

Echt & Skene Community Council

Minute of Meeting held 21st July 2022 at Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene

Attendees: Fiona Bick, George Glennie, Nick Pilbeam, Chris Minchin, Gian Pia, Niall MacBeath, Kenny Freeman (Milne Hall Committee), 3 Echt Residents, Cllr Craig Miller

Apologies: Klaus Wahle, Ian Macmaster, Paula Houston, Cllr Iris Walker, Cllr Ron McKail

Minute of last meeting: Approved.

Police Report: Police Report received for May and June. Road traffic offences continue to comprise the majority of incidents and crime files. No speed checks were carried out in the area over the period.

Proposed Echt Glass Recycling Bins: Three Forbes Park residents attended the meeting to register their objections to the proposed siting of the glass recycling bins in the car park at the east end of the Pleasure Park. **Action:** Fiona to ask Council Waste Services to undertake a risk assessment of the proposed location and to place the bins there for a 3 month trial if the risks are not material and/or can be mitigated.

Proposed Dunecht Footpath: Chris has arranged a meeting with Dunecht Estates to discuss route and design for a path to connect Tillybrig with the playpark with bridges over the Corskie Burn.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Speeding Issues in Dunecht, Echt, Garlogie, Lyne of Skene and Mason Lodge: The police will be placing a speed monitoring device in Dunecht.

Community Action Plans: The Echt CAP Steering Group distributed the residents' questionnaire to properties in early June, with a deadline of 24th June for online responses and 20th July for paper responses. The level of responses has been disappointing with only 3 paper forms, and 20 online surveys completed out of around 250 properties contacted.

Echt B977 Street Names: Pending GAC approval.

Flooding on Kirkton of Skene to Westhill footpath: No site meeting arranged as yet.

Flooding at Greystones: Still waiting for outcome of Scottish Water legal review. **Action:** Fiona to follow up with Flood Team.

Echt & Dunecht Playpark Improvements: No new funding for Echt secured since last meeting. An application to Live Life Aberdeenshire is pending. Kirkwood Homes is installing play equipment as part of the Corskie Park development in Dunecht.

Community Resilience Plans: **Action:** Nick still to chase the electrician for the quotes to modify the wiring of 4 halls (not Dunecht) to be able to connect up a hired generator.

Burnside Footpath: The WECC Footpaths sub-group has contacted the Council about strimming the path that runs south from the corner west of Byde Guesthouse. A solution to the drainage issue is

still outstanding. Gian will also speak to the farmer about possible use/clearance of the overgrown track that runs westwards to meet the Gask public road.

New Planning Applications:

- APP/2022/1233 Erection of dwellinghouse, garage and associated works - Former waste treatment works site to the SW of West Lodge, Kirkton of Skene. No comment.
- APP/2022/1195 Installation of 2 rooflights - Tower Lodges, South Skene AB32 7AW. No comment.
- APP/2022/1080 Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse, erection of car port and garden wall - The Bothy, Upper Terryvale, Greystone Road AB32 7BS. No comment.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenditure since last meeting: £20 Scotways subscription.

Cash in Bank: £7,668.97 (£5,400 ring-fenced for Echt play-park equipment installation; £2,268.97 general ESCC funds)

Cash in hand: £39.89

Correspondence/Consultations/Upcoming Events:

- Garioch Area Community Council Forum Meeting 7th September 2022 at 7pm

Future Meeting Dates

- 1st September Garlogie Hall
- 20th October Dunecht Hall
- 1st December Lyne of Skene Hall
- 19th January Echt Hall
- 2nd March Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene
- 20th April Garlogie Hall
- 1st June AGM Dunecht Hall

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- Paula will make an application for free wild flower plug plants to the Greenspace initiative for Echt's community orchard.
- Echt Defibrillator – currently has no officially designated guardian and is therefore not on the national register. Chris will ask the Westhill defibrillator group if they would be willing to be guardian for the Echt. Niall will find out whether the Lyne of Skene defibrillator has a guardian and is on the register.
- Echt Noticeboard has fallen off the wall. Westhill Men's Shed to be asked if they can repair it.
- A car has knocked down a wall in Echt outside "Struan". George is following up with the Council regarding repair.
- Kirkton of Skene Noticeboard – Kenny Freeman has had 2 new keys cut. The ESCC will keep one and pay half the key cutting cost.