

Dyke Landward Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 4 November 2015 at 7.30pm in Dyke & District Community Hall

1. Present

Carol Shaw (Chair) (CAS), Alistair Sutherland (Vice-Chair)(AS), Steve Arkley (Treasurer) (SA), Arnold Boyle (AB), Jane Foster (JF), David Shaw (DS)

In attendance

PC Brian Milne (Police Scotland)(BM), PC Gemma MacRae (Police Scotland)(GM), Cllr Anne Skene (TMC)(Cllr.AS)

Apologies

John Bonsall (Youth Rep),

2 Police Report

BM presented the Police Report advising of two reported crimes in the DLCC area, one being traffic incident and the other a break-in to a shed in Brodie. It is thought that the escaped animals referred to may have been chickens. **BM** advised that as the evenings are getting darker earlier we should all be locking our doors and sheds. The public are the local eyes of the police and any ongoing incidents or concerns should be reported to 999 asap or to 101 for incidents that have already happened. Forres Police Station is open to the public Monday-Friday from 9am to 5pm. The police report also included a number of useful contact details for various causes of public concern and these are repeated on a separate sheet.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

JF proposed, **SA** seconded, that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the last meeting (7/10/15); agreed, and signed off by the Chair.

4 Presentation by Pam Gowan, Chief Medical Officer

Pam Gowan failed to attend the meeting so there was no presentation.

5 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(i) A96 CAS has had no reply from Transport Scotland to her letter sent regarding the Kintessack/Broom of Moy junction with the A96; she is awaiting the accident statistics for Brodie before writing to them again. **JF** advised the DLCC that the owner of the burger van may try to appeal his removal from the lay-by on the A96 adjacent to the Manse.

(ii) Road Accident Statistics: **DS** advised that he had sent a Freedom of Information request to Police Scotland but had not even received an acknowledgement of receipt of this letter. A

letter sent to the Association of British Insurers had received the same lack of response. Both letters will be sent again.

Action: DS will pursue these matters.

(iii) Speed monitors in Dyke. CAS: no reply received from TMC. Speed monitoring will be requested again.

(iv) Liaising with other local community councils. Cllr AS advised that members of DLCC along with those from Findhorn CC were being invited to join in with Forrest CC for their short December meeting (Thurs. Dec.17th) and a wee social afterwards.

(v) Kintessack Traffic Calming: CAS to write to TMC to investigate possible traffic calming measures in Kintessack.

Action: CAS will pursue this matter

6 Treasurer's Report

SA reported the balance in DLCC's account is £1,3709.84.

7. Correspondence

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

- Future of Public Services in Moray Strengthening Local Policing
- Community Engagement
- Rural Innovator Awards
- Petition to Scot Gov. re non-native invasive species
- JCC Agenda
- Gambling Act Review
- Moray Community Planning Partnership
- Moray Integration Staff & Public Newsletters
- Forrest 2020 Vision
- Healthpoint Review

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 suggested that members might want to sign the hogweed petition.

8. Community Feedback

There was no Community Feedback

8. Reports (a) Local Councillors

Cllr. AS gave a report on behalf of The Moray Council:

- a) TMC is responsible for housing children in need of care but at present 30 of these children are housed outwith Moray because of a shortage of suitable accommodation within the county. A residential property has now been acquired in Elgin so that six of these children can be accommodated closer to family.
- b) Moray has a grave shortage of schoolteachers but the GTC has found a way by which partners of military personnel who only have English qualifications can be enrolled as teachers whilst they undertake extra study to bring them up to Scottish standards.
- c) Moravia, the aviation museum at Kinloss is now open and members were encouraged to visit. (*Opening times and other details can be found at <http://www.morayvia.org.uk/>*)
- d) Forres Community Council will have a short meeting on Thurs 17 December, followed by a social get together. Members of Findhorn & Kinloss CC and DLCC are invited to join them in order that we might get to meet each other.
- e) An explanation was given regarding the Redco Milne proposal for Bogton and that it would have posed an unacceptably high financial risk for TMC.

10. Planning Issues

DS: The one planning application related to 12 houses on an area zoned for housing on Darklass road. DLCC had no objection to the application but the response to the Planners will ask for improvements to the access road to the south of Dyke.

11. AOCB

AB: reported on the ongoing issue of the verge at Conicavel and presented DLCC with a stone as an example of how the adjoining wall was deteriorating. AB was advised to take the stone to Moray Estates as owners of the wall and request them to carry out repairs.

AS: Advised Council of the sad demise of Major Macleod who had passed away the previous Sunday. Major Macleod was a former Chair, Treasurer and Member of DLCC and did a lot of work for the community. The funeral is to be held at St. Leonards Church, Forres on Friday 27 November at 2.30pm. AS is to represent DLCC in the absence of the Chair.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting of DLCC

Wednesday, 2 December 2015, at 7:30pm, at Dyke & District Community Hall.

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