

Dufftown and District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday 19th May 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown

Chair: Bunty Campbell

Attendees

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chairman/Secretary)
 - Dennis Dalgarno
 - Alistair MacDonald
 - Jim Nicol
 - Fred Allan (Treasurer/Co-opted member)
 - Morag Ross (Minutes Secretary)
- Visitors
- George Tulloch
 - S Ramsay
 - Carol Carlton
 - James Smith (Moray Council Roads Department)

Apologies

- Nil

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	No police update.	
2.	Guest Presentations	<p>James Smith from Moray Council Roads Department attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding road signs. The following items were discussed:</p> <p>Brown tourist sign (funded by Moray Council) – James is happy to include any local symbols except the ones that are not allowed to be used in Scotland . The symbols must comply with Visit Scotland. He suggested that a small meeting be arranged to propose ideas to James. Preferably a representative from Dufftown 2000 should be invited.</p> <p>Road Signs around Square – James suggested a diagrammatic tourist board sign in the Square. This would be self-funded but James will investigate where it can be obtained from. James can provide a few examples for discussion.</p> <p>Also James confirmed that the weight limit for Church St will be included in the advanced direction signs planned for up Fife St/down Conval St. This will be looked at the end of the financial year depending on how much money is left in the budget.</p> <p>Ally asked about the signs in the flowerbeds which are in a state of disrepair. James will look at this and will replace if the signs are going to fall down.</p> <p>Proposed Dufftown in Bloom Sign – James confirmed that a Dufftown in Bloom sign could be erected if it is in keeping with the other signage and the farmer is happy if it is erected off the public road.</p> <p>Speeding signs – Fred asked about the slow down sign for school. James agrees that it is not ideally located however he advised that the legal process for this costs £2000 so it is unlikely to change. James advised that there is a review being conducted so it may be looked at . It can be fed into the Working Group.</p>	Alistair to arrange a small meeting to discuss Brown Tourist Sign

		<p>York St - York St one way was discussed – there were lots of Negatives to a one way street.</p> <p>Conval St New Signs – James advised that the new signs erected on Conval St are advanced direction signs. They were moved as too close initially. There was also complaints about other new signs on Conval St. James advised that he is not consulted on all proposed signage otherwise he would never get any work done.</p> <p>Speyside Way Sign – It was considered that the Speyside Way sign was useless by the bus station. James will look at this.</p> <p>Kerb at Square – Dennis asked if there has been any progress to the kerb being moved near the bank. Kevin Price was dealing with this 2 years ago. James is not aware of this but will consult with Kevin. If this was done it was agreed that the no entry sign could be moved to make it more visible</p>	
3.	Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1900 and welcomed the members present.</p> <p>The minutes of the April 2015 meeting were read and accepted as a true record by Alistair Jeffs and seconded by Dennis Dalgarno subject to amending the minutes to read James Smith (rather than Jim Smith).</p> <p>Co-option – Alastair Jeffs proposed the co-option of Morag Ross and this was seconded by Dennis Dalgarno. This was then put to the vote. Unanimous vote therefore Morag Ross has been accepted as a co-opted member.</p> <p>This is the limit of co-opted members until Bunty becomes a full member in September. Associate members can be considered.</p> <p>Parking at Benrinnes – Bunty read out Cllr Murdoch's email. Cllr Murdoch met with Mr Locke of Benrinnes Estate, John Smith Friends of Benrinnes and James Smith Moray Council Roads Dept. A couple of options were discussed to double the car parking spaces at the bottom of the Ben but both are expensive options. Friends of Benrinnes have been asked to consider being the front for funding applications as they are more likely to be successful than the council or the estate. Funding options are being considered. DDCC views are requested.</p> <p>Suggestions were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friends of Benrinnes could apply for funding through the Lottery. 2. It could be considered by Planning for Real. 3. Level it and hard core is all that is required. 4. 6 extra spaces is not making much difference for the cost the work would incur. <p>Bunty will respond to Cllr Murdoch's email.</p>	Bunty will respond to Cllr Murdoch's email

		<p>Lack of signage to the existing car park was also discussed. The council will put up a sign in the next couple of months and will also do some white lining round the present car park when the Beatshach road is resurfaced this year.</p> <p>Local Development Plan – On advice of the Council Leader, Cllr Cree it was advised to engage with local councillors if we wish to proceed. Bunty read out the letter she wrote to each of the local Councillors asking for support for the DDCC. She has received NO response from any of our elected representatives.</p> <p>Youth Project – Fred gave an update on the Youth Project. There is a meeting in the back hall of the Memorial Hall on Thursday 21st May at 8 pm. This is to establish a committee of adults who will unite with the youth committee to take the project forward. At the moment 8 people are interested in helping move this initiative forward. It is frustrating that this idea has been discussed for 6 years already when Elgin Youth Café only took 3 years from idea to opening.</p> <p>Planning for Real – Last chance to have your say at Memorial Hall on Saturday 23rd May at 2 pm. It was agreed that the Community Council will formally request Benrinnes parking improvement to be considered.</p> <p>Developer Contributions – Bunty advised that the criteria for application is very strict. A few successes from other towns were presented and ideas were subsequently discussed. It was considered that some items that come up through Planning for Real could be considered but that DDCC should consider ideas. The main concern is that any ideas we have need to be fully supported/pushed by local councillors and there is concern that it may be a waste of time an effort if they are not willing to engage. It was considered that we should take further advice from Cllr Cree and invite him to our next meeting.</p>	<p>Alistair to formally report to Planning for Real</p> <p>Cllr Cree to be invited to speak at our next meeting</p>
4.	Matters Arising	Tininver Park - It was reported that the bin in Tininver Park is not being used. There is litter all over. It was reported that the council is supposed to clean every day in the square as well. Jim advised that if a clean-up is required in any particular area then the council needs to be contacted. Jim will check Tininver Park before the next Association meeting.	
5.	Correspondence	Transport Scotland letter received informing of dates for A96 dualling exhibitions.	
6.	Treasurers Report	No up to date bank statement. Claimants reimbursed for expenditure.	
7.	Community Feedback	N/A	
8.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	N/A	
	b) Community Council Sub Group	N/A	
9.	Planning Issues	Another Planning application for a Bistro in Fife St (previously McCandlish's newsagents shop).	

		BT application to put a Broadband kiosk near Glenfiddich car park.	
10.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	N/A	
11.	AOCB	<p>Town Centre Health Check - To be discussed at next meeting. All to read Alistair's notes before next meeting.</p> <p>Section 6 Handbook – New Section 6 of handbook was distributed by Bunty</p>	All to read notes for discussion next meeting
12.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 th Jun 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre.	