

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

Chair: John Fleming

Attendees

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chair)
- Ally MacDonald
- Bunty Campbell (Glenrinnnes)
- Jean Oliver (Cabrach)
- Morag Ross (Minutes Secretary)

Visitors:

- Marshall Cooper
- Kenny Walker
- Agnes Greenlees
- Robert Davidson
- Stuart Ramsay
- Helen Ramsay
- Christopher Leckie
- Avril Leckie

Apologies

- Jim Nicol
- Michelle Myron

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	No police update.	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1900 and made an opening statement regarding the resignation of Jim Nicol from the DDCC Secretary position. Members were also reminded about performance and behaviour at meetings.</p> <p>The residents of Macduff Place and York Street presented an update on their objections to the proposed traffic regulation order. Alistair confirmed that he attended a meeting regarding this issue. He stated that James Smith (Moray Council) reiterated that the primary intention of these proposed traffic regulations is child safety. Many suggestions were proposed around the table and it was unanimously agreed that cars taking children to school should park at the Memorial Hall and that children should walk from there. Yellow lines in Macduff Place would penalise residents and devalue house prices. It was decided that Alistair would request another meeting within 10 days for the residents to meet Mr Smith so that these proposals could be put to him. Alistair reiterated that the residents must have a clear and practical proposal for Mr Smith.</p> <p>Agnes Greenlees suggested that the headmistress of Mortlach School should be invited to the meeting. This was agreed by all attendees.</p> <p>If this meeting is unsuccessful then it was suggested that the Scottish Community Development Committee may have to be approached.</p> <p>Mr Chris Leckie asked if there was any further update on the football issue in the school grounds. Mrs Avril Leckie informed the DDCC members that an agreement was made with the Headmistress for tractor tyres to be laid in the playground to deter football being</p>	<p>Alistair to arrange a meeting with residents of Macduff Pl and York St and Mr Smith regarding parking concerns</p>

		<p>played. Alistair confirmed that Jim Nicol has 2 tractor tyres which can be used. The residents agreed to organise for these to be laid in the playground.</p> <p>The Chairman asked about the process for displaying and distributing the minutes of the DDCC meeting. Minutes are to be sent to all members by email with the exception of Jean who doesn't have an email. They will be sent by post or delivered by hand. Alistair Jeffs volunteered to stand in as Temporary Secretary until a replacement has been found and Jean Oliver agreed to take on the responsibility of Planning representative. Alistair will inform Tracey Rae CSU (Community Support Unit).</p> <p>Bunty accepted the minutes of the last meeting and Alistair seconded.</p> <p>Outstanding Actions:</p> <p>It was acknowledged that Jim Nicol has approached the Council to borrow speed signs for Dufftown.</p> <p>There was no update on the Benrinnes parking issue. Bunty agreed to pursue through the 'Friends of Benrinnes' to enquire whether they would lend their support to the issues raised in the DDCC previous letter to the Council.</p> <p>Bunty confirmed that she emailed Moray council for copies of the Community Council handbook but has had no response. She will chase this up.</p> <p>Ally reported that Mr Donald and his son have been strimming in the Towns Widd and Megs Widd. This has been purely voluntary and it was proposed that Dennis should approach Mr Donald to thank him and offer reimbursement of fuel and expenses. It is believed that Mr Donald is willing to continue to help. This needs to be confirmed with Mr Donald. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Alistair to inform CSU about change of Temp Secretary and Planning Representative</p> <p>Update required from Jim</p> <p>Bunty will approach 'Friends of Benrinnes'</p> <p>Bunty will email Moray Council again</p> <p>Mr Donald's voluntary help will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>
3.	Matters Arising	<p>The judging of Dufftown in Bloom will be conducted on Tuesday 29th July commencing at 0800. Ally confirmed that a tidy up was required prior to the judging. Alistair confirmed that he had emailed Neil Duncan (Moray Council Environmental Dept) and it had already been agreed. He stated that Moray Council employees were coming to sweep the roads prior to Tuesday' judging but he will double check. He will also ask Voluntary payback team to help. Ally stated that any help would be appreciated.</p> <p>Ally also reported that a large number of plants have been stolen out of the tunnel. Jean suggested CCTV but it was reported that it is not our land. Ally confirmed that it was reported to Steven McGingle.</p> <p>Windfarms in the Council area was discussed and it was reported that all areas have representation.</p> <p>Jean asked about meetings and it was confirmed that the following</p>	<p>Alistair to confirm Moray Council support for tidy up prior to judging and contact Community Voluntary Payback team for support</p>

		<p>meetings are coming up:</p> <p>Thu 17th Jul at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown – Windfarm meeting for Community Association Reps for the Dorenell Development.</p> <p>Thur 24th Jul at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown -Hill of Towie meeting for anyone to attend.</p>	
4.	Correspondence	Jean mentioned that correspondence should be open to all of the community if they want to see it. Alistair confirmed that all correspondence is available electronically. Anyone wishing to see any correspondence should contact DDCC by email.	
5.	Treasurers Report	Not present	
6.	Community Feedback	N/A	
7.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	Not present	
	b) Community Council Sub Group	Not present	
8.	Planning Issues	<p>It was confirmed that Jean Oliver will cover Planning issues in future.</p> <p>Alistair Jeffs has been in contact with the Road Planning Officer Moray Council, Richard Geary. It was reported that Marcus Salter has agreed to gift the land for the continuous pavement on condition that he can see the design plans in advance and that the money that was going to be used to pay for this land is given to the Dufftown community through the Dufftown Community Association. It was also reiterated that there is no objection from the Moray Council for the continuous path.</p> <p>Marcus is waiting for documentation from Moray Council. It was also reported that the gas provider was contacted and they will look into what can be done with the sub-station. They are optimistic that it won't be a problem.</p> <p>DDDC members unanimously support Marcus Salter's proposition.</p>	
9.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	Not present	
10.	AOCB	<p>Alistair mentioned the Moray Economic Strategy and reported that he asked Gordon Sutherland why Dufftown had not been included.</p> <p>He has contacted Development Trust Association of Scotland , Highlands and Islands Enterprise and BID (Business Improvement District) and asked them to give a public presentation to a Community event with the aim of developing Community Development Trust. Development Trust will allow the public access to funding by applying through this team locally. Jean mentioned a Community Development Plan which was raised at the Foundation Scotland meeting. She believes that we should pursue this.</p> <p>Alistair will organise a community event for 2nd Oct which will include Dufftown 2000. Want to engage with younger people and families.</p>	<p>Alistair to organise a community event for 2nd Oct</p>

		<p>Alistair asked where the tourist road sign ‘ Dufftown Malt Whisky Capital’ at the bottom of Balvenie St came from. He thinks there should be a sign at all entrances to Dufftown and on A95. Alistair will approach Moray Council about signs</p> <p>Jean stated that Huntly has lots of information in their Tourist Information Office of items happening in the surrounding areas including Dufftown. Jean will bring up at next meeting.</p>	<p>Alistair to approach Moray Council about road signs</p> <p>Jean to bring up Tourist Information at the next meeting.</p>
11.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held in the Dufftown Community Centre on Tuesday 19 th Aug 14 at 1900.	

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