

**Dufftown and District Community Council Minutes
Extraordinary Meeting Tuesday 2 Dec 14 at 1900 in the Community Centre Dufftown**

Chair: John Fleming

Attendees

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chairman/Secretary)
- Ally MacDonald
- Bunty Campbell (Glenrinnnes)
- Dennis Dalgarno
- Michelle Myron
- Morag Ross (Minutes Secretary)

Visitors:

- Dawn Brodie (Moray Council Community Support Unit)
- Eleanor Candy
- Marcus Salter
- Fred Allan
- James Creane-Smith

Apologies

- Jim Nicol
- David Hanson

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	Police Update	No police update.
2.	Guest Presentations	Nil
3.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were circulated however it was decided that these minutes will be read and discussed at the next routine DDCC meeting in January.</p> <p>Alistair queried the Secretary position. He stated that he was not the permanent Secretary and that the DDCC need to find a replacement for Jim Nicol. The Chairman confirmed that this would be discussed at the next routine DDCC meeting in January.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1900 and explained that this was an Extraordinary meeting called to discuss the 'Planning for Real' initiative only and for the DDCC to decide whether they were going to take this forward. This was agreed.</p> <p>Apologies were accepted from Jim Nicol and David Hanson (visitor).</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed new visitors to the group.</p> <p>Dawn Brodie was invited to explain the 'Planning for Real' process to the visiting guests and answer any questions.</p> <p>She reiterated that the process is designed to allow all of the community the opportunity to share their views on how or what needs to be done to improve their community. This is done around a 3D model of the town and community members are invited to anonymously register their views on a range of issues, then work together to identify priorities and develop an Action Plan for change. The Community Support Unit (CSU) can help with the funding of the model.</p> <p>The model is transportable therefore this process can be conducted at a wide range of events in order to capture as many varied groups as possible ensuring a better cross section of the community as well</p>	

as opening it to all local residents to submit their views. All suggestions and ideas are logged. It is very important that wide community consultation takes place so that evidence of this can be provided when applying for funding. The DDCC felt it was important to include school children in this process.

After the consultation stage has taken place, a Working Group would be formed of volunteers who would hold a follow up session to consider and prioritise the results of each session. The ideas and issues are discussed and solutions/actions are considered. Once agreed the appropriate individuals/ groups/agencies are identified to be involved in the solutions. The results of this form a Community Action Plan.

Dawn provided many copies of Action Plan booklets from other Communities as an example and gave instances of success stories.

The DDCC members overall considered this to be a good idea and agreed that the Community Council would be the conduit for the 'Planning for Real' process in Dufftown.

A discussion was held on the best way to inform other existing groups/activities locally as well as targeting the Community as a whole so that a Working Group could be formed to take this forward.

Dawn reminded everyone that the Working Group would be a Short Life Working Group. This process will not be an ongoing project. Once the Action Plan is agreed and accepted the work will only go on as long as it takes to see the agreed ideas/suggestions through to fruition. The intent is not to replicate any existing groups (ie do not have a working group for an issue that Dufftown in Bloom (for example) already addresses or can deal with).

It was acknowledged that all items in the Action Plan may not be short lived therefore it was felt that small projects should be included in the Action Plan as well as bigger more ambitious ideas so that people remain motivated when these smaller ideas come to fruition.

It was agreed that the Working group requires individuals who are keen, with the ability and time required to drive the Action Plan forward. It was decided by all DDCC members that the process needs to progress as soon as possible. CSU will support the Community through the process. Marcus Salter agreed to lead the Working Group so that this can happen soonest.

Everyone agreed that there should be a Community meeting held in the Community Centre hall on Tuesday 13th Jan 15 at 1900 to promote the 'Planning for Real' concept and hopefully attract residents into the Working Group. Dawn Brodie of CSU will give a presentation on the 'Planning for Real' concept along with examples of successful projects locally.

All DDCC members have taken a list of local groups and activities in order that they can approach them and invite them to this meeting. In the meantime, Marcus will design and publish a hand out to be

		distributed with the Winter Speirins to encourage Community members to attend. Once this has been done it is intended to set up the model somewhere permanently initially until it has been constructed and can be transported to other venues. It is intended that the model building will commence Feb 15.	
5.	Correspondence	N/A	
6.	Treasurers Report	N/A	
7.	Community Feedback	N/A	
8.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	N/A	
	b) Community Council Sub Group	N/A	
9.	Planning Issues	N/A	
10.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	N/A	
11.	AOCB	N/A	
12.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting for the 'Planning for Real' initiative will be held on Tuesday 13th Jan 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre Main Hall to brief invited guests and residents on the 'Planning for Real' process.</p> <p>Next meeting for the Dufftown and District Community Council will be held on Tuesday 20th Jan 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre.</p>	