

Dufftown and District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday 20th Feb 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown

Chair: John Fleming

Attendees

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chairman/Secretary)
- Dennis Dalgarno
- Fred Allan
- Ally MacDonald
- Bunty Campbell (Glenrinnies) (Co-opted member)
- Morag Ross (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies

- Jim Nicol
- Marcus Salter

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	No police update.	
2.	Guest Presentations	No Guest presentation.	
3.	Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1900 and welcomed the members present. He took this opportunity to express his disappointment in the way that the meeting developed last month and in the decisions that were made. He reminded members that the DDCC invited nominations from surrounding areas and that full agreement was previously made for adoption. He takes full responsibility for the fact that the proper process was not followed at the time but feels let down by the turnaround in these decisions and wants to ensure that the processes are followed in the future to ensure this does not happen again.</p> <p>He also feels disappointed in Community Council members and the difficulties during recent meetings. Also the fact that no-one wants to commit themselves to key posts within the Community Council. The Council still requires a Secretary and Treasurer from within the Council. He urges for Community Council members to work better together otherwise he feels that the Council may fold.</p> <p>Alistair confirmed that he is willing to continue as Acting Secretary for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>The minutes of the January 2015 meeting were read and accepted as a true record by Dennis Dalgarno and seconded by Bunty Campbell.</p> <p>Outstanding Items:</p> <p>Parking at Benrinnies – Bunty reported that there has been no further development. The Chairman advised that he has received a letter from Dr Heneghan offering support. The Committee agreed that the Council should write to the landowner.</p> <p>Secretary Position – Alistair reminded the Council that he was only filling the Secretary position for a temporary period. The Chairman asked for a volunteer from the Councillors. No-one wanted to take on the Secretary job so it was decided that the Secretary position would be included in the advert above.</p>	

		<p>DDCC Emails – Jim Nicol is going to investigate whether he can set up an auto forward from the DDCC email account to the Committee members. It was reminded that members not on email require a hard copy. Alistair also reminded members that emails should not be answered from private email addresses for transparency.</p> <p>Noticeboard – Marcus not present. He is requested to give an update on design of new Noticeboard at next meeting.</p> <p>Dorenell Windfarm - It was stated that there were 2 more applications available online. Responses to be in by 31 Jan 15. Jean stated that it was £250 for a hard copy of the planning applications. Jean stated that she was very busy but could produce the notes of the meeting to be distributed with the minutes. (Not received). Alistair asked if DDCC are responding formally. It was considered that an extension should be requested.</p> <p>Alistair asked if anyone had any objections on the Windfarm extension in case we have to respond by the deadline. The response was equally for and against, with a couple of abstentions. It was agreed that Alistair should respond if no extension granted.</p> <p>Church St – Dennis reported that the Waterboard have visited the site and that they are taking responsibility and dealing with this issue.</p> <p>Living Streets Project – Alistair reiterated the objectives of the Living Streets Project. He stated that a Priority list is to be forwarded to Moray Council for consideration once the volunteers decide what work they would like to be taken. Alistair confirmed that Peter Stuart from Stuart Arms is interested in assisting in this project. It was also proposed that suggestions should be requested in the next Speirins. Jim stated that the Community Association previously asked Moray Council for drop kerbs near the Stuart Arms and they completed the work quickly therefore he hopes this project will be a great success.</p> <p>Youth Meeting – it was reported that the visit to the Youth Café in Elgin on 12 Dec 14 was cancelled.</p>	
4.	Matters Arising	Nil	
5.	Correspondence	Nil	
6.	Treasurers Report	<p>The Chairman reported that the end of year accounts have been passed by the financial examiner and now require to be agreed and signed at this meeting. Ally McDonald proposed and Michelle Myron seconded the agreement and approval of the end of year accounts.</p> <p>Tracey advised that the funding allocation letter was sent out on 22 Sep 14 and that if the DDCC do not complete their funding request form for their funding asap it will be lost. Alistair Jeffs pointed out that he had handed in the completed form to Moray Council front desk.</p>	Chairman to complete funding allocation form asap in the absence of a

		<p>The Chairman asked if the independent financial examiner should receive remuneration for her service. It was agreed that a letter of thanks from the Chairman would suffice.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded councillors that a volunteer is required to take over the Treasurer position. This will be addressed when new members are co-opted unless someone volunteers before then.</p>	Treasurer and write a thank you letter to the financial examiner
7.	Community Feedback	N/A	
8.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	N/A	
	b) Community Council Sub Group	N/A	
9.	Planning Issues	Jim Nicol reported that he received a letter regarding the Macallan extension project. This was a pre-application for the Cooperage etc. It was agreed that Jim would put a copy in the Library for community interest.	Jim Nicol to hand in letter to the Library
10.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	<p>Alastair Kennedy was asked if he wanted to say anything about the JCC. He commented that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman represented the DDCC very well at the last meeting and he urged that a representative should be present at each meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting is Thursday 12 Feb 15 and Dennis volunteered to attend on behalf of DDCC. The agenda has been distributed.</p>	Dennis Dalgarno to attend JCC Thu 12 Feb 15
11.	AOCB	<p>Extraordinary Meeting Minutes Dec 14 – The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 2 Dec 14 were read and accepted by Michelle Myron and seconded by Bunty Campbell.</p> <p>Planning For Real – It was reported that the first meeting has taken place for the 'Planning for Real' initiative and there was good public engagement. 'Planning for Real' will be taken forward with the support of Gillian Bailey from Community Support Unit and progress will be reported back to DDCC.</p> <p>Continuous Footpath – Dennis asked Alastair Kennedy advice on whether we could appeal against the decision regarding the continuous footpath as Elgin managed to revisit the decision about the Elgin Link road. Alastair suggested that Dennis could write to Rhona Gunn Acting Corporate Director for Economic, Development, Planning and Infrastructure.</p> <p>Mortlach School Car Park - Ally MacDonald asked if anyone knew who was responsible for sand treating the Mortlach School car park and grounds in bad weather as all the cars are parking in York Street during this period. It was considered that it was local authority responsibility but Ally will ask the Head mistress to confirm.</p> <p>Resignation – Unfortunately Michelle Myron handed in her resignation. Michelle was thanked very much for her support.</p> <p>Co-Option – Fred Allen has reported an interest in becoming a Community Councillor. This was agreed by all parties and therefore this serves as the 14 days notice prior to consideration at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Dennis to write to Rhona Gunn</p> <p>Ally to ask the Headmistress</p> <p>Co-option of Fred Allen to be considered at next meeting</p>

12.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	<p>The Chairman thanked the visitors from Elgin for their attendance and their support.</p> <p>Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th Feb 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre.</p>	
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