

Dufftown and District Community Council Minutes
Tuesday 16th Sep 14 at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown

Chair: John Fleming

Attendees

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chair/Acting Secretary)
- Ally MacDonald
- Bunty Campbell (Glenrinnnes)
- Jean Oliver (Cabrach/Planning)
- Dennis Dalgarno
- Eddie Brewster (Treasurer)
- Morag Ross (Minutes Secretary)

Visitors:

- Maureen Duguid
- Christopher Leckie
- Avril Leckie
- Helen Ramsay
- Stuart Ramsay
- Marshall Cooper
- Robert Davidson
- Marcus Salter

Apologies

- Michelle Myron
- Jim Nicol

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	No police update.	
2.	Guest Presentations	<p>Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and instigated a discussion of the issue that many of the guests attending, were there to discuss - Update on the Parking Question at the School.</p> <p>Alistair Jeffs read out a formal reply to his emailed request to the Moray Council (TMC) for a meeting to discuss Child Safety in relation to the works that TMC will be carrying out to the roads around the School.</p> <p>TMC responded that consultation closed in May but TMC would accept a new/late objection from the DDCC, if it was made in writing before 26th September; prior to the works going before the relevant TMC committee. TMC also clarified they were not willing to meet to discuss things prior to the works being carried out. The Residents explained that they had made written objections and each had received a written response where TMC confirmed they would have a meeting after the proposed works had been carried out.</p> <p>The affected residents aired their unhappiness at this and the lack of meaningful consultation and felt the meeting should be before the works are carried out, not afterwards.</p> <p>The affected residents stated they understood that the works were being carried out by TMC as a result of a single complaint and their views and suggestions (in relation to Child Safety) were not being properly considered by TMC.</p> <p>All parties present raised the issue of how the proposed works were going to be policed/enforced and how it was unlikely to be enforced</p>	Alistair to make an objection to TMC by 26 Sep 14

		<p>effectively because of a lack of resources.</p> <p>It was agreed by all present that it would be beneficial to have a meeting with TMC prior to the works being carried out and in light of TMCs refusal do so, the DDCC would write to the TMC to complain about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The lack of meaningful consultation and discussion in regards to Child Safety. b. The perceived waste of public funds on proposed works that could not be 'enforced'. c. To request, again, that a meeting between the relevant parties takes place prior to the works being carried out. <p>It was understood that the residents present would be making formal complaints to TMC, Moray Councillors and MSP direct.</p>	<p>Alistair to complain to TMC asap.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting</p>	<p>The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted by Jean Oliver and seconded by Dennis Dalgarno.</p> <p><u>Benrinnes Parking</u></p> <p>Jean reported that she took the Benrinnes parking issue to the Local Outdoor Access Forum (LOAF) and they agreed that this was a roads issue not access.</p> <p>Dennis mentioned to a Leading Firefighter about the issue and he confirmed from his point of view that it could be a concern for the Emergency Services therefore a decision was made to write for their view to the parking issue at Benrinnes.</p> <p><u>Dufftown Meeting</u></p> <p>Alistair confirmed that the meeting would be held in the Commercial Hotel Hall on Thu 2 Oct at 7pm. The reimbursement of funds for advertising was arranged with the Treasurer.</p> <p><u>Dufftown Road Signs</u></p> <p>Alistair reported that Mr Smith is willing to come to Dufftown and discuss road signs. It was proposed for a meeting in October.</p> <p>Ally asked if the previously proposed widening of the pavement around the Tower could be discussed at the meeting. This was agreed when the discussion was had about the 'No Entry' sign not being prominent enough at the Tower and the fact that tourists occasionally go down the wrong side of the Tower.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the speeding signs have now been removed after 3 weeks. It was stated that consideration should be given to requesting funding to purchase speeding signs from the Common Good Fund. Alistair confirmed that funding had already been requested from the fund but no response was given.</p> <p>Jean mentioned that Auchindoun on the A920 has flashing 'slow down' lights and consideration should be given to having them on the A941 at Crachie. Dennis will investigate.</p>	<p>Bunty to write to Emergency Services asap</p> <p>Alistair to discuss at the meeting with Mr Smith</p> <p>Dennis to investigate lights for A941</p>

