
Minute of Meeting of Dufftown & District Community Council

Date: Tuesday 2nd December 2019

Time: 7pm

Venue: Royal British Legion Dufftown

Chair: Sarah Anderson

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

Apologies: Jim Nicol, Angus Anderson, Cllr Louise Laing, Zoë Bremner, Anne Hodge.

1. Welcome and apologies.

2. Police Update- Nothing in the community safety report in Dufftown. Report from the cleaner regarding ongoing vandalism of the disabled toilets at the memorial hall. The toilets are locked but as the disabled one is radar key operated can be accessed by anyone with a key. Cllr Ross will let the council know about this. It was discussed that perhaps CCTV could be put up however this is something the council would not do. In the interim it was decided that perhaps a padlock would help secure this at night. Derek will look into this.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting -the minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed Joan, Second Anne.

4. Matters Arising-

Pedestrian crossing- First stage of funding underway through TSI Moray. funds are vote based and posters are around town, online and Mortlach Primary has been asked to get the word out to pupils and their families. Hopefully we can get as many people on board as possible. Although predominately positive there has been a little negativity regarding this project it has been relayed that as public concern regarding road safety has been reported to the DDCC we are required to act on this. Other queries were where it will be sited. It was relayed that Moray Council and guidelines will dictate this. It was discussed and agreed that local firms be contacted to see if they may be willing to contribute towards the project.

HGV Ban for Balvenie Street- discussion ongoing

Speeding Sign- ongoing

5. Correspondence Received-

The recent Quarriers newsletter.
Planning training for CC members.
Info on drop in sessions.
Request to support local energy bill.

6. Community Feedback- A resident put forward the following problems locally- Pot hole on Braehead Terrace,/Light at no entry sign at the square not working/ Three disabled parking spaces now not required.

On the topic of disabled parking Tininver Park has specialist disabled play equipment there is no allocated parking spaces.

It has also been pointed out that Tourist info signs out of date.

Cllr Ross will look into these issues but will need information regarding the parking spaces.

7. Treasurers Report- Sarah has had problems opening a new amenities account. It couldn't be done online and the branch gave a telephone number to call. Two phone calls with a two hour holding time and getting cut off a complaint form was filled out. This has resulted in a refund of call costs and a payment of £75 which we can put into the fund account when open.

8. Reports- Cllr Ross gave a report on the Fleming Hospital meeting with Pam Dudeck recently. The problems are staff related but he wishes communication with local groups and management to continue. The Health Board are working on ideas to both attract and retain staff within the Moray area. Meanwhile they are looking into ways that all healthcare teams and buildings can be utilised more efficiently to ensure the best care outcomes.

9. Planning Issues- None

10. The Joint Community Council of Moray- Last meeting was on 14th Nov. DDCC were unable to attend. Next meeting to be confirmed.

11. AOCB- It's clear from local Facebook posts that there is still confusion locally regarding who is responsible for the Clock tower.

12. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting- to be arranged