



**DYKE LANDWARD
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Dyke Landward Community Council

**Draft Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7.30 pm
Dyke Church Hall**



Attendees: DLCC		Attendees: Other
Caroline McLeod (CM)	<i>Acting Chair</i>	Kathleen Robertson - Councillor
Sheena Tulloch (ST)	<i>Minutes Sec.</i>	Paul McBain – Councillor
Janet Grant (JG)	<i>Treasurer</i>	
Jackie Davidson (JD)	<i>Secretary</i>	
Callum Ross		
Owen Taylor		

Apologies:	
Apologies were received from Nikki Morrison	

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Welcome CM welcomed everyone to the meeting, giving a special welcome to OT who was attending his first meeting of DLCC, and also KR and PM attending as local councillors. OT gave his details to JD so that he can be sent the appropriate forms to fill in.	OT JD
2.	Police Update & Community Safety Reports JD had sent out the December report to members on 5.1.25.	For info
3.	Public No members of the public attended the meeting.	For info
4.	Minutes of last Meeting The draft minutes of 11 th December 2024 had previously been circulated. Proposed: JG Seconded: JD	For info
5.	a) Bank Account Progress JG has made some progress with moving to online banking, but she needs some more information to continue with this. KR suggested we could put the address of DLCC as c/o Moray Council as well as putting JG's home address on. JG also needed CM's and ST's dates of birth and home addresses and these were given to her. She also needed to know if any of the signatories have an account with RBS. ST has. The process has to be completed online so JG will go back on and complete this.	JG
	b) SID funding progress ST has received an email from Steven Gasgarth of Awards for All informing that our application for funding has been unsuccessful. JG asked permission of the committee to call and ask if it could be reconsidered as a former seller of lottery tickets through her business over many years – all members agreed to this. JG and ST will meet to complete the Newbold Legacy Trust application. PM suggested we could approach local small businesses and ask if they would donate money raised from 5p bags.	For info KR PM ST JG

	KR and PM will talk to the traffic police about the possibility of cheaper options and ST will email Elaine Penny at Moray Council about the same.	
	c) Signs at Findhorn Bridge – Mikeysline CM has contacted Mikeysline and confirmed that the signs can go ahead.	CM
	d) Social Media NM and CR continue to post and share anything they think is relevant to the area. NM had added the link for the A96 survey. CR will put a reminder post on the FB page about filling in the A96 survey and adding thoughts about what could be done to improve the situation at Brodie. CR suggested we should make a Whatsapp Group for DLCC as this is a quick and easy way of communicating. This was agreed by all so CR will go ahead and make a group.	For info NM CR
	e) A96 at Brodie - Ariane Burgess/Richard Lockhead Update CM apologised saying that she has not yet replied to the email received from AB. She will do so now. KR suggested contacting Douglas Ross as well as AB and RL about the situation at Brodie. Suggestions for possible improvements were put forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • street lights to be placed in the village of Brodie. • speed limit should be reduced further to 40mph • a roundabout could be put in place at the entrance to Brodie Countryfare JD will contact AMEY about the possibility of having street lights placed in Brodie. Members were reminded by KR that there is another survey ongoing – the 50mph one. CR will put a reminder on FB about the importance of completing both surveys.	CM JD CR
	f) Resilience Update As a result of having submitted a Resilience Plan for the DLCC area we received £300 from a budget to purchase items from a suggested list. ST and C Rhind discussed what might be most useful and have ordered 5 wind up lanterns, 4 adult foil blankets, a portable power bank, 3 first aid kits and a granulate spreader. There were also hi-vis jackets on the list, but Claire Rhind has hi-vis jackets that we could borrow if necessary. These resources will be stored at Dyke Village Hall. A date has been set for an adult first aid course to be held in Dyke Hall on Sunday 9 th March from 8.30 – 1.30 – times to be confirmed. JG would like to do it. It will be offered to Dyke Hall committee members and Dyke Church. Maximum number of participants is 12.	For info
	g) Canva Account – ST spoke to C Rhind about having a Canva account and it was agreed that it is not necessary for us at the moment. Claire has offered to help us using her account if we need to and we can revisit how useful it would be at a later date.	For info
	h) Cycle Parking in Dyke Apologies were received from JD for replying too late to be included at this stage, but DLCC's request will be added to the list and will hopefully be considered at a later stage.	For info
	i) Moray Estates – ditches	For info

	<p>JD has received communication from Moray Estates saying that they have now completed drainage works to the track in the vicinity of the oil pipeline and this should take care of the issues raised. They have also carried out some minor additional items on the track and this will also limit any surface water runoff during heavy rainfall.</p>	
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report: Current total in bank: £5824.87 Reserve Fund: £4958.10 Working Fund: £866.77 £563.51 admin fund has been received from MC.</p>	For info
7.	<p>Moray Council changes in internment times across Moray: CR had suggested that a meeting should be held with funeral directors to discuss this, but this has not happened yet. Two time slots are being offered – 10.15 am and 1pm. 10.15 am would mean a very early funeral and probably means these early slots will not be used. CR has spoken to other funeral directors who agree that 11am and 2pm would be more acceptable. KR explained that there is only one team to cover the whole of Moray now and that the situation will be remedied but it will take time. The out of area reduction in burial fees was outvoted at Council. It will be six months before it can be brought back to the table – KR and PM will look into this.</p>	For info KR PM
8.	<p>Local Councillors' Reports The budget is due on 26th February. KR reported that MC achieved a cross party collegiate budget last year and hope to do the same this year. It is hoped they will manage the budget without going into reserves for the first time in many years. There are still a lot of unknowns and it is difficult to budget when there are unknowns. Various issues have made it a hard budget to reach, eg National Insurance rises are costing MC £3 000 000 and only a fraction of this cost is covered by the Scottish Government. Big decisions will have to be made – libraries decision will be coming soon. A Council Tax rise is unavoidable. Teacher numbers are a problem and the Scottish Government has threatened to hold money back for employing NQTs. There is a problem recruiting Head Teachers in Moray and also Science and English teachers. There was a brief discussion about the possible closure of Forres Community Centre – no decisions have been made and a lot will depend on what provision there will be within the new secondary school. KR informed members that it will soon be 80 years since VE Day and events will be held across Moray on Thursday 8th May – further details will follow.</p>	For info
9.	<p>Planning Issues Plans for an extension to Dyke Village Hall – no objections were raised.</p>	For info
10.	<p>Correspondence JD had emailed all correspondence to members as usual. JD reminded members that there is a JCC meeting on Thursday 13th February in the Community Centre in Elgin</p>	For info

11.	AOCB None	
12.	Date, Time and Venue of the next meeting – Wednesday 13th March 2025 - Dyke Church Hall	For info

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm