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## Minute of Meeting of Dufftown & District Community Council

Date: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Time: 7pm

Venue: Royal British Legion Dufftown

Chair: Jim Nicol

Attendees: Angus Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Cllr Derek Ross (part time), Anne Hodge, Ally McDonald, Joan Nicol.

Apologies: Cllr Walter Wilson, Cllr Louise Laing.

### 1. Police Update - None

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

### 3. Matters Arising -

**Parkmore Brae-** Further to the DDCC revisiting the issue of an absent barrier at this site, Angus was given the job of finding out what happened at a recently reported incident. We now have details, date and time of this and have found out that the incident was not reported to either the police or Moray Council. Since last month a further incident has occurred for which we have no details. This means that two incidents have occurred here since New Year which the DDCC feels brings evidence for a call for action. Cllr Ross will report this to Moray Council and explore what may be able to potentially be done at the site.

**Lighting issues in Dufftown-** Cllr Ross had been in touch with Moray Council on our behalf further to last month's meeting. It appears that the Church Street lighting problems were due to a fault that has now been rectified. The lights at the Square are due to be sorted. The Christmas lights however are put up and removed by the community. However it is not its removal we had wished just for it to be switched off. Joan will contact the person involved with the PAT testing and get them to deal with this issue.

**Tiniver Park -** The hut has been fenced off for health and safety reasons and it has been mentioned that the Community Association wish it to be removed. We are unsure who owns the hut and who would be allowed to make this decision. Cllr Ross will find out.

The litter issue was resolved by Jim who cleared the reported glass. The park was previously cleared by a local resident on a regular basis but they

are now unable to do so, which may be why the issue may be being noticed more of late.

**Cuts-** Cllr Ross gave an update on the budget cuts, most of which will go ahead. He did however say that community involvement has helped in saving both the Fit Life and Active Schools programmes. However the school crossing patrols and cleaning cuts as well as some of the gritting services will go ahead. The increase in music tuition costs have been reduced. A lot of work had gone into minimising the effect of cuts but sadly some things had to be affected.

Within Dufftown the Library will now remain open but with reduced hours. The toilets will remain open for one year giving the community a chance get something in place to keep them open, permanently if wished. Cllr Ross said this has been done successfully elsewhere in Moray and there are solutions for Dufftown to consider.

Funds can be sourced from various avenues local business, windfarm monies, fundraising etc. it would be up to the community. Cllr Ross said there are various people who have experience in this that would be willing to chat to any interested parties and give advice. It is known that the Memorial Hall is definitely interested in keeping the toilets open. Therefore it was discussed that a meeting be arranged between the DDCC, Hall Trustees any other interested parties and residents along with those Cllr Ross mentioned to discuss a way forward for Dufftown.

**Flag-** It appears that at present no local organisation is in possession of a new flag. However Dufftown 2000 has said they would be happy to fund one. Sarah will contact flag companies to discuss the problems we have had with our last flag and potentially get a more sustainable one. The Community Association does have keys to the clock tower but they are not allowed on the roof to put the flag up. The DDCC will look into whether we can get a local company with a cherry picker/ crane to help and then get in touch with Moray Council.

**Potholes-** The large pothole on the Dufftown Craigellachie road has now been sorted.

- 4. Correspondence- the** JCC have set up a working group who will be meeting regularly. They have also asked for comments on the fact Moray Council may cut grants to Community Councils. Sarah has already fed back our thoughts namely that funds are required but if our account balance does get too high. we are happy to send some back. Nothing further was added to this. Confirmation on the wording and size for the plaque has been sought. This was agreed on. The organisers then wish a meeting to discuss the unveiling ceremony.  
For those interested there is an impact assessment questionnaire.  
Quarriers newsletter has been received.

**5. Treasurers Report-** Account balance stands at £581.58.

**6. Community Feedback-** None

**7. Reports-** See Cllr Ross in "Cuts".

**8. Planning Issues-** None

**9. The Joint Community Councils of Moray**

**10. AOCB-**

Bin calendars will be printed in the next issue of the Speirins.

We have had the OK from Moray Council to go ahead with bin cleaning this year.

The abandoned car in Tininver Street will be uplifted soon.

There have been no updates on the Low road signs or speed activated camera

Dornell windfarm is now finished and Jim received correspondence regarding two fridges a microwave and a kettle needing a home. These have been donated to the Memorial Hall and the Lodge.

Speeding of heavy goods vehicles was discussed. This has been a worry before and once the school crossing patrols are no longer there is even more of a safety issue. Sarah will contact haulage companies to ask them to make their drivers aware.

Printed copies of minutes at the meetings are generally just wasted as we all receive them via email prior to the meeting. In future only one copy will be available in case of query. We will keep hardcopy printing to the minimum. We will also incorporate our new logo into minutes.

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

Tuesday 2nd April 7pm Royal British Legion Dufftown.