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

Date: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Time: 7pm

Venue: Royal British Legion Dufftown

Chair: Jim Nicol

Attendees: Joan Nicol, Angus Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Anne Hodge, Ally Macdonald.

Apologies: Cllr Derek Ross. Cllr Louise Laing, Zoe Bremner.

1. **Police Update –** Nothing reported locally.
2. **Minutes of last meeting –** The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed Anne, Second Joan.
3. **Matters Arising -**

**Left turn onto Low Rd -** On visiting the site it was noted that a new signpost and sign would have to be erected. The problem seems to be mainly on the higher of the two roads not the actual distillery road as Diageo have signs and drivers have it included in their induction process. The higher road is apparently the responsibility of Moray council so the Community Council will contact them to see what can be done.

**Democracy Matters meeting –** Jim and Joan managed to attend this meeting on behalf of the DDCC. There will be changes ahead giving local communities more powers over funding in their area. Information was gathered on the night from a question and answer section and networking. It is not known yet how this will work in practice but the evening was to see how communities felt about it in general.

**Councillor Wilson-** Further to our last letter from the Office of Ethical Standards in Public Life which stated nothing could be done regarding our complaint, Local Government Minister Kevin Stewart has been contacted asking what can be done. As we have not heard as yet, we will deal with this again once we have a reply.

**Smelly refuse bins-** Jim had received a complaint that the general refuse bins around Dufftown are smelling and asking if the Moray Council could do something about it. Cllr Ross looked into this on our behalf and the reply came back stating that there were no funds for this at present but private companies will do this for a fee. The Community Council agreed that we would get quotes for this and if we can, will arrange this at a time when the bins have just been emptied.

**Glenfiddich Event –** The Community Council also received a complaint regarding a recent event at Glenfiddich. The Robbie Dhu Pass had apparently been closed off with no signage or notice given. Sarah will write to ask them to make sure this happens in future years.

**Data Protection Policy-** Jane is in the process of compiling this for Community Councils and will let us know when it is complete.

4. **Correspondence –** Historic Scotland have surveyed the Clock tower for possible sites for Mary Symons Commemorative Plaque.

We have been asked to supply a list of defibrillators within our area. The one from the Commercial Hotel has now been re-sited at the Library but other than the hospital, there are no other known ones in Dufftown.

Correspondence has been received on consultations on the Gambling Act and a landscape consultation.

5. **Treasurers Report –** The current account balance is £737.95. Accounts are with the independent verifier and will be sent to Jane in order for us to receive our next grant cheque.

6. **Community Feedback -** None

7. **Reports-** Cllr Laing had sent in an update on the Corsemal Drive rubbish to Anne. This has been approved by the papers committee for an enforcement notice to be issued. Anne will ask Cllr Laing what this means in respect of getting the issue sorted. Ally had been speaking to somebody who had reported a possible rat problem at the site so Anne will also mention this to Cllr Laing as well to see if Environmental Health could check this out. A further update will be sought for our next meeting.

8. **Planning Issues -** None

9. **The Joint Community Councils of Moray –** The next JCC meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> November in Elgin.

**10. AOCB-**

The DDCC laptop is very slow due to the fact it only has 2GB RAM. It was agreed that a quote be obtained to see if it could be upgraded.

Sarah will be away for a month and unable to keep an eye on the DDCC emails. Jim offered to help rather than an out of office reply be put in place.

**11. Date, time and venue of next meeting-**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 7pm in the Royal British Legion Dufftown.