

**Dufftown and District Community Council Minutes**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September in the Royal British Legion Dufftown**

**Chair: Jim Nicol**

**Attendees**

- Zoe Bremner (Secretary/Minutes Secretary)
- Jim Nicol
- Joan Nicol
- Ally MacDonald
- Sarah Anderson
- Angus Anderson

**Visitors: Cllr Louise Laing**

**Apologies Fred Allan**  
**Morag Ross**  
**Cllr Walter Wilson**  
**Cllr Derek Ross**

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	Theft of trailer from Laggan Farm	
2.	Guest Presentations	None	
3.	Minutes of Last Meeting	The Chair opened and welcomed everyone. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Angus and second Zoe	
4.	Matters Arising	<p><b>Dufftown in Bloom</b> - A gold award was received</p> <p><b>Bench in Church Street</b> - Browns will be replacing the rotten slat and hope to complete before winter.</p> <p><b>Jays Pad</b> - there is still about 2-3 days of work to complete works which have been hampered by the bad weather.</p> <p><b>Dog waste bins</b> - Zoe confirmed the bin has now been moved to Megs Widd .</p> <p><b>Dead Elm Trees</b> - Louise has contacted Diageo regarding this and the person was not sure where the trees in question are situated. Louise was unaware as to where they are so has his contact details to pursue further.</p>	Jim to look and take photos of the trees to email to Diageo. He will also check on the sign on the low road.
5.	Correspondence	None	
6.	Treasurers Report	None	
7.	Community Feedback	None	
8.	Reports		

	<b>a) Local Councillor(s)</b>	Cllr Laing reported there had been no further complaints re Grissans.	
	<b>b) Community Council Sub Group</b>		
<b>9.</b>	<b>Planning Issues</b>	Planning for a holiday rental pod in a property outside Dufftown.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>The Joint Community Council of Moray (JCC)</b>	Nothing to report as JCC meet on the 14 <sup>th</sup> September was cancelled.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	<p><b>Two issues have been brought to the councils attention:-</b></p> <p><b>1. Pot holes-</b> A pot hole has been reported as a trip hazard at the junction of Queen Street and Louise Street.</p> <p><b>2. Barrier/ Pavement-</b> Mr Watts has reported the barrier outside his property (Crathie Cottage) has been removed by the council leaving the poles sticking up for the ground. He would like it reinstated as protection for his property. He would also like the pavement are retarmacked. He has already contacted the council himself regarding this.</p> <p><b>Dorenell Windfarm meeting</b> – The DDCC has a meeting with the Dorenell representatives on 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am. Ideas for funding proposals to be put forward are :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Car Share Scheme which is used by a big percentage of Dufftown residents.</li> <li>* resurfacing of the car park at the Memorial Hall and a gate for the entrance</li> <li>* A shed in the park</li> <li>* Equipment such as strimmers for volunteers help out in some of the local woodland areas.</li> <li>* replacement benches</li> <li>* Christmas tree and lights</li> <li>* Clock</li> <li>* Barrier ?</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Council Roles</b> - all community council members stood down from their roles.</p>	<p>Cllr Laing has noted and will contact relevant person.</p> <p>Louise noted</p>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b>	<p>Jane Martin has arranged the next meeting for 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017</p> <p>1900 in the Royal British Legion.</p>	