

DYKE LANDWARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WED. 18TH MARCH 2009

Present; Mr. J. Rodgers Chairman) Mr. D. McConnell, Mr. C. Hamilton, Mrs. C. MacLeod, Mr. T. Foster, Cllr. I. Ogilvie, Mrs. L. Dingwall (secretary)

Also present. Mr. A. Sutherland, Inspector Craig Donald.

Apologies: Mrs. M. Greenaway

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Donald to the meeting and introductions were made

The minutes of the December meeting were approved by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. McConnell and signed by the Chair

The minutes of the February meeting were approved by Mrs. MacLeod, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and signed by the Chair

1. Brodie Speed Limit. The short duration of the speed limit was discussed. Inspector Donald will ask the roads police unit to do some speed checks in the area. A draft of the A96 Speed Limit Review should be completed by the end of March 2009. A review process by Transport Scotland following this will be completed by end of June 2009.

2. Longley Safety Barrier. Mr. D. McConnell to contact Bear to check if any landscaping proposals have been made.

3. Other Road Barriers. Bear Scotland are aware of the missing safety caps.

4. Winter Gritting Programme. The level crossing at Brodie is cause for concern, as is Tearie crossroads. Cllr. Ogilvie offered to speak to Sandy Ritchie (TMC)

5. Grass Verges. The passing place has been completed on the Muirton – Kintessack road, the Chairman reported that it is in exactly the correct position. Cllr. Ogilvie asked to thank the MC roads dept. Passing places/road widening on land bought by TMC at Muirton is not included in the next five year programme. Mr. McConnell told those present that problems with the passing place signs south of Conicavel have been resolved.

6. A96 Findhorn Bridge to Brodie Cycleway/Walking Path. Mr. Jeronim and the Chairman met for a site visit with representatives from both BEAR and Transport Scotland along with Richard Lochhead's parliamentary assistant, Mr. Marc Macrea. It is now accepted by officials that the pathway did indeed exist. Mr. Jeronim is still pressing for the path to be reinstated.

7. Flood Alleviation Scheme – Broom of Moy. There are still landscaping concerns re the haul road, householders fear a total lack of privacy. Mr. D. McConnell wrote to The Moray Council in November 2008 outlining DLCC concerns. Cllr. Ogilvie informed the meeting that the Flood Alleviation/Core Path objections have been received and noted. Mr. McConnell is to proceed with this item.

8. Fallen Tree. Awaiting developments. Inspector Donald was interested in this item and is to investigate it under police rulings.

9. Pay Phones. Awaiting Developments.

10 Forres Health Centre/Pharmacy. The secretary informed those present that the next meeting of the patients' participation group will be held on Wed. 25th March.

11 Forestry Commission Estate. Recent information is that the sell off is not taking place. Secretary to check. Inspector Donald informed the meeting that the toilets in the Culbin Forest have been vandalised for the second time, debris was found at Rosiesle. There is a possibility that the Forestry Commission will lock the toilets, secretary to check into this.

12 Proposals to change Planning System in Scotland. The e planning service will begin on 29th April, Secretary to check that details are in place.

13 ASCC Work Group Seminar. An invitation to attend has been received. The seminar takes place on Saturday 21st March, Laichmoray Hotel, Elgin. 10 am for 10.30, lunch included.

14 Recycling. Secretary to invite a member of the team to the next meeting. Cllr. Ogilvie to investigate percentages etc.

15 Flooding issue at cottage, Broom of Moy. Referred to flood alleviation team.

16 Grampian Health Board no smoking questionnaire. This item was omitted from the previous minutes. The questionnaire was studied by Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. Greenaway. The Chairman will complete the questionnaire and submit it with a covering letter.

17 Dogs Trust information leaflet. Tabled. Secretary to ask for copies of the small poster for notice boards.

18 Community Council Elections, October 2009. Tabled. A map was emailed re the various CC boundaries. Everyone commented that it was impossible to make out the boundaries in the DLCC area.

19 Social Cohesion in Moray. Tabled.

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1. Dyke Cemetery. Cllr. Ogilvie to ask for a gate to be put in place between the Village Hall car park and the Cemetery. Also to ask for a dog bin, and for signs stipulating that no dogs apart from guide dogs are allowed in the area.

2. Trees from Dalvey Lodge to A96. Secretary to clarify ownership.

3. Noticeboards and Resume. Secretary to prepare resume. Mr. McConnell handed out updated members

4. Moray Local Plan. Tabled. Mr. Hamilton to read it first and pass it around.

5. Inspector Donald. The inspector informed the meeting that there are two beat officers for A96 south, and two for A96 north.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th April, 7.00 pm, Dyke Village Hall.