

DYKE LANDWARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WED. 15th APRIL 2009

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

Also present. Mr. A. Sutherland, Mr. I. Douglas

Apologies: Mr. C. Hamilton.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Douglas to the meeting and proposed that we deal with Core Path issues before dealing with the minutes of the previous meeting. This was agreed by all present.

Mr. Douglas informed the meeting that he had a three month period to meet with objectors and try to resolve issues causing objections. If it is not possible to resolve objections they will be dealt with by a Scottish Government local enquiry.

Issues discussed are as follows:

Lack of security and of privacy for residents of Broom of Moy affected by the bund, which could be used as a walkway or alternative to the Core Path by members of the public.

Mr. Douglas commented that objections relate to the Flood Alleviation application and not to the Core Path plan.

Mr. Douglas suggested that DLCC should seek assurances from the Flood Alleviation Team with regard to the following:

1. Ultimate height and dimensions of the bund.
2. Landscaping details including names and numbers of species to be used. Also details on any fencing to be used
3. Assurances that the Core Path will be improved and promoted and well signposted.
4. Details regarding the gate/gates at the entrance to the haul road/bund.

Mr. Douglas also informed the meeting that the public will have access rights to the haul road/bund under the Land Reform Act (Scotland) 2003. The Core Path team are working with the Flood Alleviation team on this issue. The flood alleviation team have no duty to maintain the Core Path.

The Chair thanked Mr. Douglas for attending, Mr. Douglas then left the meeting.

The minutes of the March meeting were proposed by Mr. McConnell, seconded by the Chair and signed by the Chair.

1. Core Path. Caroline informed those present that a new Core Path has been proposed, it will go through Dalvey. Duncan will look into this.

2. Longley Safety Barrier. Duncan to check if any updates are available re landscaping.

3. Other Road Barriers. Missing safety caps have been replaced.

4. Winter Gritting Programme. Cllr. Ogilvie to speak to S. Ritchie.

5. A96 Findhorn Bridge to Brodie Cycleway/Walking Path. It is hoped that Sustrans might be able to help with this issue. Chairman maintains an interest in this item.

6. Fallen Tree. Awaiting developments.

7. Pay Phones. Duncan to ask for an update on this item.

8. Forres Health Centre/Pharmacy. The secretary informed those present that there are renewed hopes of a pharmacist operating from the new facility. The appointment line is also causing a lot of concern and is on the agenda for the next patient's group meeting.

9. Forestry Commission Estate. Secretary was able to confirm that the sell off has been withdrawn. DLCC thanked for their support. Secretary to obtain new contact details for a representative of Forestry Commission.

10 ASCC Work Group Seminar. A new scheme for Community Council Empowerment is underway. There are to be six pilot areas, chosen by end April 2009.

11 Recycling. Secretary to make renewed efforts to try to have someone to attend the next meeting.

12 Dogs Trust information leaflet. Leaflets distributed for Noticeboards.

13 Community Council Elections, October 2009. There are 8 weeks to comment on the new Community Council scheme. Chair to investigate review of existing CC boundaries and any possible alterations.

14 Dyke Cemetery. The water tap in the cemetery is not working properly. Tom to deal with this item.

15 Trees from Dalvey Lodge to A96. Awaiting an answer regarding ownership.

16. Brodie Speed Limit.

Agenda.

1. Model Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils and Code of Conduct. Tabled.

2. Best kept Village Competition. Tabled.

3. Community Council Grant. This includes £35 for registering re the Data Protection Act. Secretary to check this with Tracey Rae (CCLO)

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1. School Closures. A communication has been received asking for information on how the proposed school closures were dealt with and how Community Councils were kept informed. Duncan to deal with this.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th May, 7.00 pm, Dyke Village Hall.