

**Dufftown and District Community Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown**

**Chair:** Bunty Campbell

**Attendees**

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chairman)
- George Tulloch (Secretary)
- Fred Allan (Treasurer)
- Dennis Dalgarno
- Alistair MacDonald
- Zoe Bremner (Minutes Secretary)
- Morag Ross
- James Nicol

**Visitors**

- Michael McConachie (Elected Councilor)
- Colin MacKenzie

**Apologies**

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Police Update</b>	No Police update.	
2.	<b>Guest Presentations</b>	No Guest Presentation.	
3.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	<p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1900 and welcomed the members and visitors present.</p> <p>The minutes of the Sept 2015 meeting were read and accepted as a true record by Dennis Dalgarno and seconded by Morag Ross.</p> <p><b>Increased Charges at Community Centre-</b> The Secretary reported that Moray Councils response regarding the Increase in charges was polite but not for changing their prices.</p> <p><b>Youth Project</b> – Speyside Youth Group will be holding an official opening on Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct and 6.30pm in their temporary facility at the Dufftown Community. The DDCC were invited to the opening. The group will be open to the youths from 7pm till 8.30pm on a Friday.</p> <p><b>Planning for Real</b> – There will be a meeting held on Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Oct in the Memorial Hall for all groups invited.</p> <p><b>Economic Development</b> – waiting till planning for real meeting takes place.</p> <p><b>Fife St Footpath</b> –Work continues on at the Fife Street Footpath. The Secretary, was contacted by Elaine Penny concerning the lighting for the said footpath. The choice was between Heritage lighting or the more modern lighting that will be going up all through Dufftown. The difference in price was rather large and Elaine Penny would like an answer as soon as possible giving no time for fund raising.</p> <p>Alistair Jeffs Proposed the Heritage lights would be lovely and appealing to visitors, Seconded by George Tulloch and suggested looking into a few places for funding.</p> <p>Received 3Votes.</p>	

		<p>Morag Ross Proposed the more modern lights that would be going up through the town would be sufficient as around 10 lights would be going in the area at the Fife st Footpath, seconded by James Nicol.</p> <p>Received 5 votes.</p> <p>Therefore George will contact Elaine Penny with an decision.</p> <p><b>Dufftown in Bloom</b> –The Chair read out the marking results. No further information on the Dufftown in Bloom sign.</p> <p><b>New Street Sign</b>- In progress.</p> <p><b>Memorial Park Railing</b>- Cllr McConachie reported that Historic Scotland still have to approve the fixing the Gate. He reported that the railings had started but not been finished. No further update at present.</p> <p><b>White lines at Crachie</b> – Cllr McConachie reported that the white lines have been painted. Matters closed.</p> <p><u>Railings at Crachie</u> – The railings at Crachie had been bashed and also the man that parks his car on the pavement had knocked his car on the railings, therefore a Road Safety Officer agreed they should be taken down. The Secretary will be writing to Bill Ross to say DDCC strongly disagree with this decision.</p> <p><b>Flagpole on Clock Tower</b>- There has still not been a cherry picker in the area yet, no further action at present.</p> <p><b>Road works at Stephen Avenue</b>- Matter closed.</p> <p><b>New Member Training</b>- Morag spoke to Gillian Bailey who suggested that it would be better to wait till the new CCLO to deliver the session with Tracey's support, the CCLO position will be filled in November. This was agreed.</p>	<p>George to contact Elaine Penny.</p> <p>Cllr McConnachie to report back on upkeep of railings.</p>
4.	Matters Arising		
5.	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moray Local Development Plan</li> <li>- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov meeting</li> <li>- Email from Parent Council to put heads together about keeping the single Head Teacher at Mortlach Primary, Secretary has sent an email in support</li> </ul>	
6.	Treasurers Report	The Treasurer reported the current funds	
7.	Community Feedback	<p>Morag informed the DDCC that there is a piece of wood hanging from Smith the Bakers roof that looks very unsafe, The Secretary shall write to Mr Smiths to inform them of this.</p> <p>The late John McAlpines residence in Church has been bought and turned into a Indian Takeaway.</p>	

		Speyside Area FORUM 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov in Memorial Hall.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Reports</b>	Ward Councillors	
	<b>a) Local Councillor(s)</b>	N/A	
	<b>b) Community Council Sub Group</b>	N/A	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Planning Issues</b>	-	
<b>10.</b>	<b>The Joint Community Council of Moray</b>	N/A	
<b>11.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	SSE Pylon Power Lines to be arrested around the area of Auchindoun Castle. Mr Collin MacKenzie briefed the DDCC of his concerns. DDCC are invited to SSE meeting in Jan. Alistair will be contacting SSE again to ask for more information into the Sculpture Power Lines.	Alistair to Contact SSE for more information.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b>	Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre.	