
Minute of Meeting of Dufftown & District Community Council

Date: Tuesday 4th June 2019

Time: 7pm

Venue: Royal British Legion Dufftown

Chair: Jim Nicol

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

Apologies: Ally Macdonald, Cllr Louise Laing

1. **Police Update-** The community safety report states that there have been two incidents of noise disturbance and one of careless driving within Dufftown.
2. **Minutes of last meeting-** The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed Joan, Second Angus.
3. **Matters Arising-**

Corsemaul rubbish update/half built house- The rubbish is yet to be removed and Anne wondered at what point in time the council would be intervening. As Cllr Laing had been dealing with this Anne will contact her for an update. The half built house on the site has roof tiles missing and the boarding has been removed so access can and has been made. Noise has been heard at night in the house. As this is a private property nothing can be done to make them finish the project. However if vandalism and trespass are occurring this must be reported to the police.

Moray Food Strategy Event- Possible food growing sites around Dufftown were pin pointed at the event. Sarah has also posted on the Facebook page and was able to pass on suggestions to Moray Council.

Reckless driving/Traffic issues- Anne wondered if anything had moved on regarding the incidences of speeding in Dufftown, particularly in Balvenie Street and especially in light of the lack of school crossing patrols. Moray council has previously been in touch regarding sites for temporary speed activated signs. Both the DDCC and the DDCA have sent Moray Council sites they deem important for the signs. Sarah will chase this up to see when we may expect to see these placed. There will be changes to the road layout around the Clock tower

Square over the next month or so which should help make it safer for pedestrians crossing here.

Angus reported another traffic incident in Auchindoun causing damage to a fence. This area has seen various problems with accidents over the years and although various cautionary signage has been put up incidents are still occurring. The most recent happened a couple of days after the council narrowed the road following the completion of the windfarm. Locals have requested a speed limit through the hamlet previously but have been told that this cannot be monitored so cannot be done. Sarah has seen other such hamlets within Speyside that have speed limits and far less severe bends in the road so feels that this could be done in Auchindoun. Cllr Ross said this would need to be taken up with Moray Council and perhaps a meeting with the traffic department would be advisable. A bit of research will be done and criteria gathered along with evidence to justify the case and then a meeting arranged.

Church Street Pavement- Angus reported subsidence in the pavement at the bottom of Church Street. Although this has obviously been there for quite a long time it is a health and safety issue and the council should look into this. Cllr Ross will inform Moray Council..

Clocktower Flag- The saga of the getting the flag flying continues. The Fire Brigade are at the present our only potential chance. However there are only two vehicles that are suitable so we do not know when or if they may be available to help.

Douglas Ross MP- Sarah went to Mr Ross's recent surgery as she was concerned that residents queries were not being replied to. This was due to the fact that both herself and Anne have had personal experiences and Anne has heard of others having this issue. Mr Ross was very apologetic and stated that there has been a few technical issues. Sometimes problems can occur if there are attachments or no subject in the email. Sarah suggested an automated email acknowledging receipt be a good idea. Mr Ross did say he would be happy to visit the DDCC if we should wish.

ICO rep- The DDCC needs to be registered with the Information Commissioner's Office and a DDCC representative is required. Nobody present wished to take this on so we will share the responsibility.

Tiniver Park Silage- Due to the Council reducing the lawn cutting the grass on the football pitch in the park is now very overgrown. It was discussed that if we can get funds and somebody to come along to sort this would Moray Council be in agreement? Cllr Ross said there is apparently a website for Community Councils with guidance on this, so we will look into this.

4. **Correspondence-** A directory of services for families with children with disabilities has been received. Sarah will post this on Facebook.

Minutes of the “Meet the MP event” and a report on strengthening community councils is available if any councillors wish to read it.

5. **Treasurers Report-** The account balance stands at £301.69. The Council are not issuing any grants this financial year.
6. **Community Feedback-** None
7. **Planning Issues-** None
8. **The Joint Community Councils of Moray-** The recent JCC meeting covered veterans’ activities, sustainable building in Moray, Planning training, Council Cuts and individual CC activities. The next meeting will be on August 8th.
9. **AOCB-** None
10. **Date, time and venue of next meeting-** Tuesday 13th August 7pm in the Royal British Legion Dufftown.