

Dufftown and District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday 17th Nov 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown

Chair: Bunty Campbell

Attendees

- George Tulloch (Secretary)
- Fred Allan (Treasurer)
- Ally MacDonald
- Dennis Dalgarno
- James Nicol
- Morag Ross (Acting Minutes Secretary)

Visitors:

- PC Nick Boyd
- Cllr Mike McConachie (Elected Councillor)

Apologies

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chairman)
- Zoe Bremner (Minutes Secretary)

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Police Update	PC Nick Boyd introduced himself and explained that it would not be possible for him to give a police update at the DDCC meeting. He stated that the Police give an update at the Speyside Area Forum and this would cover our area. If the DDCC cannot attend this forum then he is willing to copy the forum notes to the Chair. This was agreed as the best course of action.	
2. Guest Presentations	Nil	
3. Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1900 and welcomed everyone. Apologies were noted from Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chairman) and Zoe Bremner (Minutes Secretary). Morag Ross will take the minutes.</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Jim Nicol and seconded by Dennis Dalgarno.</p>	
4. Matters Arising	<p>Youth Project – Fred reported that the Youth Project opening night was very successful and they were pleased when more kids turned up for the session the week after. He reiterated that they are still looking for adult volunteers to help out when they can, especially as Planning for Real is likely to bring up more tasks that the Youth Project will be getting involved.</p> <p>Planning for Real – The Planning for Real booklet/actions were discussed and there was concern (from all) over some of the items that DDCC has been allocated (ie are these items achievable and where is the money coming from). It was decided that a separate meeting was needed to go over the actions for DDCC before the next planned Planning for Real public meeting takes place next year. An extraordinary meeting will be called in order that appropriate questions can be raised at the meeting and realistic targets can be set.</p> <p>There is also confusion over who is leading with the items in the Planning for Real booklet. The Secretary will ask Gillian Bailey who is driving this forward.</p>	<p>Meeting to be called prior to next Public meeting</p> <p>Secretary to ask who is driving the Planning for Real actions</p>

		<p>Fife St Footpath – It was agreed that the footpath is progressing well however Dennis voiced his concern that there is no lowered kerb areas for wheelchair users to cross in the middle area of the path. The Secretary will send an email to Elaine Penney (Moray Council) to ask if there are plans for this.</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that Moray Council have acknowledged the choice of the cheaper option for the street lights.</p> <p>Railings at Crachie – Ian Todd has forwarded the email from the DDCC Secretary to Bill Ross (Roads and Maintenance). There has been no response to date. The Secretary will follow this up.</p> <p>Further to this it was reported that the residents at Crachie are still parking their cars on the kerb where the railings were removed albeit numerous reminders of the legality. Dennis passed an email to the Chairman detailing a response he made on behalf of the DDCC to a request for examples of inconsiderate parking. This evidence has been welcomed by the Policy and Parliamentary Officer in Edinburgh and will be used to strengthen the case for the Footway Parking and Double Parking Bill.</p> <p>Memorial Park Railings/Gate – Cllr McConachie stated that Historic Scotland have not responded yet.</p> <p>Clocktower Flagpole – Nothing further to report</p> <p>New Street Sign – Nothing further to report</p> <p>New Member Training – Morag advised that she spoke to Tracey Rae at the Community Event and she confirmed that Jane Martin (newly appointed CCLO) and Tracey would come to Dufftown to conduct new member training. She advised that it would need approximately 1½ hours and should not be on the same day as a meeting. Members to consider the best day for training to be conducted for the next meeting.</p> <p>Sharing of Head Teachers – Nothing further to report</p>	<p>Secretary to write to MC</p> <p>Secretary to follow up response</p> <p>Update at next meeting</p> <p>Members to consider best date for training for the next meeting</p>
5.	Correspondence	Nil	
6.	Treasurers Report	<p>The Treasurer gave an update. No up-to date bank statement is available. Treasurer looking into how to get statements without going to the bank.</p> <p>Morag mentioned that we need to keep an eye on the end of year requirements. Morag to find out when the end of year is from previous minutes.</p>	<p>Treasurer to investigate how to get bank statements</p> <p>Morag will investigate end of year</p>
7.	Community Feedback	Smith the Bakers – Dangerous Premises – The Secretary confirmed that a letter was sent to Mr Smith regarding the danger to the public from the flat above his shop. There has been no response therefore the Secretary will now write to Moray Council (through the CCLO) advising of the DDCC concerns.	Secretary to write to Moray Council re dangerous building

		<p>Sewage - Morag reported that residents of Balvenie St have been complaining about the stench of sewage in Balvenie St in the early morning near the old Post Office. Dennis suggested that individuals contact Scottish Water.</p> <p>Crash Barrier at Parkmore – Numerous residents in the area have voiced their concern over the lack of a crash barrier on the Dufftown to Keith road since the removal of the trees. Cllr McConachie advised that this has been raised numerous times to Moray Council to no avail. It was considered that a petition may be the best course of action.</p> <p>Anti-Social Behaviour – There has also been numerous complaints about anti-social behaviour around the town. Particularly a car which is making a lot of noise from early morning till late at night and parked cars on Balvenie Street and Fife Street which were damaged recently. The police are aware. Residents should be encouraged to report incidents to the police as they happen.</p>	
8.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	<p>Cllr McConachie was present. He briefed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moray flooding issues • Industrial site – Moray Council desire to fill more units • Dorenell Estate issues – request for original document • Further savings in Moray – concerns over future of schools and swimming pools <p>Cllr Murdoch and Cllr Paul not present.</p>	
	b) Community Council Sub Group	N/A	
9.	Planning Issues	Nothing to report	
10.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	Nothing to report	
11.	AOCB	Innes Community Council Petition – Morag directed Community Council members to the Innes Community Council Petition regarding Giant Hogweed.	
12.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 th Jan 16 at 1900 in the Community Centre.	