

Dyke Landward Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 2 December 2015 at 7.30pm in Dyke & District Community Hall

1. Present

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

In attendance

Christine MacLeod (Secretary) (CM), Andrew Anderson (Kintessack Residents' Association), Cllr Aaron Mclean (TMC) (CllrAM), PC Sean Wood (Police Scotland) [for item 1], PC Stuart Mclean (Police Scotland) [for item 1].

Apologies

Cllr George Alexander (TMC), Cllr Lorna Creswell (TMC), Cllr Anne Skene (TMC)

2 Police Report

Sgt Angela McCarthy pre-circulated a report: since 3 Nov there had been one reported crime (relating to RTA on A96) and 8 minor incidents in the DLCC area; local police were continuing to carry out regular speed checks across the area. **PC Wood** and **PC Mclean** discussed issues arising from the report [see below, items 4 & 6], emphasising the importance that local police attach to improving road safety. 3-car accident outside Brodie Countryfare on 23 Nov, with 3 people hospitalised, was likely caused by driver error.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

SA rectified a mistake in item 6: not £13,709.84, but £1,309.84 in DLCC's account. Minutes were then agreed, and signed off by the Chair.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(i) A96. **CAS:** welcomed the positive response to her letter of 26 October from Gordon Sinclair (Transport Scotland) regarding the Broom of Moy/Kintessack junction: BEAR Scotland was consulting the bus operating company with a view to moving the east-bound bus stop to a new lay-by on the east side of the junction; BEAR will improve the signage warning drivers of the junction, by March 2016. **AS:** today's *Forres Gazette* reports that TS will make a decision on the Brodie speed-limit by end of 2015. **SA:** DLCC should pursue this with the *FG*.

(ii) Road Accident Statistics. **DS** reflected DLCC's general disappointment at the poor quality of the information obtained via the FOI request, which even omitted the pedestrian fatality at Brodie in 2012. There was some discussion of whether to pursue this inaccuracy with the

Information Commissioner, but it was generally deemed not to be worth the expense. **DS:** Police Scotland told him it was very difficult to establish the accurate cost of attending RTAs. **JF:** she had often noticed speed monitors along A96 to Inverness but never in Brodie itself.

(iii) Speed monitors in Dyke. **CAS:** she is postponing further action until the spring, since it's better to have the traffic monitored when it's heavier, i.e. during spring and summer.

(iv) Kintessack speed limit. **AA:** thanked DLCC for following this up, leading to a helpful email from Dave Malpas (TMC) that offered a new traffic survey if residents deemed it necessary; AA was awaiting feedback on DM's email from fellow residents.

(v) Forres CC's invitation to its meeting & social, 17 Dec. **CAS** reminded councillors of this invitation: she and DS will attend; AS would email CM to confirm attendance.

Action: **CM** to confirm numbers with Forres CC.

5. Treasurer's Report

SA reported the balance in DLCC's account is £1,309.84. The village hall is refunding £80 over-charged to DLCC for room rental. He is preparing annual accounts and will find a suitable auditor.

6. Fast-food Van at A96 lay-by

AS had alerted Cllrs AM and GA to the fast-food van's return to the 'Manse' lay-by on the A96, only a few months after its licence to trade there had been revoked. **CllrAM:** Transport Scotland had given the van its permission, but he was surprised that TMC seemed not to have been involved. **AS:** DLCC very disappointed in TS's U-turn after its long campaign to remove the van, which is both a traffic hazard in west-bound lay-by and unpleasant for the inhabitants of the Manse to have it so close by; eastbound lay-by is a less dangerous site but the van that was there seems to have left. **JF:** HGVs buying from van are blocking lay-by and preventing its proper use by other vehicles; the Dyke church is going through the Church of Scotland's proper channels to ask the Presbytery to intervene. **AS:** Dyke church has DLCC's full support in pursuing this.

Action: **Cllr AM** to discover TMC's position. **JF** to continue pressing Church of Scotland to intervene. **CAS** to write to the Presbytery in support of Dyke church's case.

7. Correspondence

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

tsiMoray bulletin (25/11)

Environment & Sustainability Forum, mtg 11 Nov (Mandeigh Wells)

Moray Transport Seminar, mtg 21 Nov (Fiona Rolt)

Public Services in Moray, mtg 18 Nov (M. Wells)

Prevent' [radicalisation] workshop, mtg 12 Nov (M. Wells)

Scottish Health Council, Nov. Newsletter [x 2] (Vicky McDonald)
Sustainability workshop, mtg 20 Nov (M. Wells)
Xmas/New Year Refuse/Recycling collections, flyer (Jane Martin)
CCB training schedule (J. Martin)
Digital Highlands & Islands, Nov newsletter (Nick Scroggie)
European Rural Parliament, report (J. Martin)
RAF Lossiemouth on BBC website (J. Martin)
Community Councils study (J. Martin)
Moray Compact consultation (tsiMoray)

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.

8. Community Feedback

No issues were raised.

9. Reports (a) Local Councillors

CIrAM: (1) the schools sustainability review is currently being piloted in Forres area (including Dyke), but it is only a pilot exercise, i.e. with no implications for any school.

(2) the new housing strategy of 'Rural Groupings' affects nowhere in DLCC except Kintessack, where a development of 3 new houses is being proposed. The overall aim of the strategy is to concentrate rural growth in villages and to disallow isolated house-building (very expensive in public resources) and ribbon development.

(3) wild-fowling around Findhorn bay is causing much distress in Findhorn and Kinloss, as highlighted in last week's *Forres Gazette*; Pat Carroll is proposing a local permit system to police it and prevent its worst excesses. **CAS** commented that it's just as much an issue on this side of the bay.

Action: **CAS** to email DLCC's support to Pat Carroll and Les Murray (Findhorn & Kinloss CC).

10. Planning Issues

DS: (1) Darklass Rd development: he had sent DLCC's comments to TMC; similar objections (mainly increased traffic) had been made by several Darklass Rd residents.

(2) Rural Groupings materials for Kintessack had been pre-circulated. He raised 2 concerns regarding the field proposed for development; (i) drainage – problem for soak-aways of high water-table in the field just to the south of site A was identified 10 years ago; TMC should consider installing main-drainage to (upgraded) Dyke sewage works. (ii) access – 3 homes presently proposed may potentially lead to many more, which would translate into more cars passing through Dyke (plus Darklass Rd's new traffic). He urged councillors to read the papers very carefully; we have 3 months from January to respond. **AA:** not enough houses are being built under the Rural Groupings strategy.

Action: **all councillors** to read Rural Groupings papers before next meeting.

11. Joint Community Council of Moray (JCC)

Minutes of the JCC meeting on 12 Nov had been pre-circulated. No issues were raised.

12. AOCB

AB: there is still mud on the road through Conicavel which TMC is ignoring. **CAS:** a similar problem is arising on the single-track road out of Dyke to the north/east the road up the brae to the Banarach farmhouse is very narrow and goes through a cutting. Due to the size of the Moray Estates tractors the sides of the banking are being eroded onto the road causing it to be covered in mud at times. **DS:** ice overnight on 29/30 Nov had found Dyke unprepared, with the car-park's grit bin empty, but it had now been filled.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting of DLCC

Wednesday, 3 February 2016, at 7:30pm, at Dyke & District Community Hall. A speaker from ScotRail will outline plans for the new Forres railway station.

There being no further business, **CAS** wished everyone Merry Christmas and the meeting closed at 8.50pm.