



**DYKE LANDWARD  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## Dyke Landward Community Council

**Draft Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.30pm  
Dyke Church Hall**



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

Apologies:	
Apologies were received from Owen Taylor and Nikki Morrison	

	Agenda Item	Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b> CM welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Police Update &amp; Community Safety Reports</b> JD had circulated the latest report on 5.2.26	<b>For info</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Public</b> No members of the public attended the meeting.	<b>For info</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b> The draft minutes of 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 had previously been circulated. Proposed: JG Seconded: JD	<b>For info</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>a) Bank Account Progress</b> As agreed at a previous meeting JG has been to the Bank of Scotland in Elgin to open a Communities Account with them prior to closing DLCC accounts with RBS. There is a charge of £4.25 per month for the Communities Account, but charges were also coming into place with RBS. The account needs 2 signatories but 3 names are going on – CM, ST and JG – there can be up to 5 signatories. JG and ST have submitted their applications and CM will do too. JG will close the RBS account and have the money transferred when the B of S account is in place.	<b>JG CM</b>
	<b>b) Social Media/Whatsapp Update</b> CR reported that no messages have been received since the last meeting. CR and NM will continue to share anything relevant on the FB page.	<b>CR NM</b>
	<b>c) Defib Broom of Moy Update</b> A meeting took place in November 2025 between Gordon McKandie from Kieran’s Legacy, Anne Macdonald and Scott Ferguson at which it was agreed where the defibrillator would be put – it will be installed on the centre green where it will be very visible and the power will come from the middle house. Neil Macdonald will dig in the cable. DLCC will pay the price of the installation as long as it is no more than £450.	<b>JD</b>

	JD will speak to Gordon about the price and it is hoped it will be installed by the end of March 2026	
	<b>d) Verge Subsidence Belmack Burn Update-</b> JD received an email from MC stating that they had been out to look at the verge and believe the boundary fence to be the problem. They will monitor the situation.	<b>For info</b>
	<b>e) School Play Equipment Update –</b> Since the last meeting Dyke Primary School has been given parts of play equipment which have been replaced at other playparks and this will suffice in the meantime while they continue to fundraise for the future. As agreed at the meeting of 12.11.25 ST will deliver a cheque for £200 to the Chair of Dyke Parent Council and ask her to get in touch with Gary at the Forres Gazette so that he can write an article about it.	<b>ST</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Treasurer’s Report:</b> <b>Current total in bank:</b> £5884.34 <b>Reserve Fund:</b> £5608.10 <b>Working Fund:</b> £276.24	<b>For info</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Reports</b> <b>Local Councillors -</b> KR reported that MC are getting ready for the budget in 2 weeks time. The 20mph roll out in Moray is imminent. It will happen in 3 phases: 1 <sup>st</sup> phase – Keith, Aberlour, Elgin 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase – Forres, Buckie, Lossiemouth 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase – Dyke, Rafford and other rural areas It is hoped that the 20mph project will be completed by summer 2026. The Moray Engage website has consultations about it and the project will become permanent if everyone is happy with it once in place. The Moray Engage Website will be promoted on the DLCC FB page so that community members can access it. A statutory consultation about the new Forres Academy was held between September and November 2025. MC Education Committee agreed to recommend to the full council the relocation of Forres Academy to a new, purpose-built school. It will now go to full council on 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 where the final decision will be made. It still has to go through the court for the use of common good land to be agreed. If all goes to plan work should begin in the summer of 2026.	<b>For info</b>  <b>CR</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Constitution to be approved –</b> with reference to the minutes of the inaugural meeting of DLCC on 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2026 where it was agreed to read the constitution and approve it or suggest any changes at the next meeting. It was agreed no changes were necessary and the Constitution was approved by CM and seconded by CR	<b>For info</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Moray FLOW-Park-</b> <b>SA</b> had attended the meeting scheduled for January 2026 to share information with DLCC but this meeting could not go ahead as it was not quorate. SA subsequently emailed information to be shared with the committee. There is to be a protest at Holyrood on Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 and the Stop the Moray Firth Flow-Park group has organised a bus to allow as many local residents to attend as possible. After the protest attendees will meet with MSPs and watch the debate which is taking place that day. SA will update DLCC after this event.	<b>For info</b>

10.	<p><b>Grit bin between Mudhall Farm and Banarach Bridge</b> – there have been further enquiries from local residents about the possibility of this bit of road being gritted as although it is not considered a priority road it is the most direct route to Dyke from the A96 and is widely used by parents and carers bringing children to school and preschool. OT has recovered 2 vehicles during the past 2 months, one of them from the ditch. Councillors present reported that as it is not a priority route it will not be gritted as gritters have to prioritise priority routes. Discussion followed about a pile of grit being dumped there so that the road can be gritted when necessary. This has happened in the past but when it rains the grit gets washed away.</p>	<b>For info</b>
11.	<p><b>Planning Issues</b> – Kintessack dwelling house and detached garage - slight adjustments to the original plan were submitted.</p>	<b>For info</b>
12.	<p><b>Correspondence</b> – JD had issued correspondence to members prior to the meeting. An email had been received from a local resident and was noted.</p>	<b>For info</b>
13.	<p><b>AOCB</b> – Bin collections – a few residents had complained that there were 6 weeks between bin collections in the recent spell of bad weather.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Date, Time and Venue of the next meeting</b> – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 19.30 hrs - Dyke Church Hall</p>	<b>For info</b>

**Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm**