

Echt & Skene Community Council

Minute of Meeting held 2nd March 2023 at Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene

Attendees: Chris Minchin, George Glennie, Niall MacBeath, Ian MacMaster (part), Paula Houston, Cllr Craig Miller

Apologies: Fiona Bick, Nick Pilbeam, Cllr Iris Walker

Minute of last meeting: Approved.

Police Report: Police Report received for January-February. 3 Housebreaking/theft crimes recorded and 3 road traffic incidents. Speed checks continue to be carried out in a variety of locations.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A2B Bus Service: Council Transport department will be reviewing the reduced A2B service for Echt in April. Residents' concerns remain about reduced service.

Speeding Issues in Dunecht, Echt, Garlogie, Lyne of Skene and Mason Lodge: Ongoing, police attending as and when they can work into their schedule.

Community Action Plans: No update.

Echt B977 Street Names: Council received only 5 responses to the consultation - none of the 5 respondents wanted their postcode to be changed. 47 properties didn't respond.

Flooding at Greystones: Scottish Water work is ongoing to reroute the water supply pipes away from the culvert.

Echt & Dunecht Playpark Improvements: Dunecht now has a new play area and equipment as part of the Corskie Park development and is therefore no longer looking to pursue improvements to the existing playpark as well. In Echt playpark works are ongoing by the Council. Miss Caroline Jane Spence's Fund Trustees and Westhill Lions are happy for their £5,400 grants to be used for other park improvements. Suggestions for use of funds received include benches, football nets and bulb planting. **Action:** Paula will coordinate.

Community Resilience Plans: Garlogie Hall is A listed, and a generator hook-up may not be permitted. Funding applications for the generator switches will be handled through ESCC to bypass issues with the lack of constitutions for some of the local halls e.g. Lyne of Skene **Action:** Nick

Burnside Footpath: No update.

Proposed Dunecht Footpath: Chris will look at submitting first stage feasibility funding in the next few months.

Hill of Fare Proposed Wind Farm: No update.

New Planning Applications:

- APP/2023/0176 Erection of 2 Signboards and 18 Flagpole Signs - Land North Of Forbes Park Main Road East Echt Westhill Aberdeenshire – No comment
- APP/2023/0162 Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse - North Lodge Skene House Dunecht Westhill AB32 7BR – No Comment.

Prior Planning Applications:

- APP/2022/2257 Erection of 25 Dwellinghouses, Associated Infrastructure, Access, Landscaping, Drainage, SUDS and Open Space - Land North Of Forbes Park, Echt – PENDING.

- APP/2022/1062 Erection of 50 Dwellinghouses, Landscaping, Open Space and Associated Infrastructure Including Demolition of Farmhouse and Steading- Land To The North Of Burnland Park And South Of Straik Road Elrick Westhill AB32 6AE – APPROVED at GAC meeting 21st February.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenditure since last meeting - £60 for website hosting

Cash in Bank: £8,132.71 (£5,400 ring-fenced for Echt play-park equipment installation; £2,732.71 general ESCC funds)

Cash in hand: £39.89

Correspondence/Consultations/Upcoming Events:

- SSEN has written to some Echt residents advising a forthcoming consultation on a new 400kV overhead transmission line from Kintore sub-station to new sub-stations at Fiddes (nr Drumlithie) and Tealing (nr Dundee).
- Letter received from Aberdeenshire's Lord Lieutenant regarding events planned for the Coronation Weekend 6-8th May 2023 and asking for communities to let him know of any specific local events being organised

Future Meeting Dates

- 20th April Lyne of Skene Hall
- 1st June AGM Dunecht Hall