

Dyke Landward Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 1 February 2017 at 7.30pm in Dyke & District Community Hall

Present

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

Apologies

Cllr. Anne Skene, Cllr. Lorna Creswell

In attendance

Cllr. George Alexander

2. Police Report

No police officer was available to attend the meeting.

Community Safety Reports for January and February (received in morning of 1/2/2017) were discussed. In December a horse was attacked and, as a result of injuries, had to be put down. Two youths have been arrested and charged with the offence and also with housebreaking in the Conicavel area. AB was able to add a little local information to this.

3. Public Session

No members of the public attended.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Councillors Reports section of the minutes of the meeting 7 December 2016 were amended to include the following from Cllr Anne Skene:

Line 2: delete *"pays out £6,000,000 in subsidies to its leisure facilities"* and add *'revenue costs for its leisure facilities is £6m'*

Para 2: *elderly and infirmed'* should be *'elderly and infirm'*

Para 3: delete *'teaching posts'* and add *'Head Teacher and Depute posts'*

Para 4: *'strategic planning group'* should be *'Transition Board'*

AB raised a point about the failure to include his comments on the lack of cellnet signal in Conicavel when the removal of telephone boxes was discussed. It was pointed out that this item was covered at a meeting earlier in 2016. AB was not satisfied with the response of the members of the Community Council.

At 1750 Arnold Boyle announced his resignation from the Community Council and left the room. *(Note - An electronic letter of resignation was received from him the following morning).*

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

4a Minutes of Electronic Meeting of 16 December 2016

Ref. Ellands Farm planning application

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5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

A letter has been received from Dyke Parish Church requesting funding help for a disabled access path. The meeting agreed to donate the sum of £300 pounds. The Treasurer is to write out the cheque and the Chair will attach a formal letter to this.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the bank account now held £2,005:02.

7. Correspondence

RAF offer of help: AS advised that Dyke Church had made contact with the RAF regarding help in the construction of the disabled access path to the church.

Call for Sites: no one offered any suggestion for the request from TMC for possible development sites to be included in the next local plan.

8. Scheme of Community Councils

A proposed revised Scheme of Community Councils to take effect from the October elections has been circulated for comment. At this meeting DLCC discussed two of the points:

Section 6 – Membership

(i) The age limit for membership shall be lowered to 16 yrs. Although this sounds good the meeting identified several difficulties for the CCs.

(iii) Whilst it is generally correct that members should reside in the area of the CC it was felt that provision could be made for exception circumstances.

9. Reports

Cllr Alexander advised that the Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, John Swinney, has been invited to Moray to inspect the school establishment. It is hoped that he will see some of the effect of teacher shortage in the area.

Regarding the upcoming budget debate Cllr Alexander noted that the Scottish Government budget is due to be approved on 14 February whilst the Moray budget has to be approved on the following day, a very short timescale.

10. Planning Issues

Shortly after the December meeting a re-submitted application for kennels at Ellands Farm was received. Due to timescale this was discussed by an electronic meeting where it was agreed that a conditional objection be made until safety improvements are made to the public road.

DLCC was advised that the application for 12 houses in zone R1 at the top of Darklass Road in Dyke had been approved with site specific conditions attached. Planning officers

considered that no further improvements need to be made to the public road to the south of Dyke.

DLCC has been invited to comment on the Scottish Planning System review. Due to shortage of time this was held over until the next meeting.

10. AOCB

Youth Member John Bonsall announced that he had been awarded unconditional acceptance to Glasgow University to study law. He will take up his place in October.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting of DLCC

Wednesday, 1 March 2017, at 7:30pm, at Dyke & District Community Hall.