

Dufftown and District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday 19th Aug 14 at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown

Chair: John Fleming

Attendees

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chair/Acting Secretary)
- Ally MacDonald
- Bunty Campbell (Glenrinnnes)
- Jean Oliver (Cabrach/Planning)
- Jim Nicol
- Dennis Dalgarno
- Morag Ross (Minutes Secretary)

Visitors:

- Kenny Walker
- Christopher Leckie
- Avril Leckie
- Ella Grant (Chairperson Friends of Benrinnnes)
- Andrew Anderson (Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE))
- Rory Dutton (Development Trusts Association (DTA) Scotland)

Apologies

- Michelle Myron
- Eddie Brewster (Treasurer)

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	No police update.	
2.	Guest Presentations	<p>Alistair introduced the guests and each one in turn made their presentation as follows:</p> <p>Ella Grant (Friends of Benrinnnes) - Ella reiterated that the Friends of Benrinnnes supported the DDCC concern regarding car parking at Benrinnnes and it will be discussed at their meeting on Thursday 21 Aug 14. She advised that a representative from their group would write to Moray Council in support and copy DDCC into their correspondence. DDCC will be kept informed. It was suggested that flattening the ground would allow better parking and it was also highlighted that parking in the passing places should be mentioned as this is an important issue. Jim Nicol will email the DDCC letter to Ella so that they can support the DDCC concerns regarding car parking.</p> <p>Jean suggested that the emergency services should be approached for comment regarding whether they would be able to react effectively to an emergency during a busy weekend. She also asked if Friends of Benrinnnes publicised other routes up the Ben as this may help the car parking issue. Ella confirmed that they don't as there is a path from Glenrinnnes which is the easiest route and it is also the route that is advertised to tourists. More experienced walkers would take other routes.</p> <p>Ella also mentioned that Friends of Benrinnnes intend to improve the facilities by erecting a map and history information but this will take time.</p> <p>Rory Dutton (Development Trusts Association (DTA) Scotland) – Rory gave a comprehensive brief on what the Development Trusts Association Scotland do and what support they can give to local community projects. Through the provision of information,</p>	<p>Jim Nicol to email the DDCC letter to Ella by Thu 21 Aug 14</p>

		<p>resources and a variety of direct contact, DTA Scotland assists interested communities explore the benefits and relevance of the development trust approach. They also provide useful resources, training and limited support to communities wishing to establish a development trust.</p> <p>Local people set up development trusts to tackle local issues and to improve the quality of life in their community. As a result, development trusts become involved in a very wide range of activities. They assist in pulling together action plans with achievable aspirations; short and long term. They also help co-ordinate activity with other local groups to move forward by forming an Action Focus Group. The aim is for many working groups to be dealing in different projects.</p> <p>He advised that the process should not be started unless thought is given to long term financial sustainability.</p> <p>Andrew Anderson (Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)) – Andrew gave a comprehensive brief on what Highlands and Islands Enterprise do and what support they can give to local communities. HIE is funded by the Scottish Govt to provide long term support to communities and give advice on funding. The payback is to see the improvements come to fruition. Through a scheme called Community Account Management they will work with Community Support Unit, Moray Council and Development Trusts Association. Dufftown would require a Development Officer. DDCC would need to consider whether there is an organisation that could take on assets if applicable (Dufftown 2000 or bigger organisation that could work towards a plan of action for Dufftown community). Guidance provided could be resource and training, advise on Community asset team, visit to another successful area and ongoing contact with HIE. The aim would be for eventual self-sustainability.</p> <p>Alistair asked about funding for employing people. Andrew mentioned Leader as a possible source of income as well as the possibility of Public Sector or HIE funding. Also Lottery funding through the 'Awards for All Grants'. The Development Officer would be funded by Moray Council.</p> <p>Leaflets were provided and it was advised that both organisations would conduct a presentation on the 2nd Oct 14 at the Development meeting.</p>	
3.	Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1900. The minutes were read and accepted by Dennis Dalgarno and seconded by Jean Oliver.</p> <p>Items outstanding:</p> <p>Alistair requested a meeting for the residents of Macduff Place and York St with Mr Smith. He refused. It was reported that Mr Smith saw this as 2 separate issues; illegal parking/double yellow lines and child safety issue. He stated that he was made aware of this issue via complaints in the local press, he was not aware that parents were complaining. The Chairman suggested that the residents should write to the Chief Executive stating that a meeting was requested and refused and copy the letter to Councillors and MSP.</p>	

