

Dufftown and District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday 18th Nov 14 at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown

Chair: John Fleming

Attendees

- Ally MacDonald
- Buntly Campbell (Glenrinnnes)
- Jean Oliver (Cabrach/Planning)
- Dennis Dalgarno
- Michelle Myron
- Morag Ross (Minutes Secretary)

Visitors:

- Nicola Moss (Moray Council Transportation Dept)
- Andrew Duff (Moray Council Senior Engineer/Lead Road Safety Transportation Dept)
- James Smith (Moray Council Traffic Engineer Transportation Dept)
- Dawn Brodie (Moray Council Community Support Unit)
- Eleanor Candy
- Marcus Salter
- Jean Smart
- Fred Allan
- Agnes Greenlees
- Mr S Ramsay
- Mrs H Ramsay
- Mr C Leckie
- Mrs A Leckie

Apologies

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chairman/Secretary)
- Jim Nicol

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	No police update.	
2.	Guest Presentations	<p>Moray Council Transportation Dept – Nicola Moss introduced herself and her team and explained why they were attending the meeting. Her aspiration was to explain why the double yellow lines were the Moray Council's preferred option for road safety at the corner of Macduff Place and York St, and to reassure residents that their views were being taken into consideration.</p> <p><u>Continuous Foot Path</u></p> <p>Nicola also took the time to explain what was happening with the Fife Street foot path (continuous path). There will be no continuous path initially. The short/medium term solution is for the footpath to continue down the North side of Fife St (subject to the purchase of land) then Diageo are funding £78,000 to put a path on the South side therefore a crossover will be required. This is classed as the 1st cost. The intention is for the path to eventually go behind the gas station and join up with the pavement but there is no funding for the 2nd and 3rd cost at present.</p> <p>Marcus requested information on how much it would cost as there was concern over what the £78,000 contribution from Diageo was going to be used for. Nicola confirmed that all of the Developer contribution is going to be used for cost 1.</p> <p>Dennis raised a concern over the road safety aspect of having to cross the road in 2 places; however, this is unavoidable at this stage.</p>	

		<p>The aspiration for 2nd stage is 2 years.</p> <p>Dennis felt very disappointed that the local Councillor did not drive the continuous path issue forward previously when initially proposed.</p> <p>Nicola asked for any ideas for funding and Jean mentioned Health Walks funding. Nicola will investigate further.</p> <p>John suggested that the DDCC and Moray Council work together now to take this forward. Nicola welcomed this and agreed that she would try to attend meetings in the future.</p> <p>Marcus asked if Diageo could be requested to reconsider their funding and planning so that the funding can be used for the continuous path. Nicola will take this back to Moray Council.</p> <p><u>Road Traffic Regulation Order/Yellow lines</u></p> <p>Andrew gave a comprehensive presentation on the Road Traffic Regulation Order process. He stated that the Macduff Place/York St road traffic issue will be considered by the Environmental Services Committee on Tuesday 25 Nov 14. He reiterated that the Moray Council proposals and all objections/suggestions received have been forwarded to the Committee so that they can make an informed decision.</p> <p>Marcus asked if the paper could be pulled until consultation can be made with the residents. Nicola assured the residents that all of their objections/suggestions have been forwarded to the Committee therefore unless there was something of significance mentioned at the meeting then the paper would not be pulled.</p> <p>The residents were given an opportunity to question the Moray Councils proposal. No significant new information was provided.</p> <p>Andrew stated that the Moray Council proposal was based on safety in general rather than child safety only. It is also a safety issue for adult pedestrians and drivers.</p> <p>Andrew also mentioned the School Safety Review. 5 schools (including Mortlach School) are part of the trial. Andrew stated that there may be a possibility of a Working Group.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the team for coming and giving a presentation. He stated that he is concerned that after 1 complaint Moray Council didn't approach DDCC before proposing double yellow lines.</p> <p>Moray Council Community Support Unit – Dawn Brodie introduced herself and explained that she was present as a follow on from the Dufftown Community Development meeting. She circulated a hand out from the meeting which detailed what had been discussed at the meeting and the ideas which were generated from the local community present on the night.</p> <p>She stated that the hand out was the starting point for taking things</p>	
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3.	Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chairman/Secretary) and Jim Nicol.</p> <p>Item 3 Dorenell Windfarm should be "Alistair Jeffs (Dufftown Community Association), John Fleming (Dufftown Community Association), Bunty Campbell (Glenrines) and Jean Oliver (Cabrach) recently attended an Infinergy meeting and the offer is £5,000 per MW for the new application for a 210MW Windfarm at Dorenell. Infinergy said they intended to submit this new application in November. Jean also mentioned that affordable housing was offered "</p> <p>Subject to this amendment, the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Bunty Campbell, seconded by Dennis Dalgarno</p>	

