

## **DYKE LANDWARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19th November 2008, Dyke Village Hall.

**Present** Mr. J. Rodgers, Mr. D. McConnell, Mrs. M. Greenaway, Mrs L. Dingwall (secretary to the CC) Cllr. I. Ogilvie.

Apologies. Mr. C. Hamilton

Also present, three members of the public.

**In attendance:** Mr. Paul Barron (area engineer) and Mr. Bill Ross (roads maintenance manager)

The Chairman suggested that the meeting should commence with discussion on roads issues, this was agreed by all present.

**1. Winter Gritting.** Bear Scotland are responsible for A96, Moray Council for other roads in the Dyke Landward area. Both agencies have regular discussions re ongoing gritting and weather reports/road conditions. The Met Office has a five year contract to supply up to date weather statistics and reports. Winter road treatment is not subject to budget restraints, it comes within Moray Council policy and procedure. More information can be found on the MC web site under the heading Winter Maintenance Policy. Generally, priority status is assessed on traffic volume, school bus routes are priority 2, U roads are priority 3. The U76E however is priority 1. The slope at Tearie was discussed, lack of traffic to activate the grit was a major problem at this locality.

**2. Cutting of Whins etc.** Landowners hold responsibility for keeping branches etc from growing over roadside verges and affecting road width/visibility. The MC cannot always get landowners to comply with removing excessive growth. The Laich area has two cuts a year and the Conicavel road two cuts a year. A one metre swathe of grass is cut once a year as a second cut eats into the budget.

**3. Fallen Tree.** There was discussion on how to deal with this type of problem should it occur again.

**4. A local resident** voiced concerns over the footpath/cycle path between Findhorn Bridge and Brodie. This was said not to be an official footpath/cycleway. It was suggested that contact should be made with Transport Scotland regarding this item. The works at Brodie were causing more damage done to the minor road verges by the increase of traffic using these as a 'rat run' to avoid delays on the A96.

**5. Verges/passing places.** Improvements to the Mudhall - Muirton road are not in the capital programme. Gravel or other types of infill are not recommended for use on soft verges by MC roads department. Passing place signs and chevron signs on bridges are due to new legislation.

**6. Inspection of roads.** Inspection takes place every six months, people are asked to phone with any immediate/urgent problems such as pot holes etc.

**7. Drainage affecting property at Broom of Moy.** MC are aware of this issue, drainage improvements at this locality are not included in the financial budget for this year.

Mr. Ross and Mr. Barron then left the meeting. Two members of the public also left the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Mr. McConnell, seconded by the Chairman and signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed that other items on the minutes should be left to a future meeting. There were a few items requiring immediate discussion.

**1. Core Paths.** The new core paths plan shows the path at Broom of Moy to be very close to the proposed Haul Road. One stretch of the core path scheme could lead to conflict with proposed flood alleviation work. Formal objections to the core paths plan are to be in place by 8th February.

**2. Vandalism to Dyke Primary School and village hall.** This will be raised with the PTA and the Hall Committee. Education authority and police to be informed. A police van visits Dyke village on a Wednesday in the early evening.

**3. Resume.** A new resume, list of members and dates of future meetings to be prepared for notice boards in the DLCC area and also the noticeboard in the village hall.

**The following minute is to be discussed at the next DLCC meeting.**

**1. A96 Brodie Speed Restriction.** Cllr. Ogilvie had information re an Executive website with information on speed limit criteria. - **Chairman to view same.**

**Chairman to check CC files** for past history of this speed limit.

**Cllr. Ogilvie to invite a member of Bear Scotland to the November CC meeting.**

**2. Flood Alleviation Scheme. - Mrs. Greenaway to be asked to update CC members on Broom of Moy issues at the next CC meeting.**

Residents are concerned about what appears to be the lack of clear unambiguous answers to the points they have raised on a number of occasions. The Chairman had been informed that the Broom of Moy bridge will be closed for some six months while flood alleviation work is ongoing in that area.

Cllr. Ogilvie informed the meeting of the following:

The Moray Council Flood Alleviation Team (Sub Committee) will be going out to speak with all of the objectors in the near future.

Moray Council will be hosting a Flood Risk Seminar, to take place in Elgin, on 30th and 31st October. Cllr. Ogilvie will update CC members with more details as they become available.

Chairman had sent details of a web site containing Scottish Executive committee report to CC members, this to be further discussed at the next meeting.

3. **Fallen Tree.** Removal/reduction is progressing.
4. **Longley Safety Barrier.** Bear to write to the CC when landscaping considerations have been progressed.
5. **Potholes in the Dyke Landward Area.** Discussed with Mr. Barron and Mr. Ross.
6. **Removal of Pay Phones.** BT have not yet publicised which phone boxes are to be retained. Cllr. Ogilvie informed the meeting that the Local Area Forum had become involved in this. Secretary to contact Carin Schwartz to clarify.
7. **Representatives from Dyke and Conicavel.** See AOCB item 2.
8. **Community Council letterhead.** Secretary and Chairman to liase regarding this, both suggest using a map of the DLCC area. Secretary to contact Tracey Rae, CCLO.
9. **Road surface and slope at Tearie.** Discussed with Mr. Barron and Mr. Ross
- 10 **Resurfacing in Dyke Landward Area.** As item 9.

**Agenda items not discussed under matters arising:**

4. **Planning Applications.** None relevant.
5. **Meeting dates for 2009.** Secretary to deal with this and book village hall.
6. **Postwatch Scotland.** Tabled. Mr. Hamilton to read.
7. **ASCC Updates.** Tabled.
8. **The Scottish Parliament Completed Report, Evidence on Flooding and Flood Management.** To be further discussed at the next meeting.

**AOCB**

1. Major RNA MacLeod is regrettably standing down, Mr. R. Wilson has also stood down.

The two members of the public left the meeting while proposed new members were discussed. It was unanimously agreed that Mrs. C. MacLeod, Mr. T. Foster and Mr. A. Sutherland be invited to join the CC. Secretary to inform Tracey Rae, CCLO. Mr Foster and Mr. Sutherland then rejoined the meeting. **Tracy Rae, CCLO, had discussed co-option with the secretary. The CC can co-opt two new members. Mr. McConnell to contact Major MacLeod, Mr. Sutherland said he would be content to remain as a visiting member of the public.**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th December, 7.00 pm.** Dyke Village Hall. Please send agenda items to the secretary by Friday 5th December.