		<p>Alistair will respond to Mr Smith's email saying that the residents would like a meeting to discuss child safety and he will also confirm that the DDCC do not wish to give their views until a meeting has taken place.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the speed signs were now in place and were on loan for a couple of months.</p> <p>Bunty will email Moray Council again regarding obtaining copies of the Community Council handbook. Jim also contacted Tracy Rae and forwarded the request again.</p> <p>Dennis wrote to Ian Douglas (Moray Access Manager) and Ken Kennedy (Moray Parks Manager) requesting funding for fuel in order to reimburse Mr Donald. Ian mentioned asking for fuel prior to the work being conducted but Dennis was concerned about where we would store it. Members agreed that Mr Donald should be reimbursed however Dennis asked that to wait until Ken Kennedy gets back to him.</p> <p>Dennis also reported that volunteers have approached Dennis to help out. Kenny Walker mentioned overgrown areas where seats are buried in woodland areas. Jean mentioned considering adopt a path.</p> <p>Alistair reported that he approached ENTRUST council funding through Community Association. Jean asked about Diageo funding. Alistair stated that they claimed no-one had approached them for Community funding.</p> <p>Dennis suggested that all volunteers get together to discuss what needs to be done and tasks can be delegated. It was suggested that an article is written in the Dufftown Speirins for volunteers and it was agreed that this should be Community Association lead.</p> <p>Alistair reported that that he spoke to Jim Smith of Moray Roads Dept about Town entrance signs. He stated that Moray Council could design and work with the DDCC to replace signs. No signs could be put on A95 by Moray Council as this is BEAR responsibility. Pursue improvement to signage agreed by all.</p> <p>Jean produced lots of tourist and community pamphlets/newspapers/magazines which she picked up in Huntly tourist information. Dufftown does not use these to promote Dufftown activities. It was noted that Dufftown was not included in the Moray map. Alistair has already contacted Moray Council but there has been no answer yet.</p>	<p>Alistair to respond to Mr Smith email asap</p> <p>Bunty to chase up copies of Community Council handbook</p> <p>Dennis to update at next meeting</p> <p>Alistair to pursue improvement to Dufftown signage</p> <p>Alistair waiting for answer from Moray Council</p>
4.	Matters Arising	<p>DDCC appreciated Dufftown Highland Games Committee for protecting the tubs in square over the Games weekend. The Dufftown in Bloom entry will be considered and results are due 15/16 Oct. Ally and his team were thanked for all their hard work for the Community.</p> <p>Alistair reported that Moray Council have said that they will release funds for the Continuous paths project. It was suggested that funds</p>	

		could be allocated to the Ball Group, Tininver Park Shed Project and Friendship Group.	
5.	Correspondence	Estates Moray Council requested the DDCC response to a proposal to buy land which includes the Memorial Gardens. DDCC strongly objected to this proposal. Alistair will respond.	Alistair to respond to Estates Moray Council asap
6.	Treasurers Report	Not present	
7.	Community Feedback	N/A	
8.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	Not present	
	b) Community Council Sub Group	Not present	
9.	Planning Issues	<p>Jean mentioned that there are plans to extend the shop at Balvenie Castle.</p> <p>It was reported that Diageo were planning to put a pipeline in between Mortlach and Glendullan. There was concern about the paths so Jean and Dennis will discuss whether a response is required.</p>	
10.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	Not present	
11.	AOCB	<p>Dog fouling was discussed. Lots on the roads around Dufftown and also bags being dumped by dog owners near Megs Widd.</p> <p>It was reported that the Rotary Club in Aberlour were hoping to purchase a Defibrillator for Dufftown. Half the cost can be funded but the other half needs to be found. Dennis suggested that the money could come from the Continuous path project.</p> <p>The Co-op advertising was discussed. It was felt that the advertising on the lamp posts around Dufftown had been there long enough. The Chairman will approach the Co-op Manager to remove within a couple of weeks.</p> <p>The concern over the sinking roads/pavements in Church St was mentioned by the Chairman. Alistair will approach Moray Council again.</p> <p>It was reported that Moray Council will not fund a Noticeboard in Dufftown. Action to everyone regarding whether they consider that items could be advertised effectively in the 2 windows in the Clock Tower. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Alistair reminded everyone that there will be a Development meeting on 2 Oct 14. Alistair will invite other local Committees and organisations and advertise fully. It was agreed that up to £100 would be made available for advertising purposes.</p>	<p>Chairman to approach Co-Op Manager asap</p> <p>Alistair to approach Moray Council by next meeting</p> <p>All members to consider advertising in Clock Tower by next meeting</p> <p>Alistair to advertise meeting on 2 Oct 14 asap</p>
12.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held in the Dufftown Community Centre on Tuesday 16 th Sep 14 at 1900.	