	<p>Community Council Registration - Jean assured the Chairman that she has registered with Moray Council as a Community Councillor.</p> <p>Parking at Benrinnes – Bunty reported that the Ambulance service will not be writing a letter of support however they have voiced their support.</p> <p>Dufftown – Exclusion from Map of Moray – see item 10 regarding JCCC below.</p> <p>Parking at Crachie – Jim was not present but confirmed that he spoke to the Community Warden. He sent the following update:</p> <p>The Community Warden recently noted a car parked on the pavement at Crachie and the owner was asked to move it as it was blocking access for push chairs and prams. The owner agreed to move the car. At the second visit the car was still parked on the pavement and this time the owner insisted he had just finished unloading his shopping. Subsequently she has seen it parked there numerous times therefore it is now in the hands of the police.</p> <p>Noticeboard – Marcus produced a letter from the Development Services, Planning Officer at Moray Council referring to the replacement of the existing noticeboard with a larger board at the Square. The Planning Officer confirmed that consent is given, no formal application requires to be submitted and no Building Warrant approval is required. Marcus has volunteered to design a new Noticeboard.</p> <p>DDCC Minutes – Jim is sending the missing minutes for the website to Moray Council and email addresses will also be forwarded. Decision to be made about who is responsible for forwarding minutes to MC and library.</p> <p>Dorenell Windfarm – Jean stated that Infinergy are now putting 2 separate applications in November. She stated that £2,000 per MW was accepted.</p> <p>Michelle asked for further explanation. Jean suggested that the planning conditions should be circulated to Community Councillors and a copy put in the library for the community to read.</p> <p>DDCC Vacancies – It was agreed that the DDCC vacancies are to be advertised in the Northern Scot (Town & Country Section). The vacancies are not to be advertised on Facebook.</p> <p>The Chairman reiterated that items for DDCC discussion should not be discussed via the internet only at meetings.</p> <p>Development Plan – Jean mentioned that the Development Plan has been taken to enquiry and some of our items are being looked at. There is no action required at present. The Diageo application for the pipeline through Dufftown has been passed with numerous conditions.</p>	<p>Marcus to submit design at Jan meeting</p> <p>Responsibilities for minutes to MC and library to be detailed</p> <p>Secretary to distribute Planning conditions to Councillors</p> <p>Jean to put a copy in the library</p> <p>Secretary to advertise DDCC vacancies in Northern Scot</p>
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4.	Matters Arising	<p>Community Warden – Update from Jim Nicol - The Community Warden patrols the Mortlach school area whenever she comes to Dufftown and so far she has not seen any footballers in the area. However, she has chased kids away from the shelter in Tininver park late at night as they were very young.</p>	
5.	Correspondence	Nil	
6.	Treasurers Report	<p>The Chairman confirmed that the end of year account has been forwarded to Moray Council and will be circulated once it has been agreed. The bank balance stood at £260. He reminded Councillors that a volunteer is required to take over the Treasurer position. It was decided that this could wait until the new members are co-opted unless someone volunteers before then.</p> <p>Jean mentioned the £400 for Dufftown from Infinergy. The Chairman confirmed that it was Community Association business not DDCC.</p>	
7.	Community Feedback	N/A	
8.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	N/A	
	b) Community Council Sub Group	N/A	
9.	Planning Issues	Jean reported receipt of a planning application for a Bistro at 3 Fife St Dufftown. Jean will look and comment if applicable.	Jean to look over planning application for Bistro
10.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	<p>Alistair was not present but the Chairman confirmed that Alistair and himself represented the DDCC at the Moray Joint Community Council meeting and confirmed that they brought up a number of points regarding consultation and Dufftown being a forgotten town. Hopefully we will start to see better co-operation with Moray Council.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity to use Keith Community Radio for advertising.</p> <p>Report back from Scottish Parliament.</p> <p>Alistair submitted the questionnaire.</p>	

11.	AOCB	<p>Footpaths – It was reported that complaints have been made about the poor state of footpaths and repairs. In particular Hillside Avenue and on Conval Street. Alistair wrote to Moray Council and they have responded stating that the footway on Conval St is constructed of concrete which has started to deteriorate. It was slurry sealed which has held its condition for a while however it will need to be reconstructed. It is hoped to do this work next year. In the meantime some temporary patching was carried out to maintain the footpath. Hillside Ave will have had similar patching carried out.</p> <p>Living Streets Project – Alistair spoke to Don Toonen at Moray Council who is running the Living Streets project to improve streets. Peter Stuart and Alistair are willing to work with Don and anyone else from the local community starting with doing a street audit around Dufftown. There should also be scope to design the new footpath at Mortlach. Interested parties to contact Alistair.</p> <p>Moray Transport Seminar – DDCC have received an invitation and agenda for the Moray Transport Seminar to be held on Sat 29 Nov 14. It regards buses and Nicola Moss from Transportation Dept Moray Council will be there and Stagecoach will be represented.</p> <p>Litter – A few complaints have been received about litter on verges of A95 and A941. This has been passed on to Moray Council.</p> <p>Youth Meeting – Alistair and Dennis attended a Youth Meeting. The next step is to visit the Youth Café in Elgin on 12 Dec 14. Dennis stated 15 youngsters to Youth Café for a day to see how it is set up and run. Wm Grant would like a Youth facility in Dufftown but Aberlour is also showing an interest because of the school. £2million funding.</p> <p>Feedback Forms – There are still feedback forms in the library that can be completed. Storytime is back up and running. Please pass the word around.</p>	
12.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd Dec 14 at 1900 in the Community Centre to discuss 'Planning for Real'. Everyone to have read the hand outs circulated by Dawn Brodie.	