

Dufftown and District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday 15 Sept 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

Visitors

- Helen Ramsey

Apologies

- Jim Nicol

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Police Update	No police update.	
2. Guest Presentations	<p>Helen Ramsey (Secretary of the Dufftown Bowling Club) came to the meeting to inform the DDCC about the Community Centre rates for usage. The fee has gone up as follows from 2013 to present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £4.50 2013/14 • £4.75 2014/15 • £7.50 2015/16 <p>This has gone from 25p increase per year to £2.75 and there has been no information as to why this has occurred. Therefore the Bowling Club have voted not to use the Community Centre on a Wednesday afternoon as it costs too much and they intend to use the Bowling Green Club House. Helen would like the DDCC to enquire as to why there has been such a great increase. George (Secretary) will write to the Moray Council and report back.</p>	George to contact Moray Council and report back
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 Aug 2015 meeting were read and accepted as a true record by Dennis Dalgarno and seconded by Morag Ross.</p> <p>Vote on Co-Option – A unanimous vote was made, all 6 members voted for Fred Allan and George Tulloch to stand as Community Council members.</p> <p><u>Appointment of Secretary and Treasurer</u>- The position of Secretary was proposed as follows:</p> <p>George Tulloch - Proposed Alistair Jeffs Seconded Morag Ross</p> <p>The position of Treasurer:</p> <p>Fred Allan - Proposed Morag Ross Seconded Dennis Dalgarno</p>	

		<p>Parking at Benrinnes –The Chair has spoken to Mr Locke who agrees the ground should be flattened and he would be more than willing to do so but leading to the car park you must have 5Meters of Motorway Standard tar coming off the main road which will cost around £100,000. There will be no further action taken unless or if funding becomes available. This item is now closed.</p> <p>Youth Project – Fred Allan updated on the Speyside Youth Ltd and confirmed a start-up date of Friday 30th October in the Community centre. This is as a temporary facility with a small fee of £1 entry. At the moment the age range is Secondary 1-3 but they are looking to change that in the future. The group are looking for volunteers to help out on a Friday evening.</p> <p>Planning for Real – Waiting for the outcome of Planning for Real.</p> <p>Fife St Footpath – Moray Council have started work on the footpath at the bottom of Fife Street. The wall has been taken down and 2meters will be cut into the bank and the wall will be rebuilt using the original stone. New lighting has still to be decided on.</p> <p>Dufftown in Bloom – the Chair congratulated Dufftown in Bloom on their gold for the large village category and also the large village category overall. The awards were thoroughly deserved.</p> <p>No further information on the Dufftown in Bloom sign.</p> <p>Economic Development – No further action at this time, awaiting results of Planning for Real.</p> <p><u>Development Officer</u>- No further action at this time, awaiting results of Planning for Real.</p> <p>New Street Sign- No further actions as the existing signs have to be moved before they can add the new big Brown tourist sign.</p> <p>Memorial Park Railing- Cllr McConachie was not present. No further action at this point.</p> <p>White lines and Railings at Crachie – Cllr McConachie was not present. No further action at present.</p> <p>Flagpole on Clock Tower - Alistair has contacted Alan Robertson (Moray Council) who has stated that when a Cherry Picker is next present in Dufftown they will attempt to fix the Flagpole.</p> <p>New Member Training - Gillian Bailey is happy to conduct CCC training. Morag will contact her to arrange suitable dates and venues.</p>	<p>Ongoing action for Alistair on street lighting</p> <p>Cllr McConachie to report back</p> <p>Morag to contact Gillian to arrange training</p>
4.	Matters Arising	<p>Road Works at the Bottom of Stephen Avenue - George (Secretary) to contact Scottish Water as the road works have been abandoned for 3 weeks + and it is becoming unsafe for drivers and pedestrians.</p>	<p>George to contact Scottish Water for update</p>

5.	Correspondence	The secretary stated that the following was received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 47 Balvenie Street, Building Standards inspection involved and still working - Final Training Session 1845 on Tue 29th Sept Elgin Academy, The Chair, Morag and Dennis to attend - Health and Wellbeing sessions (around Moray last week in Sept) 	Training feedback.
6.	Treasurers Report	The Treasurer is finding it difficult to get to a bank so is looking into other options i.e. telephone. The Treasurer also gave an update on the balance of the account.	
7.	Community Feedback		
8.	Reports	Ward Councillors	
	a) Local Councillor(s)	CLlr McConnachie – not present	
	b) Community Council Sub Group	N/A	
9.	Planning Issues	Emails are in Dufftown email folder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Front porch 19A Church Street - Amendments SUDS Corsemaul Development - Distillery extension Glenfiddich 	
10.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	N/A	
11.	AOCB	<p>The Chair received a letter and Catalogue of Christmas decorations and lights from Stephen Clemenson Festive Lighting Company and will pass this on to Dufftown 2000</p> <p>Ally mentioned the conditions of the ground at the graveyard</p> <p>Morag brought the following funds to the attention of the DDCC:</p> <p>Dufftown Common Good Fund 2015 -16 – Projection of available resources, based on Actual expenditure to 31st March 2016 Total Estimated Disposable Income £3,207</p> <p>Using a "reasonable judgement" for the "benefit of the Community" this can include expenditure on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Civic Ceremonials and hospitality provided it is reasonable. b. Maintenance of public parks where they form part of the Common Good. c. Donations to local philanthropic institutions. d. Erection of memorial or ornamental statues and meeting the costs of maintenance. e. Street decorations within the old Burgh. <p>Various Trust Funds – see website</p> <p>The terms and conditions of these funds are laid down in the Moray Council website under Benefits and Grants section. Application forms are also on the website.</p>	

		Morag suggested that the Common Good fund could be considered for improvements in Tininver Park.	
12.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th October 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre.	

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