



**DYKE LANDWARD
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Dyke Landward Community Council

**Approved Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7.30pm
Dyke Church Hall**



Attendees: DLCC		Attendees: Other
Carl Wright (CW)	<i>Chair</i>	Paul McBain <i>MC Forres Local Councillor (PB)</i>
Sheena Tulloch (ST)	<i>Minutes Sec.</i>	Kathleen Robertson <i>MC Forres Local Councillor (KR)</i>
Caroline Macleod (CM)		
Wendy McLean (WM)		
Jackie Davidson (JD)	<i>Secretary</i>	
Lindsey Standing (LS)	<i>Treasurer</i>	

Apologies:	
No apologies were received	

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Welcome & Apologies CW welcomed everyone to the Meeting.	
2.	Police Update & Community Safety Reports JD continues to circulate the Police Reports, which are not specific and cover the general Forres area, so it is difficult to know if there is anything in particular pertaining to the DLCC area. PM reported that police officers now only attend the JCC meetings and they no longer attend Community Council meetings – this is due to a matter of resources.	For Info.
3.	Public Session No members of the public attended.	
4.	Minutes of last Meeting The minutes of Wednesday 9 th August 2023 had been previously circulated. <i>Proposed: CW Secoded: CM</i>	JD to email to DD
5.	a) Speeding in Dyke – CW reminded members that the mobile SID unit will be present at both ends of the village during the week commencing 18 th September 2023. ST reported that the issue of speeding in Dyke Village was raised again at the latest Parent Council meeting at Dyke Primary School. One parent wondered about the possibility of putting a zebra crossing in place. This was discussed by committee and it was felt that the position of a zebra crossing between the school and the school hall would not be possible due to the crossing point being so near the corner. ST is to ask the Head Teacher about the possibility of the school applying for speed bumps to be put in place on the approach to the school, on both sides. ST will also enquire if the 20mph flashing lights could be left on all day since children are crossing the road several times during the school day. KR is going to email the Transport Department about the cutting of a neighbouring hedge which obstructs the view slightly too.	ST KR

	KR reported that Moray Council is still awaiting finance from the Scottish Government to progress with the 20mph speed limit through villages and other areas where necessary.	
	b) Update on bus service changes from last meeting – PM gave an update on the situation with M-Connect. There is no change for the DLCC area at the moment. The first phase has been completed and the second phase which includes coastal Forres and surroundings is due to start shortly. They are waiting for more buses to arrive, as there are not enough yet. There should be possibilities for local links and PM was positive about the fact that things are moving. He will keep DLCC updated on progress.	For info
	c) Update on Defib Invoices from last meeting – LS reported that the cheques for all 3 invoices, which were emailed to her on 27.8.23 were ready to be signed at the end of the meeting - £125 for each one, which covers maintenance from February 1 st 2023 until January 31 st 2024. They will be sent to Sandra and Gordon McKandie ASAP.	LS
	d) Accounts update – LS confirmed that she has arranged with Ann Crossman to audit the DLCC annual accounts and will set a date to have this done before the next meeting on 18 th October 2023 .	
	e) Honorary payments, including backdated minute-taking payments – Members agreed to make a payment to LS of £125 for taking minutes at 5 meetings in 2021-22 and £25 for taking minutes at 1 meeting in 2022-23. This was proposed by CW and seconded by ST . ST was offered payment for minute-taking but declined, and will receive payment for paper and an ink cartridge instead – she will provide a receipt when she buys them next. JD is to let LS know what her mileage claim is for delivering the agendas and minutes to the 4 DLCC noticeboards each month, as payment for this was agreed at the August 2023 meeting. LS brought up the issue of the outstanding debt of £8.50 to FACT for the payment of leaflets for the local Covid group. Members felt that as this invoice was made out to the treasurer of the Covid group it was therefore not the responsibility of DLCC. LS agreed that she will follow this up with the Covid group. JD has paid the renewal for the email account which amounted to £17.99 and she has a receipt for ink and paper amounting to £51.00. It was agreed to pay £7.00 for the leaflets distributed about the Community Fundraiser – this is to be paid to FACT.	LS JD LS
	f) Suggestions for new members – WM and JD have people in mind and will ask them before the November meeting.	WM JD
	g) Chair for meeting on 8th November – CW cannot attend the meeting on 8 th November – ST agreed to chair and JD agreed to take the minutes for that meeting.	JD ST
6.	Treasurer’s Report: LS reported finances remain the same as at last meeting. Current Total in the Bank: £3135.81	For Info.

