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## **Minutes of Meeting of Dufftown & District Community Council**

Date :5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Time: 7pm

Venue: Royal British Legion Dufftown

Chair: Jim Nicol

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

Apologies: Cllr Derek Ross

1. **Police Update** - Anne has received correspondence regarding a break-in in Balvenie Street and an attempted break-in at a house on the Low Road. It is not known if there is a link and we have no confirmation from the police. Both the Whisky shop in Dufftown and in Tomintoul have had thefts recently with the perpetrator being caught on CCTV.

It was also reported that attempted abduction of a minor had occurred in Aberlour. The man had a red car and a white dog .

2. **Minutes of last meeting** – The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed Anne, Second Jim.

3. **Matters Arising** -

**Balvenie Street cycle path-** Correspondence has been received regarding the shared footpath and safety issues. As Cllr Ross has previously looked into the issue on our behalf, Sarah will contact him regarding this.

**Corsemaul Drive rubbish** – The rubbish pile has been growing and Anne has some up to date pictures. One resident is worried regarding it being a potential fire hazard. Previously we were informed that the owner had been told about the issue. They were not in the country at the time and were going to deal with this on their return. Jim will chase up.

**Transport Issues** – Anne went to the recent meeting of the Speyside Forum regarding this.

**ID badges / Cards-** Anne put forward the idea of either badges or cards to give out if we are anywhere representing the DDCC or if we were approaching a person with regards to DDCC business . It was decided that general business cards for the DDCC should be printed with the email address. We will run another competition for a logo. As we did not have any entrants last

time, Zoe will ask the School and Jim will put it in the Spierins. A prize will be supplied to the winning entry.

**Bin Collections** – Anne noticed that last year the rubbish bin at the start of the Speyside Way in Dufftown was often overflowing. There was also a similar problem with the dog waste bin at the Memorial Hall. Either the bins are not emptied regularly enough or they need to be bigger to cope with their usage. Sarah will email Moray Council to find out what could be done.

**Noticeboard** - Two options were put forward for x8 and x15 A4 noticeboards. A vote was taken and the larger one will be ordered.

**Group Communication-** Nothing further has been heard from Dufftown Community Association regarding this. We will continue to liase with Dufftown 2000 and make public our minutes and if we can be of any help to them then they are welcome to contact us.

4. **Correspondence** – Correspondence has been received from Hopeman Community Association asking for advice on running their East Beach toilet facilities themselves. Louise said the best person for them to speak to would be the Aberlour Community Association who run their facilities following a community asset transfer. Sarah will contact them to see if they are happy for us to pass on their details to Hopeman CA.

Stagecoach will be running a Whisky trail bus No 36 and a trial run for interested parties will be running on the 8<sup>th</sup> Jun. Booking is required

Email correspondence regarding potential expansion of the Christmas lights in Dufftown has been received.

5. **Treasurers Report** – The statements and mail are all now coming to the correct address. Sarah still has to make a visit to a branch to see if we are able to get online and or telephone access to our account. The balance stands at £605.20 as of 1<sup>st</sup> May.
6. **Community Feedback** - Zoe reported spotting some local youths moving sand around the playground in Tininver Park . She approached them and kindly asked them to keep the park nice for all users explainig that the Council wanted to remove the hut and it had been kept for them to use. She explained that young kids like to use the play facilities without having to worry about rubbish etc. Basically making a point that if facilities were to carry on then all users need to look after them. Zoe reported they were very nice and listened. Perhaps we all need to make the effort to approach people in a nice manner if we do see things going on within the community?
7. **Reports-** Cllr Laing reported that Dorenell have put in planning for the car park at the visitor centre. She also said that work has started on the dead Elm trees at Diageo . Jim confirmed this

**8. Planning Issues – None.**

**9. The Joint Community Councils of Moray** – Jim and Joan attended the recent meeting where there were two speakers. One on the Clash Gour development and one on licencing. The community council are allowed to have an input in licencing application decisions if we wish. Jim gave a short talk on our recent work in the DDCC. During the meeting Jim spoke to Speyside CC and it was discussed again about us meeting up.

**10.AOCB-** It was discussed that clarification of the CC remit be looked into and people be made aware of what we do. Also a list of contacts for who does what and whom to contact at the council would be a good idea so people know who to contact.

GDPR require us to have a policy so Sarah will look into this . There should be templates available to use.

The Habitat Café in Aberlour have said that they no longer take cash due to not being able to bank it. The new cash point should be opening shortly in Aberlour.

A draft letter regarding our concern over Cllr Wilson's non involvement in our council was presented. This was considered and a unanimous decision to send this was reached.

**11.Date, time and venue of next meeting-** 7th August 2018 7pm in the Royal British Legion Dufftown.