
Minute of Meeting of Dufftown & District Community Council

Date: Tuesday 13th August 2019

Time: 7pm

Venue: Royal British Legion Dufftown

Chair: Jim Nicol

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

Apologies: Ally MacDonald, Cllr Louise Laing.

1. **Police Update** – Nothing in the Community Safety Report this month. Locally known incidents were the theft of an egg sales box and its contents from Auchindoun and a quad bike theft in the Cabrach.
2. **Minutes of last meeting-**. The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed Anne, Second Joan.
3. **Matters Arising - Corsemaul Drive Rubbish** – No update as yet.

Traffic issues- Ken Brown has been chased up but as yet no update. The issues of speeding and road safety were discussed again and the DDCC will be inviting Nicola Moss from Moray Council to discuss matters once we have collated all information to put our case across fully.

Church St pavement- Cllr Ross was looking into this and a works order has been raised. Apparently the transport section was looking into making this a one way street. They will get back to him on this. The DDCC requested a consultation first prior to any plans being finalised so as implications for local residents and traffic be considered.

Flag- Now flying proudly!

ICO registration- Direct debit set up to save us on yearly costs and prevent the renewal getting forgotten.

Tininver Park Silage- At present this is not looking too bad and will be cut by Moray Council although less frequently.

4. Agenda Items-

Road Closure signage/ Huntly road closure. – A recent road closure saw very inadequate signage. With next week's further closure, the hope was expressed that clear and accurate signage be placed. Sarah will draft an email to the Roads Department and Jim will make sure it gets to the appropriate person. The problem was also noted by Cllr Ross. Jim will put a link to the Moray Council Roads info site on Facebook.

Tininver Park damage/litter/hut- There have been a lot of complaints from residents regarding this. It is not a recent problem and although the subject of the removal of the hut has been mentioned previously, the DDCC feel that no decisions should be made without public consultation. It is felt that the problem would move elsewhere if it were to be removed. It was felt that the fencing surrounding the hut is becoming a potential health and safety issue as it has been breached and now serves no purpose. The DDCA will be contacted regarding this. Police have been checking on the area when they can and we hope this will continue.

Young people involvement in DDCC/getting new people involved- The DDCC wants to have a bigger membership and would love some representation from the younger residents of Dufftown. Jim made a point that we now have quite a following in our Facebook site and may get some new members. Cllr Ross suggested contacting Speyside High with regard to youth members Sarah will contact the headmistress.

DDCC Sub group for things outside normal DDCC business- As the DDCC has to follow strict guidelines with regard to its duties the possibility of a subgroup may be of use for other issues outside our duties. The potential for joining up with other Dufftown groups was discussed.

AGM- This year's AGM will be on Tuesday 1st October.

5. Correspondence –

Bus Service Elgin to Avimore- As of 8th July the service runs two times a day in both directions and there is also a Sunday service. Cllr Ross pointed out that people will need to use the route if it is to be a success and continue.

Requests to address the DDCC received from four individuals. - Two different people with regard to NHS services and volunteering and two on funding opportunities have offered to talk to the DDCC. We will invite two to our next meeting and two to the next. Sarah will sort this.

Ambulance service info for distribution- The Scottish Ambulance service sent information to be read out amongst the DDCC. It is with

regard to the new Clinical Response Model and its success in saving more lives. In short, calls are graded into one of five categories depending on urgency and risk to life. This then will equate to how quick a response an individual will receive and prioritise resources.

Use our Loos Community loo scheme- an email has been received by a company who set up community loo schemes. As there was no interest within Dufftown when we held the meeting regarding the future of the Memorial Hall toilets, this may be worth investigating. Sarah will email them to get more information.

D Ross MP- Contacted the DDCC regarding the reductions in grass cutting.

County lines posters for distribution. - County lines have sent information on drug crime in rural areas and the targeting of vulnerable people. Posters have been sent and will be displayed in the noticeboard/ Facebook.

6. **Treasurers Report** - Account now stands at £266.74. New digital banking card and card reader received. Requests by JCC to get all local Councillors on board regarding reinstatement of CC grants. It was only supposed to be suspended for one year.

7. **Community Feedback** - None

8. **Reports-** Cllr Ross discussed the fact that the white lines on the Low road junction have now been completed and that the road closures between Huntly and Dufftown were to take place. Grass cutting problems have been reported but that things are unlikely to improve with the cuts in council funding.

9. **Planning Issues-** None

10. The Joint Community Councils of Moray-

Projects Sarah and Anne attended the JCC meeting on 8th August. Items discussed:-

Moray has a new Chief inspector and he introduced himself. Another officer spoke about future developments in policing within Moray namely, the improvements with respect to mobile devices being carried by officers. These will be like a mobile office enabling officers to be out in the community more and spend less time in the station both obtaining and doing paperwork. Anne asked if this would mean a more visible police presence in rural communities like Dufftown. It is hoped this will be the case

An "Unacceptable Members of the Public Actions Policy" was discussed and needs to be approved by all CC's. Anne read out a summary and it was felt that we would approve and file in case it was ever needed.

Funding opportunities were discussed and an offer of help with any given.

Group updates were given by all CC's. Two points were noted which may be of interest to the DDCC. One for zebra crossings and the other on campervan problems.

11. **AOCB-** Invite to the grand opening of Moray Leisure Centre and to Ballindalloch Castle garden party have been received.

12. **Date, time and venue of next meeting-** Tuesday 3rd September 7pm Royal Dufftown British Legion.