
Minute of Meeting of Dufftown & District Community Council

Date: Tuesday 4th November 2019

Time: 7pm

Venue: Royal British Legion Dufftown

Chair: Jim Nicol

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

Apologies: Zoe Bremner, Anne Hodge, Cllr Louise Laing, Andy Harrold

Visitors- Margaret Cowie, Deborah Hockney.

1. Guest Speakers-

Margaret Cowie Development Officer Health and Social Care Moray. -

Margaret gave a short presentation and film on the work of the department, which involves recruiting and pairing volunteers to individuals in a variety of roles. These can be roles such as buddying on a one to one basis for things such as walks, bingo or help with gym/swim sessions. There are also roles for alarm responders in the community and telephone call services. Volunteers currently are between the ages of 16-90 and they are always looking to recruit to fulfil the ever growing requests for help. Willing applicants are firstly given a talk about the service and if after consideration they wish to volunteer go through the relevant checks and are paired with a likeminded individual. The scheme brings great rewards to both parties. As there is always a need to get more volunteers the DDCC are happy to get the word out there. Margaret will send out posters and information for the Facebook page and our noticeboard and also a piece for the Speirins.

Deborah Hockney Chief Development Officer TSI Moray- Deborah discussed the Leader Project in Moray and the fact that she is available for help with developing ideas within the community. The DDCC are already applying for potential funding in the YouChoose4 applications via TSI. Deborah will be on hand should we need help and support with any aspect of funding should we wish and is based in Craigellachie 3 days a week.

- 2. Police Update-** There is nothing locally in the community safety report. However there are reports locally of youths knocking and banging on windows.
- 3. Minutes of last meeting-** The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed Joan, Second Angus

4. Matters Arising-

Various Issues from October- Cllr Laing has emailed findings from all of last month's issues. The Mount Street pot hole should be filled in very soon and the white lines on the Low road will be assessed ready for work in the spring. New signage in Keith was carried out by the council as they needed replacing so any in Dufftown would need to be on that basis. There is no update on the goalposts in the park as yet. The Community toilet scheme is different from the comfort scheme and is about communities taking public toilets. The HGV ban in Balvenie Street is not possible as "there is no alternative route". The DDCC disagree with this as there are clearly alternative routes. Sarah will contact Moray Council directly to counter this.

Speeding sign- The DDCA has managed to get a reply after both community groups have been in correspondence with Moray Council over this. In short the council and police are wanting to try a joined up approach to the speeding issues in towns and villages. Any signage funded would have to be temporary and must be undertaken by authorised contractors. However the council would not be opposed to signs being funded to add to their pool of available signage. Cllr Ross is happy to look into this further.

Pedestrian Crossing- Since last month's meeting, the Mortlach Primary have been contacted and the PTA has been informed of our intentions. We have offered to go along to update them at their next meeting. Quotes for the equipment needed have been gathered which see costings of around £2700 plus VAT. There will be an additional cost for the labour for two posts and the painting required. Other CC's have said total for whole project is around £7000. Funding has been applied for via TSI Moray for up to 2K towards this and once extra information has been gathered other funding routes can be looked into. An application for support was applied for after a meeting with sustainable communities but unfortunately has been unsuccessful. Thanks to all for their time and support. We can also do some in-house fundraising and Moray Council has been contacted to see if we need any special permission to run raffles etc. A second DDCC bank account will need to be opened for funds and Sarah will look into this.

Clock tower – After last month's meeting, Sarah contacted the DDCA after complaints were received as to what was going on. Following this a phone call was received informing us that things are almost finalised and that they had applied for a CAT and have a solicitor acting on their behalf. They will be putting an article into the next Speirins. We also received an email from the Chair who has arranged an article for the P&J updating the public. He is happy to directly contact any individual

who was concerned should they wish and he was told we would pass details of those individuals if they want to take him up on this.

5. **Correspondence-** The Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults Policy has been received which will be agreed at the next JCC meeting. There are also consultations regarding the food strategy event and one on Youth consultation by the police.
6. **Treasurers Report-** Account balance stands at £252. Authorisation for a second account for an amenities fund was given by all the DDCC
7. **Community Feedback-** None
8. **Reports** – Cllr Ross discussed the ward closure at Fleming Hospital Aberlour which will continue to be used for day cases.
9. **Planning Issues-** Nothing to report
10. **The Joint Community Councils of Moray-** The next meeting is on Thursday 14th November The Chambers. Moray Council at 7pm.
11. **AOCB-**
Andy Harrold has seen that police Scotland had visited Lossiemouth primary, and had taken the kids out to do speed checks around the village. Can we ask Police Scotland to arrange a visit to Mortlach, advise the children on road safety, and take them out to monitor vehicle speeds in the village?
12. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm in the Royal British Legion Dufftown.**