

Dyke Landward Community Council
Draft Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 7.30pm
in Dyke & District Village Hall

Present: Steve Arkley (Chair & Treasurer) (SA), Jo Lenihan (Secretary) (JL), Jackie Davidson (JD), Tom Lewis (TL), Carl Wright (CW)

Apologies: Cllr Lorna Creswell, Jane Foster (JF)

In attendance: Cllr Feaver, Cllr McLean

1. Welcome and introductions

SA welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were done.

2. Police Update/Report/Community Safety Report

No police officer attended and there was nothing to report. Community Safety report had been distributed earlier in the day but there was nothing reported from DLCC area

3. Public Session

No public attended.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting on 7 August 2019 were approved. Proposed by TL and seconded by JD.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Dyke road surface dressing – Further to comments in minute of 7 August, CW commented that although notice was given of the work taking place within the forthcoming 28 days, there was no notice of the actual day of work. The road was completely blocked during work with the potential of causing severe disruption to affected residents. It was felt the road closure was badly handled. In addition, surface dressing had been laid over existing drains. CF is dealing with similar issues in another area so would take an action to raise the issue with TMC.

(b) Burnie Path – TL has emailed Ian Douglas (TMC) to arrange a meeting to take this matter forward.

(c) Findhorn Bridge sign – TL to email for an update.

(d) Flood alleviation stonework – JD and Cllr McLean had met with Deborah Halliday to inspect the scheme. JD raised concerns that the shingle banks that had taken considerable time and effort to install seemed to have disappeared. If there is a build-up of shingle this would be removed. Shingle being removed as a result of natural flow of water was not seen as a problem as the purpose of the scheme is to widen and give river more space. Annual inspections will be undertaken with the next due in September/October 2019.

6. Treasurer's Report

Bank balance - £1875.61 made up of £833.61 in administration account and £1,042 in the reserve account.

SA requested that all expenses be submitted as soon as possible as end of September is end of FY.

7. Correspondence

All relevant correspondence had been circulated and there were no matters to deal with.

8. Reports –

(a) Local Councillors –

Cllr Feaver reported concern about the recently released figures relating to C&YP. TMC is currently lying around 29/30/31 out of 32 local authorities in Scotland for education. However, she was encouraged to hear that despite some strands of social care being at 32 out of 32 officers were showing a determination to improve. A current review of the timetabled 33 period week for C&YP is being undertaken and it will be interesting to see if this has improved outcomes.

Cllr McLean reported good outcomes from the Policy and Resources Committee with the report showing that energy usage bills and carbon footprint had both reduced. The recent poverty strategy shows that 1/3 of households in Moray are in poverty. Procurement have made over £1million in savings and efficiencies have created £6million of savings. Elgin BID has been saved which will have a positive impact on Elgin High Street. In terms of Dyke-specific news there was nothing to report.

Richard Lochhead, MSP, had recently held a surgery in Dyke with 3 or 4 pre-booked appointments as well as several drop-ins. The surgery was advertised in local press, but it was felt that it would be useful to advertise future surgeries through the DLCC via email to the Chair. AM to action.

9. Planning Issues

No new planning applications had been notified to DLCC. Mention was made of a recent application for a garage at Cloddymoss which is understood to have been submitted on 28 August 2019.

Discussion took place on permission to erect an agricultural shed at the logging business at Barley Mill. Cllr Feaver reported that agricultural buildings do not require permission. The building had not yet been erected. SA would search to see if there was an application. Cllr Feaver agreed to contact TMC planning for clarification.

Note: SA circulated link to planning application and asked Cllr Feaver to ascertain why DLCC had not received notification

10. AOCB

- CW asked whether the schedule of meetings was fixed. SA agreed to check if standing instructions dictated this. It was agreed that discussion would take place at next meeting to see if there is a desire to move meetings to facilitate attendance of some members.
- The possibility of expanding membership of the group was discussed and members would invite any other people that might be interested in joining the group.
- Concern was raised by CW about the layby that had been constructed in the village and what its purpose was.

Note: SA circulated email to confirm that purpose was for road widening.

11. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 2 October 2019 at 7.30pm in Dyke Village Hall.