

Dyke Landward Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 12 October 2016 at 7.30pm in Dyke & District Community Hall

Present

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

Apologies

Steve Arkley (Treasurer) (SA), Sgt. Ross Allan (Police Scotland)

In attendance

Cllr. Aaron McLean (Cllr.ML), Karen & George Sutherland (K&GS)

2. Police Report

There was no written police report and Sgt Allan sent his apologies due to operational matters.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting 7 September 2016 were agreed to be a correct account of the meeting and were signed off by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(i) DLCC were disappointed not have received a police report once again in spite of information that these were to be forthcoming. There is to be a JCC meeting on 13 October with senior police officers present. Arnold Boyle is to represent DLCC at this meeting.

(ii) CAS advised that she had sent a written response to TMC regarding the budget questionnaire and had received an acknowledgment of this.

(iii) DS advised that he had obtained and fitted a sliding bolt to the Dyke notice board as a fastener and AS agreed to ask the joiner to replace the Perspex window.

(iv) JF notified the meeting that there was to be a slight change of route for the disabled footpath at Dyke Church involving use of the existing footpath through the cemetery. A safety railing would be installed by one section of the path.

5. Treasurer's Report

There was no report from the treasurer.

6. Correspondence

(i) In an email previously circulated to CC members it was reported that an un-named CC had been negligent in respect of planning matters. DLCC discussed this and noted that the Community Councils Code of Conduct should be followed at all times.

(ii) Information has been received that BT are to remove pay phones boxes in the area from Dyke, Brodie, Conicavel and Whitemire as they are considered to be underused. DS had arranged for notices to be placed on the windows of these boxes requesting concerned residents to contact him by 21 October with any concerns when DS will respond to a survey. As it is unlikely that the phones will be saved DS is to investigate 'adopting' the red boxes.

(iii) Neil Jeronim (NJ) had previously advised that he had provisionally got agreement with a senior officer in Sustrans Scotland to discuss local cycling infrastructure. When NJ has a firm date he will contact DLCC and invite their representation.

(iv) DLCC had been advised that Dyke & District Village Hall committee were considering letting out the meeting room to a start-up business for six months and suggested where else DLCC could meet. This was not going to be possible as Community Councils have to be available to host any local resident who wishes to visit and so must have disabled access. The Hall agreed to DLCC remaining on the premises. This raised further discussion on the hall, being a community asset, being used for commercial purposes and access to part of it being denied to residents. DLCC did not feel that this proposal was appropriate and CAS is to write to the hall committee expressing this view.

7. Community Feedback

No issues were raised.

8. Reports

Cllr Aaron McLean apologised for not being able to attend recent meetings.

Cllr.ML advised of visits he had made to the re-opening of the Forres pool and to Applegrove school.

Wildfowling on Findhorn Bay was discussed and disappointment aired that BASC had refused to consider a local agreement between conservation groups and wildfowling. The possibility of an immediate outright ban was discussed but as BASC would appeal this in the courts it would result in unjustifiable expense for TMC.

Early next year will see TMC having to make decisions on budgeting for the £12M deficit with local council elections following just a few weeks later. Community Council elections take place in October 2017.

9. Planning Issues

Two planning applications were received since the last meeting: one for renewal of planning permission for a new house at Darklass and the other for an extension to a house at Broom of Moy. DLCC made no comment on either application.

Mr & Mrs Sutherland attended the meeting to present plans for a proposed small chalet park at Macbeths Hillock. This will consist of five individually constructed chalets for holiday occupation.

10. AOCB

DS announced that he had been asked to sit on the Findhorn Bay Local Nature Reserve (FBLNR) committee and had attended one meeting. Business of the FBLNR covers all aspects of use of the bay from watersports to nature to wildfowling.

A small group of children at Dyke School were involved with a project on 'community' and DS was asked to talk to them about the community council. Feedback has been positive.

CAS spoke of a visit to the A96 dualling meeting in Forres and was disappointed that no new information had been put forward.

HIAL are to install a new aircraft guidance system that will involve incoming aircraft following a tracking system which will bring them from the south to turn towards the Moray Firth over Rodney's Stone and then turning again over the sea to the airport. This will result in more aircraft over the area but as they will be on a continuous descent path they should be slightly quieter than at the moment. Whilst DLCC will not be objecting to this a complaint will be sent to HIAL that we had not been initially notified by them.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting of DLCC

Wednesday, November 2nd. 2016, at 7:30pm, at Dyke & District Community Hall.