

Dyke Landward Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 12th March 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>	

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Nikki Morrison, Owen Taylor and Callum Ross

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Welcome CM welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Police Update & Community Safety Reports No police report received.	For info
3.	Public No members of the public attended the meeting.	For info
4.	Minutes of last Meeting The draft minutes of 12 th February 2025 had previously been circulated. Proposed: JD Seconded: JG	For info
5.	a) Bank Account Progress ST has signed and returned the bank request form and CM will do it soon – this is necessary for progressing with online banking. A discussion was had on which type of savings account to open for the fundraising monies. The instant access account will give 1.7% interest and the 35 days' notice account will give 2.75% interest. All those present decided we should go for the 35 days' notice account. This cannot be progressed until online banking is set up.	JG For info
	b) SID funding progress No more funding applications have been made yet. ST and JG will meet to do this soon. ST sent an email to Elaine Penny requesting advice about possible cheaper options for traffic calming devices for Dyke village, but has not yet received a response. ST will chase it up. JD will chase up Colin Matheson for prices for SIDS and chicanes, as she has had no response from him yet either. PM will gift the charity bag money raised from his business this year. He was thanked for this kind offer.	For info JD PM ST JG
	c) Social Media/Whatsapp update No update was given, although it was noted that CR and NM continue to post anything relevant on the Facebook page. The Whatsapp group hasn't been set up yet.	CR NM
	d) A96 update	For info

	<p>CM emailed Arianne Burgess to update her on the situation at Brodie regarding ongoing concerns about road safety. She received a reply thanking her for the background information and stating they will continue to put pressure on the Scottish Government to find a safe solution for the Brodie community.</p> <p>JD emailed Fiona Hyslop (Cabinet Secretary for Transport), Richard Lockhead, Alasdair Sim (TS: Roads-Operations) and Andy Jones (Correspondence Officer North East NMC Transport Infrastructure) and Douglas Ross. She has received the same reply from several of the aforementioned, stating that there are currently no plans to change the speed limit at Brodie. Fiona Hyslop stated that the screening process for 2024 has been completed and as a result of the review Brodie has not been identified as a priority site for further investigation. It will continue to be monitored through the Annual Road Safety Review process.</p> <p>KR suggested that the next step could be to involve the press. She suggested contacting Frederica Stefani who is involved in the case for dualling the A96, as she might cover this in the press. It would also be good to get some local residents on board for this. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
	<p>e) Amey/Transport Scotland</p> <p>JD emailed about the possibility of having streetlights installed at Brodie, but received a negative response which stated that there are not enough accidents to justify putting in street lights.</p> <p>JD received no reply from Richard Lockhead on this matter.</p>	For info
	<p>f) Resilience Update</p> <p>A First Aid course was held in Dyke Village Hall on Sunday 9th March and 5 people were trained – JG from DLCC and 4 others from Dyke Hall committee and Dyke and Edinkillie Church. The course concentrated mainly on CPR and using the defibrillator and was well received. Thanks to Rhona McNicol of MC for organising this.</p> <p>A further pot of money (around £600 for each group) has become available at short notice to all Resilience groups who have submitted resilience plans. ST informed committee members that the Dyke group would like to place an order for heaters, lights, blankets and sleeping bags. These items could be used in the hall which is the hub for the area in the case of an emergency, or they could be taken to people in their own homes if necessary. ST asked if DLCC could pay for these items and they will be reimbursed by MC. This was agreed by all present. The items have to be ordered and the invoice sent to MC by Thursday 20th March. ST was issued with a cheque for £604.</p>	For info
	<p>g) Moray Council changes to internment times/fees</p> <p>Funeral directors met with KR and PM, who listened to their concerns. A meeting will be arranged with the correct officers to discuss this further. MC can no longer afford to subsidise burials.</p> <p>MC are looking at ways of engaging with the community better with more opportunities for face to face contact.</p>	For info
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>Current total in bank: £5824.87</p> <p>Reserve Fund: £4958.10</p> <p>Working Fund: £866.77</p>	For info
7.	<p>Defibrillator: Maintenance Invoice/Defib at Broom of Moy</p> <p>JD sent the invoice for maintenance to JG and £250 has been paid to Kieran's Legacy for the maintenance of the defibs at Wellhill Farm Shop and Dyke Village Hall.</p>	JD

	JD informed committee that a resident in the Broom of Moy is happy to supply the power for a defib there. JD will contact Kieran's Legacy about this – Sandra had previously said they would gift a defib at Broom of Moy but JD needs to check if this is still the case.	
8.	Local Councillors' Reports KR reported that the Mobile Phone Working Group has met and will put out a survey to gather views about the use of mobile phones in schools in Moray. MC's plans for VE Day celebrations will take place on Thursday 8 th May 2025 and include a flag being raised in Elgin; a ceremony at Clochan where the Land Girls' memorial is; a church service at St Giles Church in Elgin; pipers playing across the area; Churchill's message being read; ringing of church bells; beacons and lights lit. There are full details of the timings of these events on the MC website. KR informed members that there is funding available for tea parties in the community. There will be further celebrations on 15 th August 2025 for VJ Day. PM reported that the new Chief Executive starts work on Monday 17 th March 2025. PM has been involved in site visits, eg at Portgordon Maltings where sheds are being built to house whisky which is being stored as the market is flat at the moment. The sheds are self sufficient with heat and energy. He also visited the site of the Kellas windmills, which have been turned down for the moment – they will be revisited in May/June. PM explained about the Woodland Strategy – 33% of Moray is covered in trees, but imports are still necessary from Denmark and Norway. Moray is a good area for planting trees, but we must ensure that good agricultural ground is not being used for this.	For info
9.	Planning Issues None in our area	For info
10.	Correspondence JD had emailed all correspondence to members.	For info
11.	AOCB JG has been approached by a member of the public about the issue of dog fouling on the Burnie path. It was agreed that information about the health risks of this should be shared on the DLCC Facebook page. People should also be reminded that dog poo bags can be deposited in any bin. JG will ask CR to put a post on FB giving all this information. KR suggested that the Community Warden in Forres might come out to Dyke. JD has been approached by a member of the public saying that Dyke needs another car park at the Brodie end of the village, as the road can become very congested when vehicles are around at weekends and also when there are funerals, weddings and school events as the current car park is not big enough to accommodate extra vehicles. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.	JG CR For info
12.	Date, Time and Venue of the next meeting – Wednesday 9 th April 2025 - Dyke Church Hall	For info

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm