



**DYKE LANDWARD
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Dyke Landward Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7.30 pm

Dyke Church Hall



Attendees: DLCC		Attendees: Other
Jackie Davidson (JD)	<i>Secretary</i>	Kathleen Robertson (Councillor)
Sheena Tulloch (ST)	<i>Minutes Sec.</i>	Paul McBain (Councillor)
Nikki Morrison		Debra Duke (Moray Council)
Janet Grant	<i>Treasurer</i>	

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Caroline McLeod and Callum Ross

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Welcome JD welcomed everyone and went on to chair the meeting in the absence of CM.	
2.	Police Update & Community Safety Reports No report has been received this month. KR thought that it had been said at the last JCC meeting that the police report would just be shared with the JCC moving forward. DD will look into this and report back.	DD
3.	Public Siobhan Mackie attended the meeting to ask about the possibility of DLCC paying for new pads for the Conicavel defibrillator. It had previously been agreed by DLCC members that they would pay for the next set of pads which will be due in January 2026. This will cost £150 every 4 years. There may be an additional cost for children's pads, but this needs to be looked into further. It was proposed by ST and seconded by NM that DLCC will pay the cost of the replacement pads for the Conicavel defibrillator every 4 years as long as funds are available to do so. ST explained to SM that the admin grant cannot be used for this type of project and the DLCC committee have had to put on fundraising events to cover the running costs of the defibs which they had gained funding for. They organize a fundraising event each year. It was suggested to SM that some locals from the Darnaway area could become involved in fundraising events in the future and help with the ongoing costs in this way. SM explained that local residents have a rota for checking the defibrillator in Conicavel is kept in good working order and are happy to continue with this. SM informed members that there is a wish to get the Conicavel Hall up and running again and DD said that there could be funding available for this. She will email SM with details. JD will check with Kieran's Legacy exactly what is covered by the annual maintenance cost which DLCC pay.	SM DD JD

4.	<p>Minutes of last Meeting The minutes of 14th August 2024 had previously been circulated. Proposed: JD Seconded: JG</p>	<p>JD to email to DD</p>
5.	<p>a) Bank Account Progress JG and ST have visited the Banking Hub in Forres where they were given information about the best way forward. Paul Grant will order bank statements for the DLCC account from January 2024 as these were sent back to the bank by a previous treasurer who was still receiving them and therefore the bank stopped sending them out. He will contact ST when these are ready to be collected. PG informed that Tanya McLaren and Wendy McLean are both signatories on the account. JG and ST will meet to fill out the form for removing them and adding JG instead of them. PG gave JG the number to phone regarding changing to online banking and opening a separate account in which to hold the fundraising money for defib maintenance and SID units. JG will do this after the end of year accounts have been approved at the end of September.</p>	<p>JG ST</p>
	<p>b) SID funding progress JG and ST have received negative responses from all of the requests sent out to local companies. We will need to rely on bigger fundraising efforts and JG and ST will meet soon to start this process. JD has forwarded the information required for the fundraising forms to ST.</p>	<p>ST JG</p>
	<p>c) Signs at Findhorn Bridge – Mikeysline To be carried forward to the next meeting</p>	<p>CM</p>
	<p>d) Social Media – removal of LS NM reported that she cannot do anything with admin at all, but she can post things on the FB page now. NM will try to talk to LS at the next FACT coffee morning to enable NM to be added as admin and LS to be removed and if this fails then a message from the JCC will be sent to LS. NM will add links for the public to access – for the complaints process on the Moray Council website and for Kieran’s Legacy which will inform local residents of where the Defibrillators are situated in the DLCC area.</p>	<p>NM</p>
	<p>e) Banarach Bridge PM had sent an email to ST stating that the engineer had been out to inspect the bridge and found that there was no change from the last inspection.</p>	<p>For info</p>
	<p>f) Resilience Update ST has not yet met with Claire Rhind but will do so soon. DD informed members that there will be an annual event on 7th November and this will be accessed on Eventbrite. DD offered to help progress the DLCC resilience plan if needed.</p>	<p>For info</p>
	<p>g) New Committee Member – To be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	<p>CM</p>

