

Record in lieu of Meeting Minutes of the Annual General Poll, 18-26 January 2022

On 28 January 2022, the Secretary sent out the results of the polling.

Many thanks to all of you who submitted a return of the poll asking the questions normally posed at the in-person DRA AGM.

Over 43% of member households submitted a response. There were no votes against any of the proposals with a handful of abstentions, mainly on the minutes of the last AGM in 2020.

Therefore the results are

The minutes of the last AGM accepted overwhelmingly
The Secretary's report for 2021 accepted overwhelmingly
The Treasurer's report for 2021 accepted overwhelmingly

The new Committee comprises:

Chairperson : Euan MacGregor

Secretary : Ian Wilson

Treasurer: Martin Hepworth

Committee members:

Rosemary Davidson

Neil Sibbit

Lil Smith

The Committee will be meeting soon to discuss the response to the questions and suggestions received, and will report back.

Thanks again to all who participated. Hopefully next year's AGM will follow a more conventional style.

On 14 February 2022, the Secretary sent out the responses to the queries that had been raised as part of the poll.

The Committee met to consider the questions and suggestions raised by the members in the AGM poll, and look at how we re-engage the community after the restrictions of COVID-19.

Kirkwood Homes development

A number of questions were raised about the impact on the rest of Drumoig after the development was completed. These had been put to Kirkwood Homes and we received the following feedback.

Do we have a time line on when the new houses will be completed?

We will be finished end of June 2023. We have reservations for all but 2 of the 32 houses currently and will be building out on this programme.

I'd like the Committee to investigate the DRA relationship with the new residents at Kirkwood Homes. In particular the areas of responsibility for maintaining the landscaped environment and woodlands of Drumoig.

We will be appointing a factor to manage the open space and play area within the development area we have purchased from Drumoig Developments Ltd. The remainder of their landholding which includes areas of woodland between Pickletillum Avenue and the A914 is being transferred to [another company]. I believe the maintenance responsibility for these areas will transfer to [the other company] I will get this confirmed and try to get a plan of the areas in question. I will also send over a final plan of the area we have now purchased from Drumoig Developments Ltd.

As I understand the new house owners may be required to pay a factoring fee for landscaping but this I'm sure will not cover any area out with the new development.

New residents will be required to pay a factoring charge towards the upkeep of landscape/open space and common areas within the area we are developing. It won't cover any areas out with this.

[The DRA Secretary] indicated that the new company would be willing to create the path to the bus stops in Pickletillum that DDL never created. Do you have a timescale for this? It would seem sensible to do it while the diggers are here.

We are going to input the path as per our discussions – I have asked our construction Director for a likely programme for this and will revert to you. We need some materials to upfill this area to then form the footpath and improve the drainage and these will come from the cut and fill works currently ongoing. I'll confirm programme for this as soon as I can.

Other Comments and Suggestions

The Committee looked at the other comments received

My point is my concern, and I'm sure others have the same concern, about the landscaping (grass cutting) of our Village. In the last two years grass cutting has been reduced and my fear is that it may be further reduced in the future. So I would hope that the Committee would closely monitor the situation to ensure that our approach areas continue to be well maintained and if not will take it up with the landowner.

When ownership of the land outside the development area is clarified the DRA will make approaches to the landowner to determine how the land will be maintained.

Should we, the residents of Drumoig, celebrate the Queen's 70th anniversary over the weekend 4-5 June 2022?

This is being considered by the Committee. Members' views would be appreciated.

I feel that the Committee need to find ways of getting members of our Association back together again in person in as many ways as feasible eg. Drop in for a Drink (DIFAD), Ramblers Group, Nature visits etc. A few years ago when DIFAD was well attended we held a couple of theme nights in the Hotel - Curry Night and Barbeque Night. Both were well attended and I hope that the Committee will once again take on events such as this. I also think that with up to 36 households about to move into Drumoig in the next year or so that DIFAD could be a great way of introducing new members to both our Village and to the DRA. So please continue to publicise DIFAD and get it up and running again.

The Drop In for A Drink (DIFAD) get together on a Friday evening 5.00pm-7.00pm in the Drumoig Golf Hotel has been running again since mid-January when restrictions were lifted. Everyone is welcome.

We have reserved Friday May 20th for a curry evening. No restriction on numbers at moment and Friday 22 July for a BBQ. Further details nearer the time.

I also hope that the Committee will continue to take on board the welcoming of new residents as they move in.

As new residents move into Drumoig a DRA welcome pack is delivered by one or more of the Committee members inviting them to join.

I would also like the Committee to consider taking on some sort of community project to involve our members and which would be to the benefit our Village. Perhaps we could ask members for their ideas and take it from there.

The Committee considered this and have at least one suggestion, but we would appreciate any suggestions from the membership. Please let the secretary know of any ideas you may have at drumoig.secretary@gmail.com

Very worried about the roads from the new houses at Pickletillum exiting at the bad bend. Can't understand how the council allowed this as there has been a number of accidents there already. Also you cannot pass the school busses at this corner.

The question of road safety and traffic calming measures has already been raised with the local councillors who are asking the Fife Council Transportation Department for their views. The Committee will continue to push for an extension of the 20mph speed limit to include the new housing.