



**DYKE LANDWARD  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## Dyke Landward Community Council

**Draft Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30 pm  
Dyke Church Hall**



Attendees: DLCC		Attendees: Other
Carl Wright (CW)	<i>Chair</i>	Kathleen Robertson (Councillor) (KR)
Jackie Davidson (JD)	<i>Secretary</i>	Paul McBain (Councillor) (PM)
Sheena Tulloch (ST)	<i>Minutes Sec.</i>	
Nikki Morrison (NT)		
Callum Ross (CR)		
Caroline Macleod (CM)		
Wendy McLean (WM)		

Apologies:	
No apologies were received	

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	<b>Welcome</b> CW welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a special welcome to new co-opted members Nikki Morrison and Callum Ross.	
2.	<b>Police Update &amp; Community Safety Reports</b> JD had previously circulated the report to members by email. Once again there was nothing identifiable in it. In spite of this it was decided to keep this as an item on the agenda.	<b>For Info.</b>
3.	<b>Public Session</b> No members of the Public attended.	
4.	<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b> The minutes of 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 had previously been circulated. <i>Proposed: WM    Seconded: CM</i>	<b>JD to email to DD</b>
5.	<b>a) Welcome to new members</b> – CW extended a warm welcome to the two new co-opted members, NM and CR and gave a brief outline of DLCC. He explained the committee meets once a month for 10 months of the year, usually on the second Wednesday of the month. Committee business covers anything that arises within the DLCC area, eg planning issues. We are half way through a 4 year term and there will be a local election in October 2025. Councillors come and give feedback on Moray Council business.	<b>For info</b>
	<b>b) Speeding in Dyke – SID update</b> – The mobile SID unit had been in place for a week and has now been removed. It worked well at the entrance to the village from the Kintessack end, but had been placed at the wrong side of the road and too far into the village at the Brodie end. It was also obscured from vision by a parked van. It was felt that SID units provide a good reminder to slow down when entering the village.	<b>For info</b>  <b>ST</b>

	ST reported that the Head Teacher of Dyke Primary School is still awaiting a reply from MC about the 20mph lights being left on for the duration of the school day instead of just at drop-off and pick-up times. She will report the outcome at the next meeting. JD had contacted Garry at Forres Gazette about writing an article about the SID units. It was decided to go ahead with the article. JD will circulate the draft to members.	JD
	<b>c) SID purchase</b> – CW had circulated a brochure from Evolis Vision prior to the meeting. They could supply solar powered units at a cost of £2250 each. They are self-sufficient and would not need annual maintenance. These would need to be authorized by MC and permission would have to be sought as to where they could be positioned. Since there is currently no date set for the 20mph limit in areas of Moray it was decided to find out more about the possibility of DLCC purchasing them for the village. KR suggested contacting Elaine Penny at Moray Council and asking her to come out and see the situation in Dyke. EP will have data about traffic which she can share. There is some funding available for traffic calming measures. DLCC will look into applying for funding from eg Berryburn or Money for Moray. ST will bring it up at the next Parent Council meeting, Village Hall meeting and Church meeting to gauge interest in assisting with fundraising events for SID units for Dyke. CW will enquire about installation costs etc.	For info  CW  ST
	<b>d) New noticeboard update</b> – JD had contacted Maeve Lewis about the noticeboard – JD was informed that Tom has repaired the board but has no time to attach it to the school fence. It was agreed that JD would collect the board and CM will ask an employee to fix it to the school railings. If all else fails CR offered to send his joiners to do the job.	JD CM
	<b>e) Signs on Findhorn Bridge</b> – WM has spoken to Brogan Brodie from Mikeysline who is keen to help with signage at Findhorn Bridge and will contact MC about permission.	For info
	<b>f) Treasurer’s mandate update</b> – no progress has yet been made in spite of every effort being made by WM. JD is going to help WM to try to progress this. PM suggested they should go to the Hub in the Credit Union building in Forres and they might be able to help.	WM JD
	<b>g) Social Media Representative</b> – NM offered to take on the administration of this. CR will also help. This was proposed by CW and seconded by JD. NM and CR will need to be added as admin and LS will need to be removed. ST will assist with this.	ST
6.	<b>Treasurer’s Report:</b> No report was available but there have been no transactions in the past month so the balances remain the same: Current Total in the Bank: <b>£2365.30</b> <i>Includes Working Funds of: £418.20 Reserve Funds: £1947.10</i>	For Info.
7.	<b>Correspondence:</b> JD has continued to forward emails to DLCC Members regularly & has highlighted any issues relating to DLCC. JD asked all members to use the Reply All option if there is something to be discussed. Committee members were reminded that the budget survey needs to be completed by November 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2023. JD will send it to CR and NM. CM and JD attended the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Community Councils event. Brochures about Resilience Plans were available there. MC are to be sending out their individual Household Resilience format. Some Community Councils are just emailing people. PM suggested Forres ASG should be completing one together. There has been SSEN	JD

