

Echt & Skene Community Council

Minute of Meeting held 20th October 2022 at Dunecht Hall

Attendees: Fiona Bick, George Glennie, Nick Pilbeam, Niall MacBeath, Ian MacMaster, Alison Cumming, 1 Echt resident

Apologies: Paula Houston, Cllr Craig Miller, Cllr Ron McKail, Chris Minchin, Gian Pia

Minute of last meeting: Approved.

Police Report: Police Report received for September and October to date. Two public nuisance incidents reported. 5 road traffic accidents (one fatality) and 12 other incidents. Speed checks were carried out in a variety of locations over the period. It was noted that checks were being carried out near Echt School but members would like them carried out on the B977 south of the crossroads as well.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Speeding Issues in Dunecht, Echt, Garlogie, Lyne of Skene and Mason Lodge: No update.

Community Action Plans: The Kirkton of Skene CAP Steering Group had an initial meeting with Jackie Niven on 5th October. The next meeting is scheduled for 3rd November to finalise the questionnaire and its distribution/coverage.

Echt CAP Steering Group received a further 25 survey responses from the second round (to add to 24 from the first round) and met on 13th October with Jacky Niven to discuss the next steps. A community feedback session is planned for Saturday 19th November in Echt Hall.

Echt B977 Street Names: No update. **Action:** Fiona to enquire current status with Council.

Flooding on Kirkton of Skene to Westhill footpath: It was decided to deal with this issue as part of the KoS CAP process. **CLOSED**

Flooding at Greystones: No update. **Action:** Fiona to enquire current status with Council.

Echt & Dunecht Playpark Improvements: No update from Iris regarding Scottish Government monies for playpark development. Paula is stepping down from fundraising for the Echt playpark installation. A new volunteer from Echt is needed. **Action:** Fiona to see if any of the CAP survey respondents will step in.

Community Resilience Plans: Nick still waiting for a quote from the electrician to install changeover switches in 4 halls to enable connection of a hired generator. Funds have now been received from the Council for the Echt Hall costs incurred during Storms Arwen and Corrie. It was agreed that in future we should invite donations from those making use of the resilience centres in order to cover hall costs.

Nick attended a Council-hosted resilience meeting. The Council's focus is now on encouraging individual household resilience rather than community resilience centres. Nick will arrange a separate meeting to go over ESCC's plans with members and with village hall representatives. We could also do a new leaflet drop to remind residents what's available. The Council may assist with funding. **Action:** Nick

Burnside Footpath: No update.

Proposed Echt Glass Recycling Bins: Council Waste Department did not respond to the request for risk assessment/trial of the proposed location near the football pavilion but simply stated they have rejected it due to receiving objections from some residents. Members have no other suggestions for where to locate the bins. **CLOSED**

Proposed Dunecht Footpath: No update.

Defibrillators: It has now been established that people are already tasked with maintaining the defibrillator unit at Echt Hall. The Hall Committee was unaware that the process to register a guardian and have the unit listed on the official register (The Circuit) had not been completed but they now have the relevant details to do this. ESCC funded a defibrillator at Dunecht Golf Club which is also not shown on the National Defibrillator Register. **Action:** Fiona to contact the Golf Club and suggest they register.

Hill of Fare Proposed Wind Farm: Fiona sent a response to the Energy Consents Unit regarding the Scoping Report. Fiona and George also attended the RES Public Exhibition in Echt Hall on 11th October and handed out CC questionnaires to the attendees to gather residents' opinions. Other CC's around Hill of Fare (Cluny Midmar Monymusk, Crathes Drumoak Durris and Torphins) did the same at the other 3 RES exhibitions. The results from 63 Echt questionnaires returned show a small minority in favour, a significant minority undecided/neutral and the majority being against the proposed development. The results from the other CC's are similar. A planning application is not expected until 2Q 2023.

New Planning Applications:

- APP/2022/2162 Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse - Cairnielea, Garlogie AB32 6UT
- APP/2022/2139 Alterations and Extension to dwellinghouse - Broomhill Cottage, Dunecht AB32 7ED
- APP/2022/2051 Erection of dwellinghouse and garage, change of use of agricultural land (amended design to APP/2022/0803) - Plot 1 Northbank Steading, Skene
- APP/2022/1910 Erection of replacement dwellinghouse and domestic storage shed - West Millbuie, Skene AB32 6YL

No comment on any of the above applications.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenditure since last meeting: £51 Hall rentals and £300 Echt Noticeboard refurbishment

Also received from the Council and paid out to the Echt Hall, was £378 for use of Echt Hall as a resilience centre during Storm Arwen/Corrie/Malik

Cash in Bank: £7,308.97 (£5,400 ring-fenced for Echt play-park equipment installation; £1,908.97 general ESCC funds)

Cash in hand: £39.89

Correspondence/Consultations/Upcoming Events:

- Alison Cumming advised that there will be two topics for the December GACCF meeting - Health & Social Care and Licensing.

Future Meeting Dates

- 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