
Minute of Meeting of Dufftown & District Community Council

Date: Monday 16th Nov 2020

Time: 7pm

Venue: Zoom meeting

Chair: Jim Nicol

Attendees; Joan Nicol, Angus Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Cllr Derek Ross.Cllr Louise Laing, Anne Mutter, Chris Mutter.

Apologies; Andy Harrold.

Guest; James Smith - Moray Council Traffic Engineer.

- 1. Welcome and Apologies-** Chair welcomed all to the meeting.
- 2. James Smith - Moray Council Traffic Engineer-** James explained that Moray Council has received complaints that due to people parking over the dropped kerb in Fife Street Dufftown, the crossing point has been impassable and a danger to those with buggies. He stated the four options for a way forward on this issue;-
 - a) Building out the pavement to stop incorrect parking with a loss of 1 ½ parking spaces. This is their preferred option and they have monies for this in this year's budget but cannot say this will be the same for future years.
 - b) Painting of double yellow lines which would extend those already in place to the extent of 19 metres. This means a loss of three parking spaces.
 - c) Painting of a white H box to prevent parking, although as this is not enforceable so may not stop the problem. This would mean the loss of one parking space.
 - d) Do nothing.

James would like our thoughts and support on any changes before Christmas. DDCC felt discussing these options and relaying them to those in the community that have already expressed concerns would be a starting point before getting back to him with our thoughts. The present councillors were also asked what has been done elsewhere in Moray and they reported a pavement build out option in Aberlour. We also expressed the need for dedicated disabled parking in Dufftown. This can be looked into but its placement would have to be on an area of level ground.

- 3. Police Update –** Nothing to report.
- 4. Minutes of last meeting-** The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the meeting. Proposed Joan, Second Anne.

5. Matters Arising-

Tininver Park- An update from Moray Council has been received following the queries the DDCC had received. Plans for the park will include new play equipment, renovation of the shed and a new hut, although placement has not been finalised as yet. The query we had regarding the retention of the disabled swing has been answered and this will indeed be kept but the lock is being replaced. This is good news as DDCC had received correspondence from as far off as Nairn from those who use this facility. The question of disabled parking is not cleared up but we can add this to the request for one in Dufftown itself.

Windfarm Extension- Links to the plans for the windfarm extension have been put onto Facebook.

HGV Park in Glenfiddich- Correspondence has been received by a concerned resident regarding plans for a lorry park at Glenfiddich. This is apparently to do with Grissans and five gas powered lorries at the plant. The concern was one of extra lorries in and around the area. The Councillors know nothing about this and there has been nothing received in planning.

Guttering/Pavements in Balvenie Street- Following a request to Moray Council to look at placing drainage channels where guttering releases onto the pavement in Balvenie Street they have stated that this sort of work is generally done when pavements need repair. DDCC will however put together a list of locations where channels are needed and Cllr Ross will put them forward to be put on the list for future works.

Bridge Safety- Following an incident where the railway bridge was hit by a vehicle, confirmation of its safety has been received.

Bulky Rubbish Pick Up- DDCC and Cllr Laing had received complaints of bulky rubbish at some households in Dufftown becoming an eyesore. These households often do not have the means for disposing of these items and help from Moray Council was being sought. A Moray Council Officer will be inspecting to see what can be done to help.

6. Correspondence

DDCC has received an invite to place a listing in the forthcoming Dufftown Community Website. It will bring together info on all local groups who wish to participate providing a central platform with information on Dufftown as well as links for booking halls. DDCC will put together a piece for publication.

7. Treasurers Report - Accounts have now submitted to Moray Council and we have received confirmation that we do not actually have to have a second account for fundraising monies but need to keep accounts separate when submitting. Balance stands at £2395.95.

8. Community Feedback – Nothing to report.

9. Reports – Cllr Ross stated there is nothing of note to report and most council business is done via Zoom. The second stage of the Rural Infrastructure Fund will be opening soon. Community Council letters of support are a great help with obtaining funds and DDCC should send one to Moray Council.

10. Planning Issues- None

11. The Joint Community Councils of Moray – Nothing to report.

12. AOCB- DDCC has not received a reply from the last correspondence from Mortlach Primary regarding procurement of supplies. Sarah will chase up. Dufftown Library should be reopening in the New Year. An update on the potential re-siting of the bins at Glenrinnnes has been sent to residents and is awaiting feedback.

13. Date, time and venue of next meeting- Monday 7th December 7pm Zoom Conference Call.