	<p>funding available for things like generators and radios – it’s a case of knowing who has what and what can be borrowed should the need arise. KR suggested we should involve Debra Duke and also talk to other CC’s. Jim Paterson is Resilience Co-ordinator of the JCC and could be contacted for advice. JD will contact DD to arrange a separate meeting about this. ST will ask for representatives from the Village Hall committee to be involved with this as the Hall is the likely place for eg a tea station to be set up for emergency services.</p> <p>An email had been received from a member of the public in Kintessack who is trying to find out who is the owner of some land with trees on it which are causing concern to residents. It was suggested that the owner might be John Grant of Glenmorrison Estate. JD will reply to that effect.</p>	<p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>JD</b> <b>ST</b></p> <p><b>JD</b></p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Reports from Local Councillors:</b></p> <p>KR reported that there will be many consultations in the near future about things like the usage of libraries and leisure – the public will be asked how and why they are used. MC are gathering evidence for which to consider for closure or using differently. MC is being forced to make cuts in costs as they cannot now put up Council Tax rates. Consultations will help MC to find out what the public want.</p> <p>KR gave an update on the situation with Forres Academy. The concrete issue is moving forward and they are looking to open more areas of the school by Christmas 2023. Children are currently being bussed to Lossiemouth and UHI Elgin for practical subjects. The Education Department are contacting the SQA to explain that the pupils at Forres Academy are having a more difficult time than others due to the ongoing issues at this time.</p> <p>KR went to Scone Palace to receive the Gold Award for Armed Services Covenant on behalf of MC. This has benefits for reservists and veterans.</p> <p>KR and PM had attended Remembrance services across the Forres area – timings were difficult with 8/9 to attend.</p> <p>The new Moray flag was launched 2 weeks ago</p> <p>MC is the best Council in Scotland for recycling.</p> <p>PM reported that they will be diving deep into the accounts.</p> <p>Funding has been granted for the new Forres Academy which will be built by December 2027. There will be a consultation on the preferred site for the new building. The 3 options are Lochyills, Knockomie or Roysvale.</p> <p>The outdoor gym will open on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at Forres Academy.</p> <p>PM explained that there are 2 Moray flags, one for Banffshire and the new one.</p> <p>Recruitment and retention of staff is an issue in Moray and is one of the reasons why underspend happens.</p>	<p><b>For info</b></p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Planning:</b> CW has continued to review weekly planning lists and forward to DLCC members. There are none for our area this month. CW now has the contact for the person responsible for the local development plan 2027.</p>	<p><b>For info</b></p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>ACOB</b></p> <p>CR raised the issue of the non-resident’s fee for burials which can mean that someone who has lived in Moray for most of their life, but has moved out of the area, can be charged £1500 instead of £900 to be buried in Moray. This is a particular problem for our area due to our proximity to the border with Highland and the availability of care facilities in Nairn meaning many of our residents move there. KR and PM agreed to</p>	<p><b>KR</b> <b>PM</b></p>

	<p>bring this issue to a council meeting and propose that it will be dealt with on a case by case basis rather than a blanket policy as at present.</p> <p>PM updated the situation with M-Connect – it is now moving into Phase 2, but the next funding tranche is not until late 2025-26.</p> <p>CW brought up the fact that the December meeting for the past 2 years has been postponed and he proposed that the next meeting should take place in January 2024. This was seconded by ST. JD will contact Jane Foster to inform her of the change of date.</p>	<b>JD</b>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Date, Time &amp; Venue of next Meeting</b></p> <p>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm. Venue: Dyke Church Hall</p>	

**Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm**