

# **Dyke Landward Community Council**

## **Draft Minutes of Meeting**

**Wednesday 2 March 2016 at 7.30pm in Dyke & District Community Hall**

### **1. Present**

Carol Shaw (Chair) (CAS), Alistair Sutherland (Vice-Chair) (AS), David Shaw (Acting Secretary)(DS), Arnold Boyle (AB), Jane Foster (JF)

#### **Apologies**

Steve Arkle (Treasurer), John Bonsall (Youth Representative)

#### **In attendance**

Cllr. Anne Skene (TMC) (CllrAS), Cllr. George Alexander (TMC)(CllrGA), PC Walker (Police Scotland) [for 1--2], PC Scott (Police Scotland) [for 1—2], Stacey Lynch (Network Rail)

### **2. Police Report**

PC Walker spoke to the pre-circulated report: in the 2 months since 3 January 2016 there had been 4 reported incidents in the DLCC area, all being road traffic incidents. To date, 2 offenders have been identified with a further suspect to be traced and dealt with. He encouraged anyone with concerns, e.g. speeding motorists, to contact Police Scotland 0800 555 111 or in person at Forres police station].

### **3. Visiting Speaker**

Stacy Lynch from Network Rail gave a presentation on the new railway station and associated works being undertaken in Forres. She described how Network Rail had taken on-board comments made at the various public exhibitions in town along the rail line and explained that work had already started at Forres and the new station would be open and in use by the end of 2017. A new timetable for services between Inverness and Aberdeen will be operational by the end of 2018.

### **4. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes were agreed to be an accurate record, and were signed off by the Chair.

### **5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- (i) **Fast-food Van at A96 lay-by.** Cllr. AS confirmed that no planning application had been applied for. A photograph of the layby being choked with lorries had been forwarded to the Moray Council and to BEAR Scotland. The Moray Council is reluctant to take enforcement action without a direct complaint from Transport Scotland.

**Action CAS** to send an email to Allan Farrington at Bear Scotland

**(ii) A96.** Transport Scotland are pleased that DLCC support the proposed extension of the 50mph speed limit at Brodie and a roads order is being processed.

**(iii) Mud on roads in Conicavel and to the north of Dyke.** **AB** has been in contact with Moray Estates, with limited success. Estates Manager Andrew Howse will request tenants to be more aware about depositing mud on the roads. Earlier, **AB** had circulated an interesting guidance note to farmers regarding their responsibilities regarding the deposit of mud on the roads.

**(ii) Speed of traffic on road (C9E) through Loanhead**

Following a letter to TMC, Roads Engineer James Smith visited the location and walked the road. His opinion was that traffic speed was not excessive but that signage for horses might be installed, subject to funding constraints.

**(iii) New Secretary for DLCC**

Steve Arkle reported that Claire Rhind was still interested in the post but was very busy. Steve is to try to arrange for Claire to meet with Christine Macleod to have the post explained to her.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer advised the Council that the DLCC account was still £1,592.31

## **8. Correspondence**

The following items had been received by the secretary and circulated to DLC councillors prior to the meeting:

Model Complaints Procedure \*

Village SOS \*

Community Path Grants Scheme \*

tsiMoray bulletin

Cares Conference Stirling 15 – 16 March

Moray 2016 Compact Meeting

Patient Participation Group Dr Gray's 10 March

Moray Connected

Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank Foundation

Scottish Health Council Update

KCR promoting CCs

Council's Developer Obligations

Clean Up Scotland Newsletter

Rezoning Moray Secondary Schools

**CAS** drew attention to various items on the list: (I) Model Complaints Procedure – no one was quite sure of the purpose of this. (II) Village SOS and Community Paths Grant Scheme – it was

felt that it would be beneficial to find out if we could get some money for maintenance of the Loanie Path and maybe, others in the area.

## **9. Community Feedback**

No issues were raised.

## **10. Reports**

### **(a) Local Councillors**

**CIIRAS:** TMC had been considering the pairing of Dyke and Logie primary schools. The Education Committee looked at this proposal and decided to keep the status-quo.

The Findhorn Bay wildfowling petition will go before committee on Tuesday 8 March.

Interviews have been held for teacher positions in Moray schools and two Head Teachers have been appointed from furth of Moray. However the teacher recruitment situation is still grave.

Syrian refugee families have been housed in Forres and have been warmly welcomed by neighbours. **JF** advised that Dyke Church was planning to be open for the reception of clothing for Syrian refugees.

## **11. Planning Issues**

**Rural Groupings Planning Strategy – DS** had previously circulated CC with a copy of a response letter to TMC regarding the draft proposals in the strategy. CC agreed that the letter was satisfactory and agreed for it to be sent out.

There were no other planning applications in the ward during the previous month'

**Ellands Farm** During the afternoon prior to the CC meeting **DS** reported that he had received a telephone call from a neighbour of Ellands Farm, Brodie objection to a planning application for boarding kennels at the farm; one other CC member had had a home visit from another neighbour on this same matter. Ellands Farm is actually in Highland Councils area and so **DS** admitted that he did not know how to proceed. **DS** to contact the local Authorities to find out the correct procedure for this.

## **12. Joint Community Council of Moray (JCC)**

Nobody from DLCC was available to attend the JCC meeting on 11 February.

## **13. AOCB**

**AB** reported on an attack on his dog by a neighbour's dog whilst they were out walking. This was reported to the police and TMC Dog Warden. The dog owner has been spoken to and the situation is being monitored.

**AB** reported that BT high-speed broadband was never going to be available in a rural area such as Conicavel but that he had discovered that government grants were available for satellite connection in remote areas.

Christine McLeod has retired as a very capable Secretary to DLCC and the Chair, **CAS**, was requested to purchase a bouquet of flower as a thank-you.

**14. Date and Time of Next Meeting of DLCC**

Wednesday, 6 April 2016, at 7:30pm, at Dyke & District Community Hall.