

Dyke Landward Community Council
Draft Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 20th 2013 at 7.00pm, Dyke Village Hall

Item No.		Action
1.	<p>Present Alistair Sutherland (Acting chair) (AS) Carol Shaw (Acting Secretary) (CS) Margaret Greenaway (Treasurer) (MG) Aaron Mclean - Moray Councillor (AMcL) Kim Morrison (KM) Lorna Creswell – Moray Councillor (LC) Constable Fiona Macleod, Grampian Police (FM)</p> <p>Apologies for Absence Caroline Macleod (Chair) (CMcL) John Wrighton (JW) Bob Wilson (BW) Anne Skene – Moray Councillor (ASk) Tom Foster (TF) George McKenzie (GMcK) George Alexander – Moray Councillor (GA) Sean Jones – Sergeant, Grampian Police (SJ)</p>	
2.	<p>2.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting 19th February 2013 MG proposed the approval of the minutes and KM seconded</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising (not on Agenda)</p> <p>3.1 Speed Limit on A96 at Brodie Brodie Countryfare has submitted a planning application to expand the store AS is to comment on the application with regard to effect on traffic volume on A96.</p> <p>3.2 20mph-flashing lights in Dyke Not working at all LC reported that Bill Ross is obtaining quotes for new lights, which will be able to switched on remotely.</p> <p>3.3 Flood Alleviation Work at Broom of Moy ASk sent in the following information: 1.The blown down fence at Broom of Moy: Environmental Health has agreed that the proposed new fence (with gaps) will be suitable for both noise reduction and stability. A decision is awaited from Planning but agreement is expected. The fence materials have been ordered and it should be up in about 3 weeks time. 2.The landowner opposed to the reporter’s recommendation regarding landscaping: It will be an action on the flood team to go back to the landowner to persuade him/her of the recommendation. They will find out what the concerns are and try to convince him/her that the landscaping work is necessary following completion of works.</p>	
	<p>Notice Boards AS has spoken to Peter at Brodie there is a board for Kintessack but no board for Dyke. AS to speak to GMcK to see how much would cost to make a board. KM said notices do not appear on Kintessack board.</p>	
	<p>Secretary IO has stated that she is not able to take on the role of secretary to DLCC. AS thanked CS for acting as secretary and emphasised that it is necessary for DLCC to find a new secretary. Suggestions for doing this included a poster on notice boards, mention in newsletter going out to Dyke school parents and ask Tanya if she could put a short piece in Forres Gazette.</p>	
4.	<p>Grampian Police Report</p>	

On 20 February 2013, a road collision took place on the A96 near to Brodie. As a result of this collision one person has been charged with Careless Driving and is to be reported to the procurator Fiscal.

On 27 February 2013, a person was found driving an agricultural vehicle and trailer in the Dyke area with a number of dangerous defects on them. The driver has been charged with various offences under the Road Traffic Act and construction and use regulations and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

During the past month attention has been paid to the temporary speed restriction in force on the A96 due to the flood alleviation works and 19 persons have been charged for speeding in this area. The majority of these persons are to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal, those who aren't have been issued with fixed penalty tickets.

Police have continued monitoring the ongoing situation with regards to parent parking at Dyke Primary School.

Police have also monitored the ongoing situation regarding parking at the Duck pond at Brodie Castle, to date no issue has been observed however, this is likely to be due to the recent inclement weather. The situation will continue to be monitored.

A new 101 non-emergency number was launched across Scotland on Thursday 21 February 2013, and will replace the vast range of existing police force non-emergency numbers, including the Grampian Police 0845 600 5 700 number, which will be gradually phased out.

The introduction of the 101 non-emergency number will give the people of Scotland a new way to contact the police, seek advice, speak to a local officer or to report a crime that does not need an emergency response, for example:

- car theft
- damage to property;
- a minor traffic collision;
- suspected drug use or dealing;
- information about crime in their area.

The 101 non-emergency number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It costs a flat rate of 15p per call and will connect the public to a police service centre in their local area. The number has already been launched successfully in England and Wales and is widely used.

The key reasons for introducing the 101 non-emergency number in Scotland are to:

- help keep people safe by giving them one easy-to-remember number for contacting the police, wherever they are in Scotland;
- make the police more accessible, while reducing pressure on the 999 system;
- help the police cut crime by making it easier for the public to pass on information;
- support the creation of a more efficient and effective police service for the people of Scotland;

- increase interoperability with England and Wales, with 101 becoming the nationally recognised non-emergency number for contacting the police across the UK.

Person should continue to call 999 in an emergency - when a crime is in progress, when someone suspected of a crime is nearby, when a life is in danger or when violence is being used or threatened.

This will be the last local Policing Update from Grampian Police as the organisation will cease to exist at Midnight on 31 March 2013 and will become a part of the new national Police Force 'Police Scotland'. The Community Council will continue to receive the same high quality of service under the new force and it is expected that there will be very little change at a local policing level. (See Community Councils Local Police Report for further information.)

5. Treasurer's Report

DLCC has £1,543.50 in the bank. MG expressed her concern that with CMcL absence she was unable to pay the Hall rental she proposed that CS be made a signatory to the account and KM seconded.

CS

Agreed to AS offering GMcK up to £300 to make a new notice board for Dyke.

6. Planning Applications

Brodie Countryfare has put in an application for an extension and AS will monitor this.

Planning application for a house next to Rowan Cottage on back road going towards Kintessack. DLCC had concerns over access and AS will comment on the application on-line.

AS

7. Hog Weed Control

The hog weed is just starting to emerge and spraying needs to happen now LC to take forward. AS explained that the seeds can lie in the ground for 7+ years and need spraying when it is just a small plant.

LC

8. Flood Alleviation Presentation by Dave Gowans

To be reviewed in April.

9. Communications and Correspondence

The following were noted:

9.1 Notes of meeting of JLCC

9.2 Scotland and Offshore Renewable Energy AMcL to attend if possible

9.3 Play/Talk/Read Bus Venues – CS will send out the poster with Forres details along with the minutes to be put on notice boards.

9.4 CCB Training Calendar – courses not appropriate to DLCC members.

9.5 Spirit of Community Awards – Clydesdale Bank is awarding a total of £175,000 to community groups to celebrate their 175th anniversary – Dyke Hall Committee to look into.

9.6 Dallas Living it Up Project – a digital health project

9.7 Moray College is offering free IT Courses

9.8 Community Service Hours – DLCC area could apply to have those doing community service to do such things as weed gardens, paint benches LC to supply details of whom to contact.

LC

10. AOCB

10.1 CS has received several complaints regarding the number of potholes on the local roads LC to raise this matter with the Moray Council, AS

expressed surprise that workmen had been making repairs to pot holes on the back road on a Saturday. LC

10.2 AS reported there is a good sale of tickets for the Hall Tales in Dyke on 30 March.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

TUESDAY 16th April 2013 at 7.00pm, Dyke Hall.