

Dufftown and District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday 21st Apr 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown

Chair: Vacant

Attendees

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chairman/Secretary)
 - Dennis Dalgarno
 - Ally MacDonald
 - Bunty Campbell (Glenrinnies) (Co-opted member)
 - Morag Ross (Minutes Secretary)
- Visitors
- Craig Potter (Natural Power Fred Olsen Renewables(FORL))
 - Laurie Winter (Natural Power Fred Olsen Renewables(FORL))
 - Barbara McAra (Dufftown Resident)

Apologies

- Jim Nicol
- Fred Allan (Treasurer)

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	N/A	
2.	Guest Presentations	<p>The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 1900 and welcomed the visitors and members present.</p> <p>Natural Power FORL representatives gave a brief presentation on the Rothes windfarm development to ensure Community Councils are informed on the work to date and proposed development for Phase III.</p> <p>Having explained the previous developments and site to date (Rothes (Phase I & II) with a total installed capacity of 92 MWs) they gave an overview on the proposed development for Phase III. The key components will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 45 wind turbines • With an overall height to blade tip of up to 150 meters • Associated access tracks and infrastructure <p>Rothes (Phase III) has secured the grid capacity required for the project and will be utilizing the existing infrastructure as far as possible to ensure that the environmental impacts are kept to a minimum. Survey, design and assessment work has already commenced for the application. The application (best intention) is due in Mar/Apr 2016.</p> <p>Potential community benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £5,000/ MW (up to 120 MW) for community councils following the Scottish Renewables Onshore Wind Community Benefit Protocol • Potential for Community Ownership associated with a section of the windfarm • Potential local employment during construction and operation • Use of local suppliers, where possible • Use of local facilities; including hotels, restaurants and pubs 	

		<p>The funding allocation is proportionate depending on the amount of disruption to the community therefore Dufftown & District Community Council may not be eligible for an award.</p> <p>It was advised that there will be public exhibitions in the near future and feedback will be requested at this time.</p> <p>It is hoped that the first stage of Phase III will be complete in 2019 with Phase III completion in 2023.</p> <p>The Vice Chairman thanked Craig and Laurie for their informative presentation and for giving up their time to come and brief the Community Council.</p>	
3.	Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>The minutes of the March 2015 meeting were read and accepted as a true record by Dennis Dalgarno and seconded by Bunty Campbell.</p> <p>Outstanding Items:</p> <p>Chairman Resignation – The Vice Chairman took the meeting in the absence of the preceding Chairman. He asked the members present for volunteers to take on the Chairman role. Bunty Campbell agreed to take the position. This was proposed by Ally MacDonald and seconded by Dennis Dalgarno.</p> <p>Community Council members – It was also agreed that new Community Council members were required to replace the members who have recently resigned. It was considered that positions should be advertised.</p> <p>Morag Ross volunteered to be a Community Councillor. Co-option will be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>A group photograph will also be considered when new members are co-opted.</p> <p>New Street Signs – The Vice Chairman stated that Mr Jim Smith had offered to come to a DDCC meeting to discuss street signs. He will be invited to the next meeting. All signage can be discussed at this time (including Dufftown in Bloom proposed sign and tourist sign)</p> <p>Dorenell Windfarm – It was reported that there is to be a public exhibition in Drummur regarding Dorenell. SSE will be invited to the next DDCC meeting to update on their proposals.</p> <p>Presentations –Keith Community Radio representative has had to postpone.</p> <p>Continuous Footpath –Alistair has asked about the final plan and requested a further meeting when plan decided. The street lights issue is ongoing.</p> <p>Community Engagement – Cllr Cree has advised that the DDCC should engage with elected representatives regarding Moray 2023 and the Economic Development Plan as well as enquiring about money for volunteer community projects . Bunty has agreed to</p>	<p>Bunty to complete paperwork for Chairman position</p> <p>Vacant CC positions to be advertised</p> <p>Mr Jim Smith to be invited to May 15 meeting</p> <p>SSE to be invited to next meeting</p> <p>Chairwoman to write to elected councillors</p>

