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## Minute of Meeting of Dufftown & District Community Council

Date: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Time: 7pm

Venue: Royal British Legion Dufftown

Chair: Jim Nicol

Attendees: Joan Nicol, Sarah Anderson, Angus Anderson, Cllr Louise Laing, Andy Harrold, Anne Mutter, Chris Mutter.

Apologies: Zoe Bremner, Anne Hodge, Cllr Derek Ross.

1. **Police Update-** The community safety report introduced Chief Inspector Norman Stevenson. There were no local issues reported but it included a reminder for everyone lock their doors. Locally there has been community feedback from residents complaining about companies leafleting and doorstep selling for driveway works. The company was not legitimate. Also reports of people knocking on doors regarding lost dogs.
2. **Minutes of last meeting-** The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed Angus, Second Joan.
3. **Matters Arising-**

**Tininver Park Hut-** A letter has been received from Moray Council regarding Tininver Park and its potential demolition. Funding has been awarded through the Town Centre Capital Fund 2019-2020 . and a proportion of the fund has been set aside for upgrades to the park. The DDCC has had feedback on the demolition and works with opposition to it taking place and would like a public consultation on its future. Cllr Laing confirmed that this would take place on any plans for the park. Anne Mutter stated that she has noticed an improvement in the litter problem recently and has herself had a chat to some of the youngsters using the park and shelter.

There has also been a concern raised about the goalposts in the park. Whilst we are grateful for whoever put them in, they may not meet current H&S standards so this will need to be looked into.

**Speeding sign-** Nothing has been received regarding this issue or the "No Left Turn for HGV's" sign requested some time ago for the Low /Distillery junction. Cllr Laing will try and get us an update on these issues.

**White lines/ Tininver/Mount street path-** no updates as yet.

**Zebra Crossing-** Cllr Laing stated that the council is being approached on this issue from all areas of Moray so a Policy on this will have to be drawn

up. Any projects would have to meet certain criteria but there is no reason if guidelines are met and funds obtained we would not be allowed to go ahead with such a project. Sarah has looked into a few funding routes.

**Weed control on Dufftown pavements-** Andy Harrold kindly dealt with weed issues on Dufftown pavements. Council approved measures were used and the DDCC are very grateful for his help.

**Sign cleaning-** Equipment has been gathered and weather permitting when they have free time Sarah and Angus will endeavour to clean them.

**Community Loo Scheme-** More information had been asked on this scheme but we have received nothing further. Cllr Laing seemed to think this was the same as the “Comfort Break Scheme” that had already been tried in Moray. She will find out if it has been tried in Dufftown prior to us moving on with this.

4. **Correspondence-** The latest Quarriers newsletter and training opportunities for community councillors have been received.
5. **Treasurers Report-** covered in AGM.
6. **Community Feedback-** None
7. **Reports -** None
8. **Planning Issues-** Nothing to report
9. **The Joint Community Councils of Moray-** Nothing to report.
10. **AOCB-** Jim has recently had cause to look at some of the street signs around Dufftown. Some are looking rather rusty and weathered. He wondered about replacement. Cllr Laing stated that the council will only replace if they become illegible.  
There is a concern regarding speeding lorries along Balvenie Street. Would there be possibility of a HGV route to bypass the main street? Cllr Laing will look into this.  
The future of the Clock tower has once again been brought up. There have been complaints regarding not information on this. Some residents have given money to the DDCA Clock tower club and would like to know what is happening and how things are progressing. As this has been in the hands of the DDCA, Sarah will email and find out if they could put an update on their Facebook page or send out something to those who have donated .There may be some information to be found on Moray Council website as well.
11. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th November at 7pm in the Royal British Legion Dufftown.**