

**Dufftown and District
Community Council
Minutes
Tuesday 20th May 14 at
1900 in the Community
Centre Dufftown**

Chair: John Fleming

Attendees

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chair)
- Jim Nicol (Secretary)
- Ally McDonald
- Sandy Findly
- Jean Oliver
- Cllr Mike McConachie
- Bunty Campbell (Glenrinnies)
- Michele Myron
- Dennis Dalgarno

Apologies

- Eddie Brewster (Treasurer)
- Morag Ross (Minutes Secretary)

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	Not present. It was decided to ask police to attend next meeting to discuss speeding, parking at Ben Rinnes and a car which parks on the pavement at Crachie.	Jim to invite local police to come to our next meeting
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting	Sandy accepted the minutes of the last meeting and Alistair seconded.	Last meetings minutes to go in library window. Moray Council already have them.
3.	Matters arising.	Bunty received a co-opt form which has been filled in to send to Moray Council,. It was agreed by all at this meeting that Jean was to be the new co-opted representative for Cabrach with no one objecting, now Jean has also to fill in the co-opt form to be part of the DDCC	Jim to send in co-opt forms to Tracey Rae at Moray Council once completed.
4	Correspondence	Jim read out the email reply about the car park at Ben Rinnes. The council felt that hard coring the side of the road to create more parking space would lead to crumbling of the tar on the sides of the road, they felt the verges were quite firm and that they felt that the issues we described were fairly infrequent.	From a safety point of view, mention this to Police at next meeting
5.	Treasurers Report	The Treasurer sent in a report. £333.33 was received form Moray Council, Balance at present is £460.68 Expenditure, Petty cash £50, Speirin's £96, minutes secretary payment £20, minutes secretary's payment for June and August £40. total outgoing £206.	
6.	Community Payback	Alastair said that he had been in contact and the lads would not be able to litter pick unless a specific project was put forward, Aliastair to see if they can come after Dufftown Games. Word is, they are allowed to use strimmers and work on the paths. A a project would need to be put forward. Jim and Alastair to look at a project for the Community Payback lads which involves wheel barrowing in gravel to fill out a hole in the path on the Giants Chair walk which has appeared after a tree fell down.	Alastair and Jim to have a look up the Giants Chair Path. Alastair to contact Community payback with details of the project and about tidying up after the games.

7.	Reports	Nothing at present	
	a) Local Councillor(s)	<p>Cllr McConachie said he would investigate who is responsible for cleaning of the Dufftown road signs. He did this and the signs have been cleaned.</p> <p>It was noted that the old ivy covered sign on Fife Street has also been removed.</p> <p>Cllr McConachie said that this was the last year of the landfill tax.</p> <p>Mike was asked if it might be possible to do something about an overflowing skip on Braehead terrace, this belongs to the contractors repairing the council houses. The skip is filled to the brim and should be removed as rubbish is blowing from it.</p> <p>Mike is helping to organise a collection for local Doctor and asked for help collecting, tins are to be provided by Dufftown Royal British Legion.</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Community groups interested in taking part need to put skates on.</p> <p>Mike to action.</p> <p>Volunteers required from each street.</p>
	b) Community Council Sub Group	<p>The Community Council tidy up squad had a successful day on the 18th of May.</p> <p>Tininver wood was cleared of rubbish, the bank around Balvenie Castle grounds and the verges along the low road were litter picked. Around 20 folk came along to help out and some school kids too. Refreshments were served after thanks to Alistair and assistants.</p> <p>Jim has been asked to remind residents of Dufftown in the Speirin's that the town is taking part in a Britain in Bloom and to try to keep their gardens and areas tidy.</p>	<p>Public have been asked in the Speirins to mention any other problem areas should they need litter picked for future events</p> <p>Jim to put article in Speirins about tidy up and about Britain in Bloom.</p>
	c) A N Other(s)	<p>Alastair Jeff said that he is in contact with Jamie Wilkinson about starting up a development trust and to consult with the community about windfarm community benefit a meeting has been arranged for the 6th of June.</p> <p>Following last meeting mention that the DDCC felt that the council are not prepared to talk to us regarding the Sustainable Leisure review Alistair said that he had word through Richard Lochhead that 3 members of DDCA are invited to attend a meeting with Roddy Burns of Moray Council to be briefed on the matter.</p>	Ongoing.
8.	Planning Issues	<p>New House and garage planning put in For Torbay</p> <p>Mike said that Moray Council has turned down Diageo's initial plans for the junction to the new distillery off Fife street and a new plan was to be submitted soon.</p> <p>Moray Council and Diageo were asked for an on site meeting with DDCC nothing has come of this. Alistair said that the Community Council would much prefer to be active in the initial consultation rather than object further down the line.</p> <p>It was noted that the for sale sign was removed at the end of Cowie Avenue and the area tidied up.</p>	<p>No action.</p> <p>Cllr McConachie to look into what is happening.</p>

		<p>We have an extension on the local plan until the 22nd May.</p> <p>Alastair has already submitted a response. At this meeting we have a chance to add any other comments. Alastair went through all the points he had entered already</p> <p>Jean Oliver has also put in a great deal of work on this, commenting on tree preservation orders and right of ways and access rights which were removed due to a big fence at the old mart. A path link to Mortlach Distillery from Coresmaul Drive, inaccuracies in the map of the town plan, paths network not listed, historical sites should be checked by archaeologist, graveyard extension should be looked at now as the new one is filling fast. Will the Medical centre and school be large enough with all these new houses. Cabrach fast broadband to encourage working from home, lack of housing sites and cycle paths.</p>	Further comments to be submitted by Alistair.
9.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	Email about the latest meeting and minutes can be found in generic email address.	Look in dufftowndistrict@gmail.com for details.
10.	AOCB	<p>Alastair was concerned that two council street cleaners are coming in a van, one is driving and stopping from time to time allowing the passenger to get out to litter pick the odd bottle or bit of rubbish. Ally asked would it not be better for them to park the van and walk the streets of Dufftown to litter pick.</p> <p>Alastair will approach RES Hill of Towie for funding.</p> <p>Alastair mentioned the Moray Economic Strategy and in particular improvements for visitors. It was stated that the Moray Chamber of Commerce have a contract for tourism. Alastair has approached Moray Chamber of Commerce and Dufftown 2000 and has found out that a new lad starts at the end of April.</p> <p>John mentioned that the paper delivery boys are littering Albert Place by throwing away their lists when they are finished their rounds. Of course the list of all newspaper recipients are on the list including the delivery boys name, the shop had been contacted but say there is nothing they can do.</p> <p>There is a problem with dog faeces not being picked up on Church Street, this is an ongoing problem and nothing can be done until somebody sees who is not picking up after their dog.</p> <p>Alistair mentioned a clock tower workshop, the event takes place in the Memorial Hall on the 27th of May from 7pm.</p>	<p>Mike to see what he can do</p> <p>ongoing.</p> <p>Alistair will contact when the new chap starts work.</p> <p>Jim was asked to contact the Local warden.</p> <p>Warden to be contacted once culprit is observed.</p> <p>Jim to check if hall has been booked</p>