		<p><u>Community Council Handbook</u></p> <p>Bunty confirmed that Tracey Rae contacted her to confirm who she was before she issued her a handbook but she still hasn't received it yet. Bunty will chase it up.</p> <p><u>Exclusion from Map</u></p> <p>Alistair has spoken to Gordon Sutherland (Moray Economic Strategy Co-ordinator) to ask why Dufftown is excluded from the map. He is willing to come and meet us so Alistair will invite him to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Continuous Pavement</u></p> <p>Marcus reported that he has received a formal offer for the land he is selling to TMC for the pavement but there was confusion in the missives regarding temporary request for 2 years occupation. Marcus has queried this and once accepted the money will be released.</p> <p>He also reported that the project is in 2 Phases. First phase will be completed partial way up Fife St but Phase 2 won't start until TMC have funding.</p> <p>Alistair suggested writing to Richard Gerring at TMC asking what the plan is for the Diageo money and estimated cost of what the path is going to cost.</p> <p>Jean asked that TMC be contacted reference plans availability for Continuous Path project</p> <p><u>CO-OP Flyers</u></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that he went in to the Co-op 3 times to request the flyers be taken down but nothing has happened. Chairman will advise that he will take them down for a contribution from Co-op.</p> <p><u>Church St</u></p> <p>There has been no action on the sinking or flooding of Church St at present. Alistair wants to consult at the same time as he looks at Fife St.</p> <p><u>Noticeboard</u></p> <p>Alistair can apply to 'Awards for All' if supported for a noticeboard. It was suggested that the noticeboard should be erected outside the Library. Morag mentioned that there may be a noticeboard in the Commercial Hotel that could be donated.</p>	<p>Bunty to chase up Tracey for Handbook</p> <p>Alistair to invite Gordon Sutherland to next meeting</p> <p>Alistair to write to Richard Gerring regarding path cost</p> <p>Chairman will approach Co-op regarding flyers</p> <p>Alistair to consult regarding Church St and Fife St at the same time</p> <p>Morag to investigate whether the Noticeboard could be donated to DDCC</p>
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4.	Matters Arising	<p>The Dufftown and District Community Council have been negotiating hard for the recommended £5000 per MW community benefit fund money from the Dorenell Windfarm Development on the Glenfiddich and Cabrach Estate. The offer of £2000 per MW which was made via the Scottish Government was refused by the Community Council and the four Community Associations at a recent meeting at Glenlivet Hall. The Government and the industry group, Scottish Renewables, recommend £5000 per MW for all new agreements. Discussions have been taking place since 2008 but no agreement has yet been reached between Infinergy and the Communities of Dufftown and District, Cabrach, Glenrinnies, and Glenlivet-Inveravon.</p> <p>Although the Dufftown and District Community Council does not seek to be a beneficiary, we believe that we should ensure a fair deal for all. With the Dorenell Windfarm planned to be 177MW the difference between securing the recommended £5000 or accepting the £2000 on offer is over an extra half a million pounds per year for community projects for 25 years.</p> <p>Infinergy have offered a package which would include repairs and renovations to a number of buildings on the Estate belonging to the London-based financier Christopher Moran. Many of the buildings have not received maintenance and have been neglected for decades. The historically listed Blackwater Lodge is on the Buildings at Risk Register. It is understood that the renovated buildings would remain under the ownership of the landowner rather than be transferred into Community ownership. This was felt unfair.</p> <p>Infinergy and the landowner were to meet on 15 September to discuss the Community Benefit Fund offer and return to the Communities for the next meeting in early November.</p>	
5.	Correspondence	None	
6.	Treasurers Report	<p>Eddie submitted his resignation as he is moving out of the area.</p> <p>He confirmed that the bank balance stood at £460.72 as of 16 Sep however he had a cheque of £60 for the Minutes Secretary bringing this balance to £400.72. £50 of Petty Cash was handed over to the Chairman until a new Treasurer was found. Eddie also confirmed that £333.34 was due from TMC at the end of the month.</p> <p>Chairman stated that there was a bill to be paid to the Memorial Hall and a reimbursement for Strimmer parts. Eddie confirmed that he would write out cheques for all outstanding accounts before he handed over.</p>	Eddie to ensure all outstanding invoices are paid
7.	Community Feedback	N/A	
8.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	Not present	
	b) Community Council Sub Group	Not present	
9.	Planning Issues	Jean circulated plans and map for the effluent pipeline between Mortlach through Dufftown to Glendullan. Marcus asked for timings and Jean agreed to clarify timelines. Jean has some concerns and	Jean to clarify timelines.

		<p>wanted agreement from the Committee. The Committee support her comments.</p> <p>There is also concern that the required organisations had been consulted but Marcus checked the website and confirmed that a number of them had already published their report. It was agreed that Jean should write to Planning Dept as the DDCC had not been given notification directly.</p>	Jean to write to Planning Dept
10.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	Not present	
11.	AOCB	<p>It was reported that there was an incident at the Public Toilets at the weekend and damage has been caused by vandalism. Chairman will phone Council Environmental Services to ensure they are aware.</p> <p>Marcus mentioned that he would like to involve the cubs in the next street clean up around the town so that they can achieve their badge. It was agreed that the next clean up event would take place on Saturday 4 Oct 14.</p> <p>The Chairman mentioned that a volunteer was required to take over the Treasurer's position. It was agreed that the position should be advertised. Eddie will inform Tracey Rae of resignation. This will be discussed again at next meeting.</p> <p>Thanks were given from all Council members to Eddie for his work as Treasurer.</p> <p>Jean suggested that Common Land should be registered. Jean will investigate and update at next meeting.</p>	<p>Chairman to contact Council Environmental Services</p> <p>Treasurer position to be advertised.</p> <p>Jean will brief at next meeting</p>
12.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held in the Dufftown Community Centre on Tuesday 21 Oct 14 at 1900.	

