
Minutes of Meeting of Dufftown District Community Council

Date: 12th December 2017

Time: 7pm

Venue: Royal British Legion Dufftown

Chair: Jim Nicol

Attendees: Sarah Anderson, Angus Anderson, Joan Nicol, Ally MacDonald, Anne Hodge, Cllr Louise Laing.

Apologies: Cllr Derek Ross

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1. **Police Update** - Nothing to report.
2. **Minutes of last meeting** - An amendment to the previous emailed minutes were submitted in that on the issue of vandalism it was only one house not two with broken windows. The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Joan, Seconded Angus.
3. **Matters Arising – Signs, Elm Trees & footbridge** – Jim met with Rune Molvic regarding the dead Elm trees and the footbridge up to the Giants Chair. Diageo want to work with the community to sort any issues. The trees in question are on Diageo property but on a part rented out to farmers. Rune will check whose responsibility it is and get sorted. With regard to the bridge although he is making no promises he will look into the possibility of having the bridge replaced. On the issue of the signage on the Low road signs are in place and they have made all hauliers aware. It has also been put into the induction process for all new contractors.

Bench Survey – There has been little response to the Speirins Facebook post to this. Anne put forward the fact that there are some areas that seem to have more than one bench so perhaps in low traffic areas some local benches could be relocated.

Accident at Auchindoun – Angus had heard from Derek and Louise thanked them for their prompt response. Angus had not been happy with the traffic engineer's response re driver error and commented to that effect to which Derek replied that he would pass Angus's remarks on.

4. **Dornell wind Farm** – Anne attended the recent meeting of the steering group . Two plans were put forward they covering all work done to date, previous meetings and how the map has been reshaped. With regard to fund management three options were given with a third party option seen as the most likely in the probable form of Foundation Scotland. There are to be further meetings on 18th/22nd January 2018 and any feedback needs to be submitted by 23rd December. Funds may start to be available as early as September 2018. It was decided that as this was a lengthy issue that this would be discussed again at the next meeting. All correspondence can then be looked at by all.
5. **Correspondence** - Jim has been asked if the DDCC could fund a dog waste bin in Church Street .Local residents are happy to empty one if it can be purchased for them. As this is not within the remit of DDCC funds it has been passed onto the community association to see if they are able to arrange.
Ally has received a complaint regarding speeding in Conval Street. This is a police matter and any incidents should be reported to them with the number plate of the cars concerned.
6. **Treasurers Report** - As Zoe was not in attendance no current report given. It was noted that last year's independently verified accounts were still due to submitted to Jane to allow for the current years funds to be released. Sarah will contact Zoe to find out where we are with this and arrange getting them to Jane. It was also noted we needed to find out what had still if anything needs to be done with the bank account regarding signatory changes.
7. **Community Feedback** - None
8. **Reports**
Local Councillors - Louise reported back on the barrier outside Crachie Cottage. This had been removed as a safety measure for pedestrians so will not be replaced .Jim will inform Mr Watts of this. There has also been correspondence with Gordon Haughton for a generator at the Clock tower for the Bells. The council are fine with this as long as one of their contractors do the work.
9. **Planning Issues**- Nothing relevant to report.
10. **The Joint Community Councils of Moray** - Anne, Sarah and Angus attended the recent inaugural JCC meeting. Speakers were Community Council Liaison Officer Jane and Chief inspector Maggie Miller and office bearers were sorted for the current term. The next meeting is to be arranged.
11. **AOCB** - Donations to the Dufftown Royal British Legion for DDCC meeting room hire needs to be sorted once bank account signatory change has been sorted. Sarah to ask Jane for clarification on what funds can be spent on. A

donation to charity for Fred Allan was brought up but we are unsure if this would be allowed.

Clash Gour Wind farm held a Community Ownership Workshop which was attended by Angus and Sarah. It was an initial introduction for any community thinking of getting involved in such a project. We have been asked to be kept informed regarding this.

There have been a few emails regarding Budget consultations and workshops that may be of interest to the community councillors so attention was brought to members checking to see if any would be of interest to them. It was unclear if one email from the Crown Estates had any relevance to Dufftown area so Councillor Laing will look into this for us.

12. Date, time and venue of next meeting – Tuesday January 16th 2017 7pm
Royal British Legion Dufftown.