



**DYKE LANDWARD
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Dyke Landward Community Council

**Draft Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 14th February 2024 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)		

Apologies:	
Apologies were received from Caroline McLeod , Wendy McLean and Laura Cameron (who has taken over from Martin Robertson)	

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Welcome CW welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Police Update & Community Safety Reports JD had previously circulated the reports to members by email. Once again there was nothing identifiable in them.	For Info.
3.	Public Session No members of the Public attended.	
4.	Minutes of last Meeting The minutes of 15th November 2023 had previously been circulated. <i>Proposed: JD Secoded: CR</i>	JD to email to DD
5.	a) Speeding in Dyke – SID update – The mobile SID unit will return to Dyke village on 26 th February for a week, weather dependent. It will hopefully be placed in a better position at the Brodie end of the village this time so that more accurate readings may be taken. KR informed members that DLCC will receive £2000 towards the purchase of a permanent SID unit from the Ward Budget which allows councillors to spend amounts of money at their discretion – this was agreed by all 4 local councillors. CW extended the thanks of the committee for this. After discussion it was agreed that it would be best to start with placing a SID unit at the Brodie end of the village, and then fundraising for one for the other end of the village. ST agreed to liaise with other agencies in the village to gauge interest in assisting with fundraising for this, namely Dyke School, Dyke Hall and Dyke and Edinkillie Church. CW agreed to contact Elaine Penny, traffic engineer at Moray Council, to find out about permissions required and he will also check on installation costs.	For info ST CW
	b) Speeding in Dyke – SID update –ST reported that Stephen Simpson, HT at Dyke School, has been told that the 20mph lights cannot be left on all day for legal reasons.	For info

	<p>JD will email Moray Council to ask if the 20mph lights could at least be on to cover lunchtimes.</p> <p>This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	<p>JD</p>
	<p>c) Noticeboard update –</p> <p>JD had picked up the noticeboard from Tom Lewis, who apologized for the length of time it had taken to fix it. It has now been put in place on the school railings. JD will send TL an email thanking him for fixing it and thanks were extended to Caroline’s workmen who put it in place. JD will now add the agendas and minutes to both boards in Dyke.</p>	<p>For info</p> <p>JD</p>
	<p>d) Signs on Findhorn Bridge –</p> <p>This item will be brought forward to the next meeting as WM was not present to give any update.</p>	<p>For info</p>
	<p>e) Treasurer’s Mandate Update – removal of LS –</p> <p>JD and WM have dealt with the bank mandate and LS has now been removed and WM has been added. ST reported that she had received bank statements from LS and she has also received the latest statement from RBS which has been posted to her name and at the wrong address. ST will phone the bank to get the name and address changed to WM’s name and address. JD will also ask WM to go into the bank in Elgin and request the same to be done.</p>	<p>For info</p> <p>ST JD WM</p>
	<p>f) Social Media Representatives –</p> <p>NM is now on the DLCC FB page as an administrator and CR is hopefully now able to gain access too. LS needs to make NM and CR full administrators and then she needs to remove herself. NM will communicate with LS to ask her to do this.</p> <p>NM and CR will decide which areas they will each cover and they will decide what to post and how much to share.</p>	<p>NM</p> <p>CR</p>
	<p>g) Resilience Planning –</p> <p>DD has suggested some dates when a meeting could be held with interested parties to work on the Resilience Plan for the area. JD will inform ST of these dates and ST will liaise with interested parties from the Dyke Village Hall committee to get a date arranged. Local resident Maggie Duncan may be interested in being involved so she will be informed of the date. JD, NM and ST from DLCC expressed an interest in being involved too. ST reported that there were interested parties from the Hall committee too. Once set the details of the meeting will be posted on the DLCC FB page.</p> <p>Household resilience leaflets have been mail dropped.</p>	<p>ST</p>
6.	<p>Treasurer’s Report: No report was available apart from the amount in the current account</p> <p>Current Total in the Bank: £2656.06 , which includes £9 of interest gained.</p>	<p>For Info.</p>
7.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>JD has continued to forward emails to DLCC Members regularly & has highlighted any issues relating to DLCC.</p> <p>There has been a lot of interest from the public on the issue of grit bins in the area. This is a positive sign as it means that we are having more engagement from the public. They have also been in touch about potholes and surface water. KR informed</p>	<p>JD</p>