		<p>write to the elected members individually to request support for the DDCC and its initiatives.</p> <p>Parking at Benrinnes – Bunty sent an email to Cllr Murdoch, Friends of Benrinnes and Mr Lock for an update. Another meeting will be arranged.</p> <p>Planning for Real – An update was given on Planning for Real and dates of public events announced. The Vice Chairman asked all to support and spread the word.</p> <p>Hill Street Housing – Access – Dennis was not able to speak to Site Manager however he wrote to Ian Douglas (Moray Access Manager) regarding the access. There are no records of the right of way and as its not used it would be hard to re-instate. The access must be used once a year to keep it open.</p> <p>Graffiti – It was reported that even though Moray Council reacted very quickly to remove the graffiti, it can still be read at Macduff Place and the Library. Alistair will investigate and report.</p> <p>Balvenie St/Albert Place – Dennis spoke to Richmond Depot about faulty manhole covers. Dennis will follow up.</p> <p>Dufftown in Bloom – Greenhouse has been donated and Diageo have given permission for it to be erected. Lennox has also donated compost. Just waiting for plants to arrive.</p>	<p>Alistair to investigate</p> <p>Dennis to follow up on manhole covers</p>
4.	Matters Arising	<p>Community Council meetings - The Vice Chairman proposed for a change to the constitution to reinstate Jul and Dec meetings. This was seconded by Dennis Dalgarno.</p> <p>Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) – The Vice Chairman mentioned that the Community Council could have charitable status and be registered with OSCR. He pointed out that there are already 4 CCs on their books. Members were unsure of the benefits of this. This will be considered by the members.</p> <p>Speirin's Funding – It was agreed that another £96 should be donated to the Speirins for advertising space. This was proposed by Alistair and seconded by Bunty.</p> <p>Developer Obligations - Alistair and Dennis attended a Developer Obligations presentation and gave a brief background to the DDCC members. Ideas are required for next meeting of the areas within Dufftown that could possibly benefit from Developer Contributions. Future projects are also to be considered over the next 2-3 months. It was decided that a Town health check should be considered to identify infrastructure and facilities that require improving/funding, within the strict criteria. The consultation for this initiative is 3 Apr – 29 Jun 15.</p>	<p>Constitution to be amended</p> <p>Members to consider registration as a charitable organisation</p> <p>Donation to be given to Speirins</p> <p>Town Centre Health check to be considered at next meeting</p> <p>Future projects to be considered</p>
5.	Correspondence	<p>BBC Trust – An invite has been received to a meeting on Wed 29 Apr in Elgin from the BBC Trust to hear views on BBC Scotland news and radio services.</p>	

6.	Treasurers Report	Receipts to be passed to Fred for payment (cinema & litter pickers lunch).	
7.	Community Feedback	N/A	
8.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	N/A	
	b) Community Council Sub Group	N/A	
9.	Planning Issues	Wind Turbine Tombain Farm - The Vice Chairman highlighted the 50 m high turbine at Tombain farm (Maggielockter/Drummuir) and asked for feedback. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman would raise an objection regarding the cumulative effect on the landscape.	
10.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	The next JCC will be held in Elgin on Thu 14 May 15. Alistair and Dennis will attend.	
11.	AOCB	<p>Bus service – Bunty reported that Moray Council are keen to introduce bus services, not covered by anyone else, for people in remote areas. They are trialling a bus between Grantown and Tomintoul for a 6 month period. Cllr Murdoch is the point of contact and there is a coffee morning in the Glenrinn Community Centre in June to discuss the transport gaps which exist for people in remote areas. Ideas are requested.</p> <p>It was suggested that buses to the Youth café would be a good idea.</p> <p>Etape Royal – Etape Royal cycle event is going ahead on 27 Sep 15.</p>	
12.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 th May 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre.	