

Echt & Skene Community Council

Minute of Meeting held 26th October 2023 at Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene

Present: Fiona Bick (chair), Nick Pilbeam, George Glennie (Secretary), Niall McBeath, 1 Kirkton of Skene resident, 2 Dunecht residents.

Apologies: Ian MacMaster, Paula Houston

Minute of last meeting: Approved

Police Report: Police Report for September received showing one road traffic accident and one speeding offence (vehicle travelling at 39mph in Dunecht Primary 20mph zone).

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Speeding Issues in Dunecht, Echt, Garlogie, Lyne of Skene and Mason Lodge: Last speed surveys in area settlements still being sought. **Action:** Fiona

Community Action Plans: Kirkton of Skene CAP Steering Group had a Stakeholder Meeting with a large number of Council officials as well as Catriona from Dunecht Estates on 28th September to discuss roads and paths issues. A lot of areas were discussed with suggestions of how to move forward but no deadlines were set. CAP document is being drafted by Jackie Niven (CAP officer).

No progress on recruitment of new Echt CAP Steering Group members.

Echt Playpark Improvements: Paula has ordered spring bulbs and Breedon has kindly delivered free aggregate to the football club car park. Contractors are working on the new path.

Proposed Dunecht Footpath: No update.

Hill of Fare Proposed Wind Farm: Planning application is expected imminently. ESCC will receive a USB stick from RES with the application documents. Hard copies will be available in Banchory and Alford libraries for public viewing.

SSEN Consultation on Proposed new Kintore to Tealing 400kV OHL: No update.

Echt Glass Recycling point: About 30 responses have been received to the survey questionnaire so far.

New Planning Applications:

- APP/2023/1681 Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse - Auchembervie, Dunecht, Westhill AB32 7EL. No comment.
- APP/2023/1915 Erection of Replacement Dwellinghouse and Garage - Bogentory Cottage Dunecht Westhill Aberdeenshire AB32 7EN – No comment
- APP/2023/1918 Erection of 2 Dwellinghouses - Land To The North Of Little Acre Lyne Of Skene Westhill AB32 7EP. Members voted to **OBJECT** to this application on the basis that the plans do not provide a safe pedestrian route to link to the settlement facilities (i.e. hall, playground, school bus pick-up).
- APP/2023/1755 Erection of 2 Biomass Storage Units, Installation of Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Units within Existing Building and 2 External Flues, Gasifier Vessels - Site Of Old Grain Dryer East Of Tillymannoch Dunecht AB32 7DL. No comment.
- APP/2023/1933 Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse -The Rowans Westhill Aberdeenshire AB32 6XP
- APP/2023/1958 Erection Of 3 Dwellinghouses - Land To North Of Lyne Of Skene Westhill. Members voted to **OBJECT** to this application on the basis that the plans do not provide a safe pedestrian route to link to the settlement facilities (i.e. hall, playground, school bus pick-up).

Treasurer's Report:

No expenditure since last meeting.

Cash in Bank: £8,790.71 (£5,200 ring-fenced for Echt play-park equipment installation; £3,590.71 general ESCC funds)

Correspondence/Consultations/Upcoming Events:

- Community Councils Networking Event 4th November – this event would have contained a presentation about the implications of NPF4 for the 2023 Aberdeenshire LDP but has now been cancelled due to insufficient registrations

Future Meeting Dates

- 30th November Lyne of Skene Hall
- 11th January Garlogie Hall
- 22nd February Dunecht Hall
- 4th April Echt Hall
- 16th May Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene
- 27th June AGM Lyne of Skene Hall