

Minutes of Meeting Dufftown & District Community Council

Date: 16th January 2018

Time: 7 pm

Venue: Royal British Legion Dufftown

Chair: Jim Nicol

Attendees: Joan Nicol, Sarah Anderson, Angus Anderson, Anne Hodge, Cllr Derek Ross.

Apologies: Cllr Louise Laing, Zoe Bremner.

1. **Police Update** – Jim reported he had heard that the perpetrator of the broken windows in York Street and MacDuff Place had been caught although this has not been confirmed by the police.

Anne reported an attempted break in at the home of a lady living alone in the Kininvie area. The Police did attend her property and it was secured and subsequently repaired by a joiner. Apparently according to the lady, she is aware of other incidents in the area. As there are a number of elderly and vulnerable residents in that area it was felt that getting local people to be vigilant and report anything suspicious should be stressed.

Sarah has had a reply from SpeysideGlenlivetCPT regarding advice for the public wanting to report any non-emergency incidents to them. This can be done via the 101 non-emergency number or through the Police Scotland website. It can also be done in person at any Police Station. Jim will put this in the Speirins and on the Facebook page.

Ongoing dog fouling problems in Tininver Park and Rhubarb Lane have been reported to the Community Warden.

2. **Minutes of last meeting** - The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed Angus. Seconded Anne.
3. **Matters Arising – a) Dorenell** – The issue of which meetings we are supposed to be attending is still in question. Sarah received a reply from Lesley Campbell re who to contact with queries. Sarah will contact Fiona Toovey to confirm what we should be doing. As some emails regarding Dorenell come into the DDCC email and others to individuals, things can get missed. It was felt that if any information we are required to know about or act upon be sent to the DDCC account as standard then it would be easier. Public drop in meetings are scheduled for 18th Jan 3-8pm and 21st Jan 12-2 pm in the Memorial Hall Dufftown. The next steering group meet is 21st Feb 5.30 to 7.30 pm in the Commercial Hotel Dufftown.

Update – After attending the meeting at the Memorial hall on the 18th January and a discussion with Lesley Campbell, it appears that we are not part of the steering group which was an oversight on STAR'S part.

b) Clash Gour – Following the meeting last year regarding this project and Community Investment, registration of interest needs to be put forward. As this is non-committal, Sarah will set this in motion.

c) Community Centre closure & meeting there- As no decision on what closures are to occur until the budget details are released on February 14th, options for the venue can be discussed at a later stage. Cullen and Deskford are considering a Community Asset Transfer for their centre so this can be looked into if necessary. The Centre is well used so keeping it open would be preferred. It was decided to change our meeting venue to the Community Centre from next month. Jim will book this.

d) Speed limit sign relocation – Concern has been raised by Mr D Watts regarding the position of the 30mph sign on the Low Road by the Distillery. He feels it would be better placed further away from the junction by the Distillery footbridge to allow time for the traffic to slow down. Sarah to get in touch with the Traffic department regarding this and Cllr Ross also noted the request.

e) Security concerns for vulnerable and elderly in the Kininvie area - this was covered during the Police update.

4. Correspondence – a) Post Office – Although there have been teething problems, the service is now provided in the Memorial Hall two mornings a week. Is this enough for the Community needs? Jim to put a message on the Speirins to get some feedback?

5. Treasurers Report - Accounts have been sorted until November but until signatories have been updated, final statements cannot be obtained. As Zoe was unable to attend, Sarah will liaise with Zoe to get the paperwork sorted.

6. Community Feedback - None

7. Reports

a. Local Councillors – Cllr Ross reported that he had had numerous correspondence with concerns over windfarm extensions in Rothes and Aberlour. He was pleased to say that he had had a successful outcome on the issue of the Disabled access for Mortlach Church. It has been paid for by the Glenfiddich Trust.

Complaints had also been received regarding new Bus timetables. Apparently the first bus now arrives in Dufftown after 9am which has proved a problem for people using the service for work.

Cllr Ross also discussed the possibility of a joint meeting with Speyside Community Council. It was decided we would sort out in the Spring.

8. Planning Issues - None

9. The Joint Community Councils of Moray- None

10.AOCB - a) Gritting – Correspondence from Cabrach Community Association has expressed concern regarding the lack of gritting during the recent cold weather. Cllr Ross stated that both he and Cllr Laing had brought up the issue of gritting to the Council. We will contact the Council to find out about their gritting programme in this area. The subject of icy pavements was also mentioned. It seems that a lot of people are unaware they can use the grit from the bins locally to help with this. If people feel they require a bin in their area then a request can be put in to the council for one.

b) Conveying ideas - The subject of how ideas are conveyed from and to the Community Council was discussed. It was felt that perhaps a notice board and a suggestion box may be one mode alongside those already in place.

c) Councillor attendance - It was noted that since the new Council had been elected, we have had representation from Councillor Derek Ross and Councillor Louise Laing during our Community Council meetings. We are very grateful for their input and help. However it was noted that our third Councillor, Councillor Wilson had not attended any meetings so far. It was noted that although minutes and invitations were sent to him each month we had only received an acknowledgement and apology on one occasion.

d) Budget consultation - It was felt that there was not enough time given for the Community Council to arrange a meeting and send in the survey collating opinions on forthcoming budget decisions. Angus and Sarah had been able to join Speyside CC to voice an opinion at their meeting.

e) DDCC email organisation- With the amount of mail received and some subjects of interest to the DDCC such as the windfarm spanning over months it was felt a system to sort correspondence would be useful so things do not get missed. To make it easier for everyone to find correspondence, organisation of mail into subfolders and archiving mail of no significance or read “no action required mail” would be a good idea. Angus and Sarah will sort out something for the next meeting making sure anything they do is reversible in case it is not acceptable.

11.Date, time and venue of next meeting – Tuesday 20th February at 7pm in the Royal British Legion Dufftown.