

# Dyke Landward Community Council

## Draft Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 5 April 2017 at 7.30pm in Dyke & District Community Hall

### Present

Carol Shaw (Chair) (CAS), Alistair Sutherland (Vice-Chair) (AS), Steve Arkley (Treasurer) (SA), David Shaw (Secretary)(DS), Jane Foster (JF),

**Apologies** Cllr. Anne Skene, John Bonsill

### In attendance

Cllr. George Alexander, Cllr. Lorna Creswell, Tanya McLaren

## 2. Police Report

No police officer was available to attend the meeting.

The Community Safety Report for April was considered and it was noted that it contained nothing of relevance to the DLCC area.

## 3. Public Session

Tanya McLaren, a resident of Broom of Moy, attended to advise the CC of the considerable amount of dog fouling at either end of the Bailey bridge over the River Findhorn. DLCC will pursue lines of enquiry to try and get something done about this and in the meantime Ms. McLaren was given some anti dog fouling posters to display by the bridge.

The question of advance signage to the junction to the west of Findhorn Bridge was raised and CAS advised that BEAR Scotland had stated that this would be erected by the end of May.

## 4. Minutes of Last Meeting

There were no amendments to the minutes which were agreed to be a correct account of the meeting and were signed off by the Chair.

## 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

CAS has asked two people to consider becoming Minutes Secretary. One person declined but Maeve Lewis has agreed to carry out this task until the end of the current CC period.

Following the resignation of Arnold Boyle Tanya McLaren (TML) has been invited to fill his place. TML will attend as a CC member at the June meeting.

The result of the TMC debate on the revised Scheme for Community Councils is now known and DLCC was disappointed to note that its opposition to reducing the age of CC members from 18 to 16 had not succeeded and that Youth Representatives would no longer be recognised. One point will be brought back to Council for further consideration. This is that membership of CCs could be open to residents of co-terminous areas to that of the CCs. As a response did not need to be received by TMC until 12 May discussion of this item was deferred until the next DLCC meeting. *(Later in the evening, see AOCB, it was agreed that the date of the May meeting would be moved back to 10 May. This would not give the Secretary enough time to submit the CC response to TMC and an electronic meeting has been convened to discuss this point.)*

## 6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the bank account now held £1,673.26. SA also advised that rent for the meeting room was to be raised and that in future there would be a Minutes Secretary to be paid.

## 7. Correspondence

The Chair of Findearn CC had submitted a report to the JCC giving their views on the dualling of the A96 road. This document was considered by DLCC.

## 9. Reports

Both Councillors in attendance shared how they were clearing their desks in readiness for the upcoming elections.

Much of the reports centred on support groups being set up to help people with illnesses (Jo Smithson at Forres Health Centre) and older and lonely people (Kirsty Williams at FACT).

It was also suggested that patients with lesser ailments could try consulting their local pharmacy before making a GP appointment and so saving the doctor's time.

Both Cllr Creswell and Cllr Alexander are standing again for the Forres ward. DLCC wished them well and thanked them for their work during this term of office.

Cllr Anne Skene is not standing for election again and the CC sent her thanks for all the work that she has done for the area during her time in office and wished her well for the future. CAS was asked to write a letter to this effect.

## 10. Planning Issues

Planning applications were received for a new house on a plot where the Darklass farm track meets the 'back' road to Kintessack and for a change of design for a proposed house at Kintessack.

JF advised that as part of the footpath construction at Dyke Church a guard rail would be erected above the drop into Mr and Mrs Whytes garden.

## 10. AOCB

CAS proposed that the date of the next CC meeting be a week later than previously held to avoid clashes with FAF and so allow more TMC members to attend. This was agreed by CC members and **the next meeting will be on 10 May.**

DS reported on a fly tipping event where asbestos sheeting was found behind a layby on the A96. This was reported to both TMC and SEPA and a repeat inspection of the site a short while later showed that the asbestos had been removed and the site tidied up.

DS attended the AGM of FBLNR and reported back. Most of the effort of the committee during the last year had been expended on wildfowling issues rather the running of the LNR. Chair, Roy Dennis, has given up a lot of private time over this. Many points have been agreed with interested parties but there are still two unresolved issues, one regarding no-

shooting days and the other being the control of shooting in the south-east corner. A report will be put to TMC and it is hoped that a voluntary code and permit system can be trialled next winter followed by permanent by-laws in following years.

JF reported that residents of Conicavel were reluctant to put themselves forward as Community Councillors as they feared aggravation from another resident. It is hoped that this will sort itself out before the October elections.

Members of the CC and the attending Councillors congratulated Dyke church on its recent fundraising effort for the new footpath.

DLCC noted that local resident Sean Proctor (Sgt) had been awarded the Queens Commendation for Bravery following his heroic rescue of an injured seaman from a storm tossed vessel whilst he was employed as a winchman by the SAR unit at RAF Lossiemouth.

#### **11. Date and Time of Next Meeting of DLCC**

**Wednesday, 10 May 2017** at 7:30pm, at Dyke & District Community Hall.