

**Dufftown and District
Community Council
Minutes
Tuesday 15th Apr 14 at
1900 in the Community
Centre Dufftown**

Chair: John Fleming

Attendees

- Alistair
Jeffs (Vice-Chair)
- Eddie
Brewster
(Treasurer)
- Jim Nicol
(Secretary)
- Ally
McDonald
- Cllr Mike
McConachie
- Bunty
Campbell
(Glenrinnies)
- Morag
Ross (Minutes
Secretary)

Apologies

- Sandy
Findlay

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	Not present.	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>Eddie accepted the minutes of the last meeting and Alistair seconded.</p> <p>The Chair asked about what happens with the minutes after the meeting and where members can see them. The Secretary advised that at present the minutes are not put on to the website until they are passed and accepted at the subsequent meeting.</p>	Minutes to go on website in draft and replaced by agreed minutes once accepted.
3.	Matters Arising	Alistair stated that he asked Community Payback about receiving assistance with litter picking however he has had no response. He will chase this up.	Chase up response from Community Payback
4.	Correspondence	The Secretary received an email regarding the Consultation for Local Development Plan for which a response is required by 2 May. The meeting is in the Memorial Hall on 21 st Apr. It was agreed that the Secretary would draft a response after the AGM then review and respond by 2 May.	Respond to email
5.	Treasurers Report	<p>The Treasurer advised that a cheque for £97 was issued to the Speirin's for advertising.</p> <p>The Treasurer checked with Tracey Rae (CCLO) about the honorarium normally given to the Minutes Secretary. She advised</p>	It was agreed that the Minutes Secretary

		£20 per meeting or £200 per year. It was also discussed that the Secretary should receive honorarium for his duties. The Secretary declined.	would be paid £20 per meeting and the Secretary will be paid expenses when required. This will be reviewed at the end of the year.
6.	Community Feedback	Nothing at present	
7.	Reports	Nothing at present	
	a) Local Councillor(s)	<p>Cllr Mike McConachie mentioned the Sustainable Education Review and Leisure Review (in particular the future of Dufftown Community Centre and Swimming Pool in Aberlour) . He reported that there has been lots of feedback. It is expected that the proposal will come forward around August.</p> <p>Alistair Jeffs stated that there is a concern that the Council are not prepared to come and talk to the DDCC regarding the proposals. This has been supported by MSP Richard Lockhead. Alistair has written to the Chief Executive (CE) and completed a consultation query but to no avail.</p> <p>Cllr McConachie confirmed that no decisions have been made yet and that he is aware that there are mixed feelings on the proposed closure of the various leisure facilities. He reiterated that locals will be consulted and comments/feedback can be put on-line.</p> <p>There are various review updates publicised at http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_90334.html and a copy of the timetable is attached.</p> <p>Eddie suggested that MSP Richard Lochhead be asked to put pressure on the Council to come to a DDCC meeting and brief the committee on these issues. Alastair agreed to take this for action.</p> <p>Cllr McConachie stated that there are lots of funds for Speyside within Development Gains that are not being claimed by anyone. He will investigate how to apply for funding for projects and whether the DDCC or the Dufftown Community Association should be applying.</p> <p>(It was suggested that Dufftown in Bloom may be able to apply under Environmental Funding).</p> <p>It was discussed that consideration should be made regarding whether the DDCC should apply for machinery or for funding to pay someone to clear local pathways. It was agreed that many projects exist and that they should be identified then application made from Grants or Council funding. Eddie will investigate further.</p>	<p>Letter of response Alastair received from Council will be passed to Cllr McConachie</p> <p>Letter to MSP Lockhead</p> <p>Research into how to apply for project funding</p> <p>Projects to be identified that require funding then application considered</p>
	b) Community Council Sub Group	N/A	
	c) A N Other(s)	N/A	
8.	Planning Issues	<p>No new Planning issues at present.</p> <p>Alastair confirmed that there has been no further development regarding the new road to Mortlach since the last meeting. It was confirmed that the 1st plans for any road work were refused; one of the reasons being the bad corner. Await further developments.</p>	

		<p>Alastair stated he will check gmail for any updates.</p> <p>John mentioned an organisation called 'Safer Streets'. No information was held on them but it was decided it was worth investigating their role. Alastair agreed to look them up.</p>	Look up organisation called 'Safer Streets'
9.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	No update.	
10.	AOCB	<p>Alastair prepared a comprehensive brief on his items from the last meeting and items were discussed.</p> <p>He confirmed that he attended the Infinergy meeting in the Cabrach on 10th April. He briefed the DDCC about the height increase of the Turbines.</p> <p>Cllr McConachie advised that DDCC members should be prepared to speak to the press regarding the situation between the Landowners and Energy Companies (if approached)</p> <p>Alastair has a meeting with Patty Nelson regarding the way ahead.</p> <p>There will be Community Open Days in Dufftown and Cabrach at the end of June.</p> <p>Alastair will approach RES Hill of Towie for funding.</p> <p>The Benrinnes car park issue from the last meeting is still outstanding. Jim will write to Moray Council.</p> <p>A sign will be erected on the gate into the Graveyard.</p> <p>Cllr McConachie agreed to investigate who is responsible for cleaning of the Dufftown road signage. It is a requirement of Dufftown in Bloom to keep them clean.</p> <p>Alastair mentioned the Moray Economic Strategy and in particular improvements for visitors. It was stated that the Moray Chamber of Commerce have contract for tourism. Alastair will approach Moray Chamber of Commerce and Dufftown 2000.</p>	<p>Approach RES Hill of Towie for funding</p> <p>Write to Moray Council</p> <p>Sign to be erected on Graveyard gate</p> <p>Investigate who is responsible for cleaning of signage within the town</p> <p>Approach Moray Chamber of Commerce regarding local tourism within Dufftown</p>
11.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held in the Dufftown Community Centre on Tuesday 20 th May at 1900.	

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