

Dufftown and District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday 18th Aug 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown

Chair: Bunty Campbell

Attendees

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chairman/Secretary)
 - Dennis Dalgarno
 - Alistair MacDonald
 - Zoe Bremner (Minutes Secretary)
 - Morag Ross
- Visitors
- Michael McConachie (Elected Councillor)
 - George Tulloch
 - Fred Allan
 - Pat Douglass (Moray Council)
 - Dan Toonen (Moray Council)

Apologies

- Jim Nicol

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	No police update.	
2.	Guest Presentations	Pat Douglass and Dan Toonen from Moray Council attended the meeting to inform the Community Councillors of the event they intend to have on Sun 27 th Sept (the same day as Etape Royale). They will have a range of different kinds of bikes for the community to have a ride on. Also Dan is going to have a wheel chair obstacle course to highlight the difficulty's that wheel chair users have to consider on a day to day basis, when in and around the town. It is proposed to be held at Mortlach School. This will be confirmed at a later date, on posters.	
3.	Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1900 and welcomed the members and visitors present.</p> <p>The minutes of the Jun 2015 meeting were read and accepted as a true record by Dennis Dalgarno and seconded by Alistair Jeffs.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the Interim Community Council Election had taken place in July and Bunty Campbell, Zoe Bremner and Morag Ross were successfully nominated to stand as Community Council members. She welcomed these new members. Fred Allan and George Tulloch explained their reasons for not applying at the time but both said they would still like to be considered. It was agreed by the members present as follows:</p> <p>Fred Allan - Proposer Alistair Jeffs Seconder Morag Ross</p> <p>George Tulloch – Proposer Dennis Dalgarno Seconder Morag Ross</p> <p>The Co-option will be voted on at the next meeting.</p>	Co-option to be decided at next meeting.

		<p>Parking at Benrinnes –The Chair has not spoken to Mr Locke yet but she advised that the Council have put up a sign to the car park.</p> <p>Youth Project – Fred Allan briefed on the progress of the youth project, temporary facility to possibly open after the October holidays with 2 youth workers in place. They intend to approach more kids for support and ideas.</p> <p>Morag asked if a new build had been considered as she thought Tininver park might be a good location if that's where they seem to congregate anyway. Fred will feed back any ideas to the Youth project group.</p> <p>Planning for Real – Dennis advised that a leaflet will be distributed to the community when Dufftown agree the priorities.</p> <p>Fife St Footpath – Alistair spoke to Pat Douglass and she confirmed that she is no longer involved in that project and she has not seen the plans, however she knows that the trees opposite the entrance to Mortlach are being removed very soon. She has no further information but will speak to the engineer.</p> <p>Dufftown in Bloom – Ally advised that the judges have been to Dufftown and if successful the awards will take place in Perth on the 10th Sept.</p> <p>No further information on the Dufftown in Bloom sign.</p> <p>Economic Development – Alistair sent the Town Centre Health Check document to Gary Templeton (Moray Council) as advised. He was told that he should wait for Planning for Real outcome.</p> <p><u>Development Officer</u>- Cllr McConachie asked Moray Council about funding a Development Officer but was advised that if Dufftown came together in a more formal structured organisation i.e. development trust then it could be possible to attract funding for post similar to Tomintoul.</p> <p><u>Disabled apparatus</u>- Dennis spoke to Mrs Binks and she wants to wait and raise more money and she has not decided on a suitable venue. She is already in consultation with Moray Council.</p> <p>New Street Sign- Alistair wrote to James Smith (Moray Council) but has had no reply as of yet. He has asked for the same sign as the other end of the town.</p> <p>Memorial Park Railing- Ken Kennedy (Lands and Park Officer) met with Cllr McConachie on site and has advised that The Memorial and its grounds are a listed Monument and so work on the overlap of the gate needs to be approved by Historic Scotland and he has begun that process. There is a small budget allocation for the painting of the railings and he will see if it can be fitted into the work program before Armistice day.</p>	
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4.	Matters Arising	Secretary to Stand Down- Alistair will be stepping down from Secretary but will continue to contribute to ongoing projects.	
5.	Correspondence	<p>The secretary stated that the following was received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online drug and alcohol survey - DTAS (Development Trust Association Scotland AGM) in Inverness soon - Notification that Moray Local Development plan Adopted - Aberlour Youthpoint won Scottish Mentoring Award 	
6.	Treasurers Report	The Treasurer gave an update on the balance of the account.	
7.	Community Feedback	<p>The town currently has an excessive amount of weeds growing down the sides of the street. It was explained that the council don't put weed killer down anymore for environmental reasons.</p> <p>There is a concern about houses around the town which appear to be in disrepair. It is considered that pedestrians could be injured as a result. Alistair agreed to contact Moray Council Planning Enforcement.</p>	Alistair to contact Planning Enforcement.
8.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	N/A	
	b) Community Council Sub Group	N/A	
9.	Planning Issues		
10.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	N/A	
11.	AOCB	<p>Flag Pole - George pointed out that the flag is no longer flying from the clock tower. Alistair informed us that the rope had unhooked its self from the top but it was too high for someone to get up to hook it back up. Alistair will look into asking at the fire station as it was agreed that this would be the safest option.</p> <p>Planning Application Training - Morag and George attended 2nd July training, it was considered that every effort should be made for Dufftown to be represented so as not to be forgotten. Morag mentioned that Tracey Rae (Moray Council) would come to DDCC to do CCC training she will contact her through email.</p>	<p>Alistair to report back.</p> <p>Morag to contact Tracey regarding training.</p>

		<p>Mortlach Junction – Ally raised concern about the lorries turning left from Mortlach Distillery junction into town. This is a danger to traffic leaving town down Fife street as lorries are in the middle of the road. It was considered that this was the Manager of Mortlachs responsibility to inform the lorry drivers.</p> <p>Dornell Windfarm – Alistair asked if the DDCC would be willing to put themselves forward as an independent body if required when the trust is to be set up.</p>	
12.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 th Sept 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre.	

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