	<i>Includes Working Funds of: £1097.71 Reserve Funds: £2038.10 (which includes ringfenced money for defibrillator maintenance - £971.10) + Cash: £0</i>	
7.	<p>Correspondence: JD has continued to forward emails to DLCC Members regularly & highlighted any issues relating to DLCC.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 50 years celebration of Community Councils is due to take place on Saturday 28th October in Elgin Library. Debra has asked for people to help organize it. They are also asking for any old photos. ST reported that there had been a filing cabinet belonging to DLCC stored at Dyke School, which was removed a number of years ago when the meetings were no longer held at the school. ST is to ask Leslie Tulloch of Dyke Hall committee if it is now in Dyke Village Hall. There may be items of interest for the 50th celebration in there. 2) A resilience event was held at a Joint Forres CC meeting in Findhorn on Tuesday 12th September. No one from DLCC attended. One or two members should attend the next meeting which will be Moray wide and may be held in Elgin. PM said money is available and it is a matter of knowing who has what in terms of resources which could be shared should the need arise. 3) Council Tax consultation – this needs to be responded to by 20th September – it was stressed that it is important to respond. It could mean a 7 ½ % increase on top of the regular rise for a Band E property. 4) Sustainable Learning Estate – ST and LS will attend this meeting on Wednesday 27th September. The venue will probably have to change due to the ongoing issues at Forres Academy. 	<p>All</p> <p>ST</p> <p>For Info</p> <p>ST</p> <p>LS</p>
8.	<p>Reports from Local Councillors:</p> <p>KR reported that we will be entering a period of consultation and she stressed the importance of getting community feedback to find out what the people of Moray would tolerate in terms of cuts. Members were urged to encourage people to respond. The consultation is to be launched on 14.9.23. LS will share it on the FB page.</p> <p>KR then went on to inform members about the RAAC situation in Forres Academy. The structural engineers have reprioritized it to High Risk, as the situation is a lot worse than at first anticipated. Best case scenario is that it will be reopened in some way and in the worst case scenario alternative provision will have to be sought. It will be 2026/27 before a new school will be in situ and in the meantime a lot of money will have to be spent on the current building to make it safe.</p> <p>PM informed about the progress with short term let licences – these need to be applied for by the end of September 2023. It will be a long, slow process as so many applications are coming in. The online portal went live on 12.9.23 and it is easier to apply on there. MC had to start from scratch with this and that is why it is taking so long. The fees charged go to cover the costs – no money is kept by MC.</p> <p>PM talked about the budget and the fact that things have to change – there need to be cost-savings and it is important for the councillors to work together to achieve this. There has been a lot of cross-party agreement on things so far. KR said they are looking for creative ideas for redesigning services and would welcome suggestions.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>For Info</p>
9.	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Nothing in DLCC area</p>	<p>CW to continue to</p>

		email weekly lists
10.	<p>ACOB</p> <p>JD informed members that the Forestry Commission haven't erected a sign to notify the position of the Defibrillator at Wellhill Farm Shop yet – she will remind them about this. She will also remind Tom Lewis about putting up the noticeboard on the school railings.</p> <p>LS informed members that the FB page now has 114 followers. She has continued to share minutes and agenda for DLCC meetings on the FB page.</p> <p>She reported that Steve Arkley had messaged the page to ask if DLCC had been informed of the recent events in the area, namely the triathlon and the Historic Wheels event at Brodie Castle. KR explained that all plans for events have to go through a process involving checks by emergency services etc. Signs have to go up 20 days before the event but are not allowed to be posted on lampposts in Moray. They have to get an events licence before the event can go ahead. It was suggested that Debra could be contacted to see if anything can be done about informing local CC's as communication with organisers at a local level might have a valuable impact.</p> <p>PM suggested it would be good to meet with all the Forres area CC's as groups are often discussing the same things, eg speeding.</p> <p>LS handed in a letter giving her notice of resignation – she informed everyone that she intends to resign as from the AGM in October 2023. She confirmed that she will complete the DLCC end of year accounts and have them audited before resigning. Given the late hour this will now be discussed at the next meeting in October. She has bought a folder to organize all matters of DLCC accounts and community engagement in her possession to be handed over to the DLCC chair and it was agreed that she be refunded the cost of £6.55 for said stationery.</p>	JD
11.	<p>Date, Time & Venue of next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 7.30pm. Venue: Dyke Church Hall</p>	

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm