

**Dufftown and District
Community Council
Minutes
Tuesday 17th Jun 14 at
1900 in the Community
Centre Dufftown**

Chair: John Fleming

Attendees

- Alistair
Jeffs (Vice-Chair)
- Jim Nicol
(Secretary)
- Dennis
Dalgarno
- Cllr Mike
McConachie
- Bunty
Campbell
(Glenrinnies)
- Marcus
Salter
- Morag
Ross (Minutes
Secretary)

Visitors:

- PC Darren
Strong
- Christoph
er Leckie
- Helen
Ramsay

Apologies

- Sandy
Findlay

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	<p>The police advised that there has been a number of random break ins around Dufftown, Aberlour and Rothes, in isolated houses as well as commercial properties.</p> <p>Speeding was also discussed around the square. The police advised that they can set up a speed detection system but only the traffic police can prosecute. The PC will raise at Divisional Level. Jim Nicol will approach the council again regarding borrowing speed signs for a month.</p> <p>Chairman asked about any further vandalism at the school. Chris Leckie and Helen Ramsay reported that football is still being played in the school grounds opposite their houses and that windows have been broken in private houses as well as the school and cars are being damaged. It was pointed out that there is a sign stating NO BALLS GAMES. The police pointed out that they are not able to prosecute someone for disobeying a sign. It was reported that the school does not take responsibility as out of hours and the Council doesn't want to know as too expensive.</p>	Jim Nicol to approach Council for speed signs

		<p>It was also reported that there has been damage recently to the Bowling Club & Green. This has been reported to the Council but the response was not very helpful. The police suggested that the Bowling Club members write to the parents of the known offenders however Helen thinks this will be a waste of time.</p> <p>The police offered more police presence when they do their rounds of the town as a deterrent.</p> <p>The PC also suggested highlighting in the newspaper or local Dufftown Speirins so that parents are made aware and deter older children from playing football in these areas.</p> <p>Helen Ramsay asked the police about the traffic regulations which are to be put in place around Macduff Place and York St. She reported that the proposals will have a huge effect on residential properties as well as her business. It is proposed that double yellow lines will restrict parking for her customers as well as reduce the amount of parking for residents.</p> <p>Cllr McConachie reported that this action was proposed for the safety of the children at Mortlach School. He is not on the Committee but he thinks that the Parents Council was involved and that evidence was provided that changes were needed.</p> <p>Helen's concern is that it appears that no other options or considerations have been made and the residents were not consulted. Marcus explained that if this is still a proposal then it can be challenged. The police were unable to advise in this matter.</p> <p>Cllr McConachie suggested that the residents approach the Council and suggest that the restrictions are only made during school hours. Helen disagreed because the B&B residents will still be restricted in parking. It was suggested that residents could park in school grounds out of hours.</p> <p>This highlighted the issue of a shortage of public parking in Dufftown.</p> <p>The dangers of the current parking arrangements at Benrinnes were also mentioned. It was reported that the Council had been approached and the suggestion was to park off the road rather than extend hard standing for car parking.</p> <p>It was reported that the parking issue is more dangerous at a weekend. It was suggested that the police should visit the area over a weekend however the PC suggested that it would be more appropriate if it could be reported when the cars were obstructive and they could investigate.</p> <p>Marcus suggested contacting the 'Friends of Benrinnes' as he thinks they are responsible.</p> <p>The PC advised that he will feedback local issues to the local police station and the Chairman thanked the PC for his time and input.</p>	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting	Alastair accepted the minutes of the last meeting and Ally seconded.	

		<p>It could not be confirmed whether Jean has completed her co-opt form. Bunty has confirmed that she has.</p> <p>It was detailed that 2 extra copies of the Community Council handbook are required. Bunty will request by email</p> <p>It was reported that Community Payback will strim Maisters Widd and Giants Chair paths. Ally will keep an eye out and feedback.</p> <p>Dennis has agreed to strim the other paths.</p>	Request for copies of Community Council Handbook
3.	Matters Arising	Nil	
4.	Correspondence	Nil	
5.	Treasurers Report	Not present	
6.	Community Feedback	Nothing at present	
7.	Reports	Nothing at present	
	a) Local Councillor(s)	Nil	
	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>Cllr McConachie suggested that objection be submitted now to Diageo regarding Mortlach however Alastair strongly disagreed as the DDCC has already raised an objection and there has been no response.</p> <p>It was reported that £72,000 planning gain has been put aside for road construction improvements. However, no continuous pavement is possible due to the gas sub -station. Marcus suggested writing to Diageo asking them to change their plans regarding the continuous pavement.</p> <p>It was considered that a meeting was required with Plans. Alistair will approach Jim Grant (Development)</p>	<p>Alastair will complain to the Council that DDCC objection was ignored.</p> <p>Meeting request with Plans</p>
9.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	No update.	
10.	AOCB	<p>Marcus reported that he has set up the local Beavers/Cubs with the full support of the Moray District Scouts. He has produced flyers and the school mistress has agreed to distribute.</p> <p>Dennis has discovered how to open the Community Centre notice board.</p> <p>There will be a presentation by Foundation Scotland on 1 Jul 14 at 1900 in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>£400 has been donated to Dufftown Bloom by Infergy.</p> <p>Application has been made to Beautiful Scotland for £100,000 to develop store in Tininver Park.</p>	
11.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held in the Dufftown Community Centre on Tuesday 15 th Jul 14 at 1900.	

Dufftown Community Council Agenda
Tuesday 20th May 14 at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown

Chair:	John Fleming
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