

Echt & Skene Community Council

Minute of Meeting held 22nd April 2021 via Zoom

Attendees: Fiona Bick, Ian Macmaster, Niall MacBeath, Nick Pilbeam, George Glennie, Klaus Wahle, Cllr Iris Walker, Cllr Ron McKail

Apologies: Cllr Alistair McKelvie, Paula Houston, Guy Bromby

Minute of last meeting: Approved.

Police Report: A Police report was received for March. A shed at Skene Primary School was broken into and some desks were damaged but nothing was stolen. 1 minor road traffic collision, 1 report of fraud (Facebook tickets paid for but not received). Police speed checks were done in Dunecht on 15 March and 1 driver was warned for speeding.

Residents in Echt reported concerns about Miller Plant lorries speeding through the village, particularly early in the morning. **Action:** Fiona and Ron to ask Police to do speed checks in Echt

Community Council Elections 2021: Posters provided by the Council will be put up on the village noticeboards. The deadline for nominations is 13th May.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Community Action Plans: Members agreed to undertake CAPs for Kirkton of Skene and Echt. **Action:** Fiona to follow up with Caroline Smith regarding the next steps.

Dunecht Car Parking: Residents report there have been few issues of late (perhaps due to a combination of police presence, lockdown easing and poor weather) but members agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

Echt Hall Public Convenience Demolition: No progress since last meeting. **Action:** George to follow up with Ian Mitchell of Landscaping services.

Echt Street Sign: Roads Department are unable to find a record of any decision to name the B977 N of crossroads as John Souter Road. George is now researching the history of the decision-making in 2011 with Wendy Duncan, who has the historical ESCC minutes. The GAC would have taken any final decision about road-naming so he will also contact Alison Cumming. **Action** George

Flooding on Kirkton of Skene to Westhill footpath: A site meeting is to take place on 4th May involving Fiona, Guy Bromby and Caroline Smith, Susan Adams and Malcom Thomson from the Council. Roads Department were invited also but are unlikely to attend.

Flooding at Greystones: No feedback from the Council yet. **Action:** Ron McKail to follow up with Ann Overton.

Garlogie Speeding: Still awaiting Aberdeenshire Council trials of Pop-Up Bob.

Echt Disused Bus Shelter Community Project: **Action:** Ron McKail to follow up with Ann Overton to include the shelter on the Council Asset Register.

Echt EV Charging Point: George still to follow up with Hall Committee to determine whether they would agree to host in the hall car park.

Echt speed activated sign on B977: Cllr McKelvie is still to follow up the removal of the sign with Roads department.

New Planning Applications:

- APP/2021/0755 conversion of existing bothy to form new Dwellinghouse and garage – The Bothy, Tillyshogle, Echt, AB32 6XD. No comment.
- APP/2021/0378 Construction of solar farm – Lands south of Cornhill Farm, Echt, AB32 6XA. It was noted there is no policy statement in the LDP regarding the siting of solar farms other than to avoid glare issues. No comment.

Treasurer's Report:

Cash in Bank: £1848.05 Cash in hand: £39.89

There have been no receipt or expenditures since the last meeting. George is to be reimbursed £40 for the thank you gifts given to Fox Lane Garden Centre. Members agreed to cover cost of paint to cover up graffiti in Lyne of Skene playpark.

The draft accounts to 31st March were reviewed. **Action:** Paula to arrange for independent examination and submission to Alison Cumming.

Correspondence/Consultations/Upcoming Events:

- Garioch Area Community Council Forum on 8th June at 7pm

AOCB:

- Graffiti in Lyne of Skene Playpark - Niall offered to paint over it
- Lyne of Skene speed limits – Klaus to write to Roads suggesting an extension of 30mph limit along B9126
- ESCC Poster – Fiona has brightened up the ESCC information poster with colour. Members to print copies and put up on village noticeboards.
- Dunecht Playpark Improvements – Dunecht young mums have contacted Council about improvements to the Dunecht playpark equipment and are due to meet on site with Jim Robertson, Landscape Services.
- Scheme of Establishment – Fiona to forward to Iris the map of ESCC's proposal to redraw the boundary with Midmar, Monymusk and Cluny CCC north of Dunecht
- Dunecht B977 – a resident had raised with Iris whether a pavement towards Lyne of Skene was feasible near the junction with the A944. Roads Dept say the road is too narrow. But a footpath exists between the two Dunecht garage storage yards either side of the Corskie Burn with a wooden footbridge over the burn, which could be an alternative route.

Future Meeting Dates:

3rd June 2021 AGM