	<p>members that grit bins will not be provided for rural areas, but piles of grit would be left at various locations. JD had emailed road maintenance but has received no reply as yet. KR said she would follow this up. KR and PM said that any complaints should be reported on the Council Portal and they will be dealt with as soon as they are filed. This information will be shared on DLCC FB page. JD will reply to the members of the public who have written. She will also email Andrew Howard of Moray Estates to bring his attention to the state of the ditches at the bottom of the school playing field and at the bottom of the Crowhall road and the effect these could be having on the amount of surface water lying in these areas.</p> <p>The Nairn Triathlon will take place on Sunday 2nd June 2024. The details of this event will be shared on DLCC FB page in due course to inform the community about it.</p> <p>ST reported to the committee that we have been given the opportunity of a fundraising event for the maintenance of the local defibrillators. The RAF Voluntary Band is putting on a concert, in conjunction with Dyke and Edinkille Church, in Dyke Village Hall on Saturday 15th June 2024. The band will take some of the money raised for their own charity but Dyke and Edinkille Church have agreed that the rest of the proceeds will go towards the ongoing maintenance of the defibrillators. This would once again be a joint fundraising activity in the community. We would need to provide home bakes, raffles and people to man the door, serve teas, sell raffles on the night. The money would come directly to the DLCC account. This was proposed by CW and seconded by JD. ST will liaise as necessary.</p> <p>JD has received an email from Brodie Countryfare offering to pay the maintenance for the defibrillator situated there. JD will email Kieran’s Legacy to inform them of this.</p> <p>NM reported that the trees overhanging the road in Kintessack are going to be removed by Moray Council.</p>	<p>KR</p> <p>JD</p> <p>For info</p> <p>ST</p> <p>JD</p> <p>For info</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Reports from Local Councillors:</p> <p>PM reported that councillors are busy finalizing the budgets at the moment. Roddy Burns, the Chief Executive is retiring in May and Jim Grant is also retiring. This means the dynamic will change and there will be the opportunity to do things differently.</p> <p>Resilience planning for Forres is being worked on now.</p> <p>KR reported that as Council Leader she has to attend national meetings as well as being the local leader. Due to the fact that a Council Tax freeze has been imposed there will have to be cuts made as all reserves will be used to balance this year’s accounts. Engagement sessions have been held around leisure and library estates. We do not need all the libraries and swimming pools in Moray now. School Estate is also being looked at. The site for the new Forres Academy building will be chosen by the end of March 2024, with the preferred options being Roysvale and Lochyhill. There are more primary schools than we now need.</p> <p>The Council Tax will be increased on second homes – to 200%. Empty homes will also be taxed.</p> <p>KR spends time negotiating with Labour and SNP members to come to agreements on things.</p>	<p>For info</p>

9.	Planning: CW has continued to review weekly planning lists and forward to DLCC members.	For info
10.	<p>ACOB</p> <p>JD brought up the fact that the Birnie Road footpath has not been maintained for a very long time and is no longer passable on a bicycle. It is also very narrow for walking on. It is a Core Pathway which means it is the responsibility of Moray Council. PM will follow this up with the Core Pathways Ranger. There may be the opportunity to have some community involvement in the maintenance project, led by the ranger.</p> <p>CW informed members that he intends to stand down from DLCC with effect from tonight's meeting. He will set the agenda for the next meeting and deal with the items he has agreed to. JD thanked CW for all his hard work over the years as part of DLCC. There will be a discussion about finding a new chair person at the next meeting. ST offered to chair the next meeting.</p>	<p>PM</p> <p>For info</p>
11.	<p>Date, Time & Venue of next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7.30pm. Venue: Dyke Church Hall</p>	

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm