

Dyke Landward Community Council

Draft Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 4 February 2015 at 7.30pm in Dyke Village Hall

Item No.	Action
1. Present	
Carol Shaw (Chair) (CAS)	
Steve Arkley (Treasurer) (SA)	
Alistair Sutherland (Vice-Chair) (AS)	
Jane Foster (JF)	
David Shaw (DS)	
John Bonsall (JB)	
In attendance	
Cllr. Anne Skene (The Moray Council); Tracey Rae (TR) (CC Liaison Officer)	
The Community Council (DLCC) was upset to learn that Arnold Boyle had been in ARI for the last two weeks after suffering a stroke. Members of DLCC sent their best wishes.	
The Chair welcomed John Bonsall onto the CC as a Youth Member.	
2 Police Report	
No one from Police Scotland attended therefore there was no Police Report.	
3 Minutes of Last Meeting	
Agreed and signed off by the Chair.	
4 Matters Arising from the Minutes	
CAS has been in contact with Transport Scotland regarding traffic concerns on the A96 at Brodie. A meeting with representatives of Transport Scotland has been provisionally arranged for the afternoon of the April meeting of DLCC (1/4/2015), meeting by the A96 at 5pm and then moving into the Dyke Hall for the actual meeting. DLCC identified issues to be looked at during the meeting which included the fact that there is a lot of activity in a very short distance of road such as entrances to Brodie	

Country Fare and the Old Mill Inn, a road junction by the level crossing which emits traffic from local users and Brodie Castle onto the A96, minor and private accesses onto the trunk road and two bus stops. At 'rush hour' times it can be very difficult to get out onto the A96 from the level crossing junction particularly if turning west; pedestrians have to cross the road to get to/from a bus stop (anecdotal evidence of a HIE student missing a bus because he couldn't get across the road); it takes approximately three seconds to drive from the speed limit sign to the entrance to either Brodie Country Fare or the Old Mill Inn, depending on direction, at 50mph; there are no street lights on this section so it is even more hazardous after dark. There has been one fatality in recent years.

DLCC Secretary: A recent resident to Dyke, Chris MacLeod, has offered to take on the role of Secretary. The CC agreed that CAS speak to Ms. MacLeod and come to a mutual agreement with her.

Parking at Brodie Pond: AS has spoken to the manager at Brodie Castle, Shona Sutherland, about bad roadside parking at the pond and she is already aware of the situation. The Castle has considered various ways of preventing bad parking on the verges but they are concerned about insurance claims for damages in the event of an incident. Investigation is continuing. It was suggested that MDC might erect warning signs at the approaches to the pond to the effect of children and dogs crossing as an interim measure. TR to check with The Moray Council.

Co-opted seventh member of DLCC: DS reported that Alison Davidson from The Moray Council could see no reason why we could just not co-opt a seventh member to the CC to make up a full complement of Members as the six-month ruling did not apply here.

5 Treasurers Report

SA reported that that slow progress was being made with RBS regarding the opening of a new account for DLCC but had he had hopes that it would be completed in the next few weeks.

SA had been in communication with MDC to confirm that the annual grant from the council was £540 pa.

6 Correspondence

LOAF: In response to a letter from the Moray Local Outdoors Access Forum (LOAF) AS expressed interest in applying to be a member of the group. He is to submit an application form to LOAF.

Developer Obligations: refers to the obligations of developers to contributing towards improvements of infrastructures within Moray. The contents were noted and it is due to be discussed further at the next meeting of the Joint Community Councils.

7 Community Feedback

Councillor Anne Skene shared feedback from The Moray Council.

MDC is currently run by a minority Independent group of 11 elected members whilst other groups consist of 10 SNP members and 2 Conservative and 2 Labour. With a by-election shortly coming up the balance could be even tighter. The Moray Council held an all-party meeting to discuss how they might best run a minority Administration until the next election in 2017. With both Westminster and Holyrood elections coming up in the interim period there is uncertainty over future funding from Government.

Other issues spoken about by Cllr. Skene were the shortage of teachers applying for vacancies in Moray and the future funding of the Forres Hydro-therapy Pool by the Council.

Cllr. Skene asked members of DLCC to note that minutes, reports, notices etc from all The Moray Council Committees can be found on The Moray Council web site:

<http://www.moray.gov.uk/minutes/>

9 Planning Issues

No planning applications have been received since the last meeting of DLCC.

TR advised that DS should be receiving a weekly list of all application in the Forres Ward. TR to follow this up.

10 Joint Community Council of Moray (JCC)

The next meeting of the JCC is to be on 12 February. CAS is to attend and JF hopes to be able to accompany. Failing this, DS has been asked to take her place.

11 AOCB

Referring to complaints about the condition of various roads SA advised that he had used the pro-forma eform on the MDC website to report on the condition of a local road and that he had received prompt and positive response from MDC about this. SA was very satisfied with the service he had received.

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_40815.html

To keep abreast of news from the districts immediately surrounding the DLCC area DS suggested that members might like to check out various websites. As well as the *Forres Gazette* he referred to

Inside Moray (<https://www.facebook.com/insideMoray?fref=ts>) and

A Gurn from Nurn, (<http://www.gurnnurn.com/>)

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the DLCC will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday 4 March 2015 in the Committee Room of Dyke Village Hall.