
Minute of Meeting of Dufftown & District Community Council

Date: Monday 12th October 2020

Time: 7pm

Venue: Zoom Conference Call

Chair: Jim Nicol

Attendees Joan Nicol, Angus Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Andy Harrold, Anne Mutter, Chris Mutter, Cllr Derek Ross, Cllr Walter Wilson

Apologies. Cllr Louise Laing, Zoe Bremner,

1. **The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.**
2. **Police Update-** Police speed checks have been carried out on the A920.
3. **Minutes of last meeting-** The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed Joan, Second Angus.
4. **Matters Arising-**

Crossing- A reply has been received from Moray Council regarding the policy for community councils to fund crossings. Due to Covid this has been delayed and not expected to be completed before the New Year. Until this is completed we cannot move forward any further.

Glenrinnes Bins- Cllr Laing has been in contact with Moray Council regarding the problems residents are having with their bins. The council have offered to resite the bins to prevent incorrect usage by passing public and we are waiting to see where they are proposing this to be.

Parkmore Barrier- Cllr Ross has been looking into if Moray Council would allow a barrier if the DDCC obtained funding. However, Moray Council has stated that even if funds were obtained, there would be ongoing maintenance which they would not do. They felt although they are aware of and sympathetic to local worries at the site, that an inspection and safety report in line with current guidelines for road safety has concluded that intervention is not required. It was therefore felt that even though we have the backing of our local councillors and there was a great deal of public support, unless road safety guidelines changed there would be little reason to pursue this further.

Tiniver Park- Recent posts in the Speirins have seen the mention of forthcoming changes to the park. DDCC had received a letter some time back stating that any plans for the park would be forwarded to us prior to any changes taking place. As we have not received anything Cllr Ross will find out what the current status is regarding changes.

- 5. Correspondence-** Info on proposed windfarm extension received. The proposal is for 9 turbines 5.5km south east of Dufftown. It should not cause any problems for residents.

6. Treasurers Report –

The account balance stands at £2416.66. Audited Accounts are due to be submitted to Moray Council by 30th October 2020.

- 7. Community Feedback –** DDCC has received two concerns from residents.

The first is in regard to non-kerbside collection rubbish being dumped in gardens around Dufftown and the fact that some people do not have the means and or the funds to have this removed. Moray Council do not offer reduced fees for those with limited funds or no ability to take this sort of rubbish to the local centres. Due to council cuts and the current climate this would not likely be changed if it were brought to council. It was felt that unless such a problem posed an environmental hazard that these things may have to be dealt with at a local level with residents helping those they see may have the need for help.

Secondly a concern has been raised regarding guttering and drainage in Balvenie Street. In the past, drainage straight onto the pavement has caused a hazard with icy pavements during cold weather which is fast approaching. Cllr Ross looked into this for us with the following reply :-

“ The channels referred to are Aco Channels and are usually put in place when a footpath is renewed.

A works order was raised on 22nd August for all the existing Aco Channels and pipes in Dufftown to be cleaned out and the Balvenie Street works were completed on 15th September.

It would appear this has not been done for some time, so may help the problem in Balvenie Street this winter.”

- 8. Reports –** Cllr Ross commented on the fact there is little to report at present. Council Committees have amalgamated and there are fewer at the moment.

Cllr Wilson hoped that his efforts on the pot hole problems had been addressed and asked to be kept informed.

- 9. Planning Issues-** Application for planning for property on plot at Corsemaul Drive.

- 10. The Joint Community Councils of Moray –** JCC met on 8th Oct DDCC did not attend. If anyone is available to join in at the now monthly meetings it would be good to have a representative..

- 11. AOCB- AGM –** This will be next month now to allow for it to be advertised. A separate Zoom meeting will be scheduled from the main meeting.

Recycling- An update on plastic recycling question. At present only those plastics marked number 1 & 2 are able to be recycled in Moray. Due to costings, other plastics are sent to landfill but this facility will be closing and then waste will be sent to be incinerated to produce electricity.

DDCA Micro Grants- DDCA were in touch to advise that windfarm micro grants are available for qualifying projects and that any interested party should contact DDCA.

12. Date, time and venue of next meeting- Monday 16th November 7pm Via Zoom Meeting.