
Minutes of Meeting of Dufftown & District Community Council

Date: Tuesday 7th August 2018

Time: 7pm

Venue: Royal British Legion Dufftown

Chair: Jim Nicol

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

Apologies: Cllr Derek Ross, Anne Hodge

1. **Police Update** - There have been incidences of vandalism recently. The Fairy Village has had some damage and the visitors' book was stolen. Two signs on the Giants Chair walk were knocked down but have been replaced by the public. Flowers in the tubs in Fife Street were also uprooted.
2. **Minutes of last meeting** – The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed Angus, Second Joan. It was also noted that there was no July meeting.
3. **Matters Arising** -

Balvenie Street cycle path- As a result of an email from a resident on this matter, correspondence has been going back and forth. Both Cllr Ross and Sarah have been in touch with Moray Council to obtain answers. So far only some questions have been addressed so we cannot pass on full answers as yet. Cllr Laing walk to chase up.

Corsemaul Drive rubbish – Jim had previously been in touch with the landowner who said they would get the rubbish cleared. Nothing has happened as yet and the amount of rubbish has been increasing. Cllr Laing has been looking into the issue and Environmental Health has taken over. The owner has promised to have the rubbish removed over the next week and action will be taken by the council if this does not occur. The container on the site is however allowed to stay as there is a temporary term been allowed on it. There is no time frame limitation given for the term. Cllr Laing will review the situation.

SpeysideTransport – Anne and Sarah went along to the recent meeting which mainly concentrated on ideas for the planned A95 corridor service. Funding is being sought for a service between Aberlour and Aviemore to tie in with the Caledonian Sleeper and provide a direct link to the Speyside area. Sarah and Anne came away wondering if perhaps too many ideas in the mix

may cause a problem. As the service does not at present intend to come to Dufftown perhaps it would be better decided by the communities directly involved? Other issues were raised namely better use of Dial M for Moray buses as well as liaison with Stagecoach on routes. Anne and Sarah wanted to let the Transport Forum know our feelings but thought the DDCC should be informed first. Sarah will send an email to them.

DDCC logo- The competition to provide a logo for the DDCC is to be put in the next Speirins issue.

Speyside Way Bin Collections – An email has been sent to Moray Council regarding the overflowing bins in the car park by Balvenie Distillery. No answer has been received as yet. Cllr Laing will look into it.

Noticeboard - This has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery. Angus and Jim will put up once it arrives. It was noted that a defibrillator is going to be put outside the library, so we will need to clarify where we can site our board before we put it up. Sarah to check with the library.

Cllr Wilson- The letter to Cllr Wilson expressing our wish for him to show an interest in the Speyside Glenlivet ward was hand delivered to him at the Moray Council and a receipt was issued. It has now been seven weeks and there has been no reply. The Community Council all agreed that a formal complaint should now be made. This has to be done via a form to The Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life.

4. **Correspondence –** Historic Scotland wishes to put up a commemorative plaque for the Scottish poet Mary Symon. We have been asked whom to contact. It was thought perhaps the Community Association would be a good start. Sarah will contact them. Jim said there will be a forthcoming Scottish poetry competition which sees a lot of interest. He would be happy to put a piece in the Spierins on Mary Symon if wished.

There is a meeting on rural transport in Inverness on 11/12th September if interested, registration is required. Information is on the DDCC email.

An area just outside Dufftown is looking to be developed into woodland and the Community Council has been asked for any comments. It was thought to be a good idea and Jim will contact those concerned to tell them we have no objections.

5. **Treasurers Report – The** recent grant of £333.52 from Moray Council has been received and our account balance stands at £938.72.
6. **Community Feedback -** None
7. **Reports-** Cllr Laing reported that the Moray Council is now in SNP administration.

- 8. Planning Issues** – None other than the ongoing Glenfiddich expansion.
- 9. The Joint Community Councils of Moray** – The next meeting will be this Thursday 9th August. Nobody is available to attend so apologies will be sent.
- 10. AOCB-** Lorries have been seen doing a left turn up into Dufftown from the Low Road. This is not from the distillery but the next one up. We will keep an eye on this as most vehicles do use the distillery road and Diageo have put no left turn in their driver inductions.

Work is being undertaken at Dullan Weir and it is roped off.

After the recent incident of a lorry shedding its load and the resultant closure of the Craigellachie to Dufftown road, the use of the Maggie Knockater road highlighted far too many pot holes needing attention. Cllr Laing will look into this.

The engine on Fife Street had been the subject of complaints but this has now been removed.

Ally wanted to mention how lovely this year's flower tubs look around Dufftown and to congratulate all those involved.

We will need to hold an AGM at some point. Sarah will check but it may need to be at our next meeting.

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