

Drumoig Residents Association

Papers for consideration in the AGM poll 19-26 January 2022

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The minutes of the last AGM January 2020 are circulated separately

Secretary's report for 2021

Introduction

Yet again this year we face uncertain times, and changes to our lifestyles as a result of the pandemic. The last year severely impacted all our activities, the DRA included, particularly any planned community events. However, there have been some achievements throughout 2021, and some prospect of progress in the coming year.

Membership

Membership of the Association remains high with only 8 of the 124 households on the estate non-members. This gives a 93% coverage of households in Drumoig.

4 member households moved away, and 5 households became new members in 2021. 1 house remains unoccupied.

We will continue to encourage all residents to recognise the advantages of membership as house ownership changes and new houses are completed in Drumoig.

DRA Committee

The Committee only met once in 2021, due to the lack of any items that required Committee decisions. Updates on matters arising, correspondence and membership were circulated to the Committee by email.

News and information updates

Throughout the year I received just over 600 emails and sent about 400. Of these, nearly 70 were the subscribed members' news and information updates or requests for information that hopefully you find useful.

If anyone has any news items that they would like to share with the subscribed membership then pass them on to me for distribution.

Don't forget to let me know if you change your email address so I can update the distribution lists. If you think you have been missed from any of the updates, then please let me know and I'll check the details that we have for you.

Community Initiatives

The 2021 Burns Supper and the other planned community involvement initiatives for the year were cancelled due to the COVID restrictions.

There are on-going issues with the repair of pot holes and we continue to press Fife Council for action. Twice in 2021 I reported the full list of potholes in Drumoig to the Transportation Department in Fife Council. Some have been attended to, but others in much worse condition have still not been rectified. The subsidence at the end of Pickletillum Avenue/start of Craigie Hill was patched. We expect an update on 2 outstanding reports fairly soon.

You may recall that early in the 2020 Fife Council initiated a review of Community Council boundaries. A response had been expected in March 2021, delayed from March 2020 by the pandemic. It turns out that the Council with the agreement of the two community councils involved had agreed to change the boundary of Newport, Wormit and Forgan Community Council to include Drumoig, moving Drumoig from Tayport Ferryport on Craig Community Council, but the council had forgotten to inform anyone. The Scottish Community Council map has still not been updated.

The 40mph speed limit beyond Drumoig to Fordelhill was finally implemented in April 2021, over 2 and a half years late. Attempts to have it reduced from 40mph at the entrance to Drumoig fell on deaf ears in the Council.

The major issue picked up again during the year was the deterioration of the appearance of the approaches to Drumoig due to the abandonment of the Morendy construction work by Drumoig Developments Limited. Attempts to engage with the Directors were fruitless, despite the promises of a response. Attempts by the local councillors and the MSP to get any response were also stonewalled. The remaining 32 housing plots have now been sold to Kirkwood Homes Limited.

Initial engagement with Kirkwood Homes has been much more positive than with DDL. The majority of the 32 plots has now been reserved, and 2022 hopefully will see major progress on this long-running saga.

The impaired visibility from the bus shelter northbound on the A914 at Pickletillum was finally addressed in July 2021, and the adjoining conifers cut back. Given the position of the bus shelter it is still difficult to know when the bus to Dundee is approaching, but in daylight the bus driver may spot you if you are waiting there.

In August, the new gas prices came into effect, and many thanks to John Cuthbertson for negotiating a very good deal with both suppliers, on our behalf, particularly with the further price rises in the general market forecast for 2022.

In October, with the easing of some restrictions, the Friday night Drop In For A Drink restarted at the hotel. It allowed residents, many of whom had not seen each other all year, to get together for a couple of hours and exchange lock-down stories, and other news updates. It was short-lived as the restrictions tightened again at Christmas. Hopefully, it will resume as soon as the regulations allow.

We have been supported in progressing many of these items by the 3 local Councillors and the MSP, in particular Councillor Tim Brett, in our dealings with Fife Council.

DRA Website

The new website was launched in February, 2021 after BT withdrew the service we had been using until then.

We spent a considerable number of hours ensuring that the coronavirus support information was kept current as the situation with the pandemic response changed over the year.

I finally got round to updating the trades and services list. Thanks to those who contributed suggestions.

Again any suggestions for improvements to the website would be welcome.

Wildlife Forum

After 4 years, Christine Edwards relinquished the post as Drumoig Wildlife Coordinator. A summary of her considerable achievements was distributed in January 2021, and can still be found on the DRA website under DRA Matters. Many thanks to Christine for her enthusiastic approach to generating interest in the wildlife around us in Drumoig

However, it left a gap, until May when Martin Hepworth took up the baton and produced the first of five Wildlife Forum Newsletters with contributions from Drumoig residents. These are also available on the DRA website in the Wildlife Forum/Newsletters section. Martin would like to thank all those who have contributed and hopes that this will continue and encourage others to submit items for future issues.

Conclusion

2021 was a much more difficult year for us all than had been envisaged back last January. Hopefully, in 2022 a new normal will emerge and we will be able to get back to some kind of community-based activities sometime in the year. In the meantime we will continue to update and distribute information for members and the wider resident community.

Ian Wilson

Secretary,
Drumoig Residents Association,
2021

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021.

Circulated to members.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2022

The following have been nominated.

1 Chairperson



Euan MacGregor

Proposed by Nick Randerson

Seconded by Michael Duncan

2 Secretary



Ian Wilson

Proposed by Guy Murray

Seconded by Graham Jackson

3 Treasurer



Martin Hepworth

Proposed by Jennifer Laidlaw

Seconded by Steve Norrie

4 Committee Members



Rosemary Davidson

Proposed by Joan MacGregor

Seconded by Moira Cuthbertson



Lil Smith

Proposed by Moore Shanks

Seconded by John Cuthbertson



Neil Sibbit

Proposed by Alan Briggs

Seconded by Jim Mitkinson