6.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>Current total in bank: £5288.96</p> <p>Working Funds: £1942.96</p> <p>Reserve: £3346</p> <p>JG has asked Ann Crossman to audit the accounts. ST will buy a £20 voucher from Brodie Countryfare as a token of our appreciation.</p>	<p>For info</p> <p>ST</p>
7.	<p>Discussion on Review of the Scheme of Establishment</p> <p>DD explained that the Scheme of Establishment is the document that establishes Community Councils in Moray – boundaries, rules, how they work and how they run. A review of this document has to be done every 4 years before the elections take place. Consultations will close by August 2025, but the first phase of consultation closes on 23rd October 2024. All sections of the scheme need to be looked at – what currently works well and are there any issues? DLCC members need to meet and agree on any suggested changes and then let DD know of any ideas for improvement.</p> <p>Admin Grant Discussion</p> <p>The admin grant has not been changed since 2009.</p> <p>The JCC has a subgroup looking at the admin grant which is currently £500 for the basic amount and then 7.25p per head of population. KR proposed at Corporate Committee that equity of funding should be looked at.</p> <p>Real costs of running community councils are being hidden because members are not claiming what they should be. There is a survey monkey on the council website on which to make comments and suggestions. DD suggested we should look at it individually and then collate responses to return to the Council. We should pick an option or come up with another option. Room hire is an area which could be seen as unfair due to the fact that some community councils meet in council buildings and therefore pay no rent, whereas others do not have access to a council building in their area and are paying rent for a room to meet in. The feeling is that money should be shared more equitably.</p> <p>A date will be set for a separate meeting to discuss both of these items.</p>	<p>For info</p> <p>All members</p>
8.	<p>Reports from Local Councillors:</p> <p>Councillors have just returned from their recess period.</p> <p>KR – as leader of the Moray Council KR has extra duties, one of which is attending COSLA meetings about pay deals. The Scottish Government has no extra money available and will have to look elsewhere for pots of money to fund pay deals so difficult decisions will have to be made. The Scottish Government already has the money for winter fuel payments so this money will be used elsewhere now. Child Poverty remains high on the agenda but the progress with free school meals to include P6 and 7 has been halted due to lack of funding.</p> <p>KR attends COHI meetings – Convention of the Highlands and Islands - they are able to lobby the government directly.</p> <p>Kate Forbes, Housing Minister, is attending COHI – there is not enough affordable housing. Housing, Childcare for 0-2 year olds and Wraparound Care are all areas of concern.</p> <p>The First Minister John Swinney was in Buckie this week visiting the wind turbines. The substation in Keith is the second largest in Europe. It is producing too much and there is not enough storage.</p>	

	<p>Education – senior pupils will not be sitting prelims in the usual way and will continue to be taught between exams – no study leave will be given as a lot of teaching time was being lost. They will sit exit prelims just before they sit their exams.</p> <p>Mobile phone usage in schools has been in the news lately. MC will follow national guidelines, but it will also be down to individual Head Teachers to make decisions. The use of mobile phones needs to be carefully monitored and policy needs to be flexible enough to meet individual needs.</p> <p>Councillors are working on the budget. There is a £12 000 000 gap and if a freeze in Council Tax is announced this will mean cutting more services.</p> <p>PM</p> <p>There are 147 less pupils in primary schools in Moray than at this time last year which affects the number of teachers needed.</p> <p>Windfarms – usage is only 38% of what is being produced. Battery storage is helping, but we need to get the storage right. 60% of what we are paying for is lost.</p> <p>Police and fire officers attend community council meetings in Keith which means they are able to get good information about what is going on in their area. This is not possible elsewhere.</p> <p>Still working on the short term lets committee – temporary licences and transfer licences are available now, but it is going to be a struggle to get everything done by the end of the year. Situations which are not straightforward crop up all the time.</p>	
9.	<p>Planning:</p> <p>JD has forwarded the weekly wards lists as usual – one in our area this time, but no action needed.</p>	For info
10.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>JD had emailed all correspondence to members as usual.</p> <p>We need to insure the defibrillators as they are our assets. The defibs cost nearly £2000 each (for the defib and the box). JD will get a quote for this. We will also need to insure the SID units when we get them. DD confirmed that admin money can be used for paying insurance. Moray Council pay the basic insurance premium and any assets are additional.</p> <p>The date for the AGM was set for Wednesday 13th November 2024</p>	JD
11.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>ST had been approached by the Dyke Village Hall Committee regarding the siting of wheelie bin storage in the village carpark. When the hall bins are put out for collection the rubbish is spilling out of them and blowing all over the place. The hall chairman contacted Moray Council asking for permission to build wheelie bin storage. He has sent the required information but has received no reply. PM suggested an alternative – bin straps which are made in Forres and can be put on bins to keep the lids closed. He will email the details to JD.</p>	PM
12.	<p>Date, Time and Venue of the next meeting – Wednesday 9th October 2024 Dyke Church Hall</p>	

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm