

Echt & Skene Community Council

Minute of Meeting held 30th July 2020 via Zoom

Attendees: Fiona Bick, Ian Macmaster, Niall MacBeath, Nick Pilbeam, George Glennie, Steve Gibson, Cllr Ron McKail, Cllr Alistair McKelvie, 1 Echt resident

Apologies:, Klaus Wahle, Brian Poppleton, Paula Houston

Minute of last meeting: Approved.

Police Report: No police report was received. No police matters raised. **Action:** Fiona to follow up with police for a report.

Proposed Response to LDP Consultation: A meeting was held on 1st July with the LDP Team about the consultation process. Fiona was the only ESCC member in attendance, along with Paula and 6 other Echt residents. The minute of the meeting is available separately. Members talked through the proposed ESCC response to the draft LDP, focussing on Section 7 Shaping Development in the Countryside, and the allocated housing development site OP1 in Echt. **Action:** Fiona to submit response as discussed.

Kirkton of Skene Football Pitch: Fiona reported that Dunecht Estates has found another football team to take on the tenancy of the pitch. **Action:** Fiona to establish whether the new tenant wants to have use of the lining machine.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Forbes Park Landscaping: No progress since last meeting.

Echt Hall Public Convenience Demolition: No progress since last meeting.

Echt Street Signs: George reported that an Echt residents meeting in 2011 agreed on the naming of the four B-road branches in Echt. The road to Dunecht was agreed as John Souter Road. Fiona will write to Council roads department to ask for a sign to be erected.

Skene School Flashing 20mph signs: No progress since last meeting.

Flooding on Kirkton of Skene to Westhill footpath: No progress since last meeting.

Kirkton of Skene Village Shop: The planning application for part change of use to a café has been approved and the business is operating a take-away service at present. **CLOSED**

Access to Agricultural Shed erected under APP/2015/1681: The Council confirmed that any new access onto a B-class road, as in this case, requires planning permission. A complaint has therefore been submitted to Planning Enforcement regarding the new access which has been formed onto the B977.

Treasurer Handover: The handover from Brian Poppleton to Paula Houston will take place before the AGM in October.

New Planning Applications:

- APP/2020/1286 &1251 Installation of Underground LPG Tanks, Flues/Extracts, Erection of Fence, Repositioning of Bin Store and External Alterations – Kirkton House, Skene Westhill Aberdeenshire AB32 6XT – No comment

Prior Planning Applications:

- APP/2020/0684 Erection of 7 Dwellinghouses and a Convenience Store - Site at Strawberryfield Road Skene Westhill Aberdeenshire. – the application has been amended from 7 houses to 6 houses and the site layout has been re-organised to avoid the ETL corridor.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash in Bank: £2343.05 Cash in hand: £39.89

Correspondence/Consultations/Upcoming Events:

- Developer Obligations - £1900 is available for projects at community halls in the ESCC area and must be allocated by June 2021. The funds cannot be spent on general maintenance/running costs.

AOCB:

Garlogie Speed Limit: A Garlogie resident has contacted Ron McKail asking for the speed limit to be reduced from 40mph to 30mph. Ron will speak to Roads but a similar request made in the past was rejected since Garlogie didn't meet the criteria for a 30 mph zone. The last speed survey showed an average speed of 37mph.

Future Meeting Dates:

10th September Echt

29th October AGM at Garlogie