

JF: the stones had been removed from the verge at north end of Dyke. **CM:** will follow up to ask TMC Roads Dept again whether notices have been issued to Crowhall Lane residents about water run-offs, since winter ice on the bend is the greater danger.

8. Reports (a) Local Councillors

None

9. Planning Issues

DS: two residential applications for home improvements at Brodie, raised no issues.

AB: change of use of Conicavel old post office to a small health centre was prompting residents' complaints about cigarette litter and noise.

10. Joint Community Council of Moray (JCC)

CAS: next meeting will be on 12 Nov; she will send apologies to Alistair Kennedy since DLCC is unable to send a representative. JCC's Thursday evenings are especially difficult for DLCC councillors.

11. AOCB

AB: the new crossroads at Newton of Darnaway needs stop lines.

SA: do we know where the new junction boxes for superfast broadband will be? Brodie?
Andy Anderson: Kintessack residents have been told to apply for BT Infinity but he fears there won't be enough demand to get it.

CAS: was told about a near collision at eastwards bus stop on the Findhorn bridge/A96 junction. It would be much safer with a lay-by for buses. **Action: CAS** will contact Stagecoach, TMC & Transport Scotland about this.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting of DLCC

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, at 7:30pm, at Dyke & District Community Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm