
Minute of Meeting of Dufftown & District Community Council

Date: Tuesday 14th May 2019

Time: 7pm

Venue: Royal British Legion Dufftown

Chair: Jim Nicol

Attendees: Joan Nicol, Sarah Anderson, Cllr Louise Laing.

Apologies: Angus Anderson, Cllr Walter Wilson, Ally Macdonald, Anne Hodge, Zoe Bremner.

1. **Police Update-** The recent community safety report warns of recent cold calling scams in the area. This will be shared on the Facebook site and noticeboard.
2. **Minutes of last meeting-** The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed Jim, Second Joan.
3. **Matters Arising**

Flag – We now have our new flag. However, as Forsyth's cherry picker is not tall enough for the tower, their kind offer to help put it up is no use. Jim has asked if the Fire Brigade could help but they have to request help from a different area. Sarah had put a post on the Speirin's Facebook page so can follow any leads if the Fire Brigade cannot help.

Plaque- Posters for the unveiling have been distributed. The hall is booked and the music written, poetry reciters have been picked with around 6 poems to be performed during the evening. A booklet has been produced for sale at the event.

Corsemaul rubbish update- Jim had been informed that the land owner would be getting this done. They are aware that there will be a charge from Moray Council if they do not get the site cleared within the three month period. Nothing has been cleared as yet but if it is not carried out, the council will be removing it and charging them directly.

Toilets- Joan attended the recent meeting on the future of Dufftown's public toilets. She was unaware of any of the possible interested parties in Dufftown attending. There were some good ideas brought up. What will be happening to the Dufftown public toilets is unknown at present

Parkmore Brae- The P&J contacted Angus as they were doing a feature the following day. They asked for his comments. Despite what was printed What Angus had actually said was that we should raise it with the council now with a view for it being on next year's budget as there was no realistic hope of action in this financial year. Instead they made a comment on us asking it to be looked at in the next few years.

Anne wanted it to be put forward that would consideration of any further signage at the site be an option if no barrier be placed. Especially in light of public concern. Cllr Laing said the site had been looked at and current signage deemed appropriate. Anne also brought forward the issue of waste at the access road on Parkmore Brae. Joan said that she is aware that this is the landowners.

Moray Food Strategy- Moray Council are wishing to roll out food growing opportunities within the area. Events are being held at various locations in Moray and an online consultation is also being held. The DDCC has joined up with Speyside CC and an event is being held on Wednesday 22nd May at 7,30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Albert Place Dufftown. This has been advertised.

Litter pick – An annual litter pick has previously been organised by the DDCA and last year the DDCC organised it. There has already been a couple of successful litter picks recently. This was arranged and by a resident. It was felt that this may be the way to go in the future with the DDCC on hand to help where they can.

Tininver Park- Dufftown Bowling club have had some vandalism to the back of their clubhouse. They were advised to report this to the police They have been informed of our contact with the police and the fact they are carrying inspections of the area when possible.

Ben Rinnes car park- A resident has passed on a query as to whether the car park can be made larger. There can apparently be up to 30 cars crammed into the small area. Cllr Laing will look into this.

Disabled parking spaces- A few of the disabled parking bays in Dufftown have been reported as no longer needed by the resident. The exact locations need to be reported and arrangements can be made to remove them and free up the spaces.

Over grown trees- A resident has said there are trees needing attention around Dufftown. Cllr Laing said that Moray Council do keep a regular check and sort out any trees that require attention. If those that the individual thinks need attention can be listed, she will get them to check.

Reckless driving/ Traffic issues - Anne had had something she wanted to raise on this issue and as she was not able to attend we will put this onto next month's agenda

Sarah chased up the speed activated cameras and Low Road signage and has had a reply regarding the speed cameras. Moray Council are happy to supply temporary speed activated cameras at some point and wish to know where we thought they should go. Sarah replied saying the main concern of the DDCC was the school children with Balvenie Street a priority. This information has passed onto the DDCA who have also raised a few areas of concern to them.

Data Protection- correspondence from Moray Council has been received regarding DDCC registration. Sarah will contact Jane to check what this is about and clarify what if anything we need to do.

4. **Correspondence-** the DDCC has been sent an invite for two community councillors to attend a “Meet your MP” event. Further information on the Woodland development, some funding opportunities as well as an opportunity for us to have another say on the safer streets bill have been received. Outfit Moray has sent through their summer event calendar for sharing.
5. **Treasurers Report** – Account balance stands at £581.58.
6. **Community Feedback** – Jim has received correspondence from a resident regarding a possible town award. They had seen this in Sweden and thought it may be a good idea to keep Dufftown looking good for the tourists. The idea being there is a best dressed house/front garden award given out yearly. They thought this may be nice for Festival/Games day. This is a nice idea and we will pass onto the DDCA for their thoughts.
7. **Reports** – Cllr Laing reported that the changes the road layout around the clock tower have now been marked out and detailed plans made. Disabled access to the memorial hall is underway. She has also recently opened the Fairy village and has been asked on many occasions where families can eat in Dufftown if they visit. The DDCC supplied her with a list of all the local eating places.
8. **Planning Issues-** None
9. **The Joint Community Councils of Moray-** Apologies were sent for the DDCC at last week’s meeting. It was discussed that we will try to send a representative to future meetings.
10. **AOCB-** The old DDCC laptop has now been delivered to Speyside Youth for their use. It had been wiped of all DDCC information and factory reset.

Jim has put a piece in the Speirins on recent DDCC activity. This issue is mainly regarding all the work on the Mary Symons plaque unveiling ceremony.

11. Date, time and venue of next meeting- Tuesday 4th June 7pm in the Dufftown Royal British Legion.