

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

Chair: John Fleming

Attendees

- Alistair Jeffs (Vice-Chairman/Secretary)
- Dennis Dalgarno
- Ally MacDonald
- Bunty Campbell (Glenrinnies) (Co-opted member)
- Fred Allan (Co-opted member)
- Morag Ross (Minutes Secretary)

Visitors

- Nil

Apologies

- Jim Nicol
- Marcus Salter

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Police Update	The Chairman advised that the police were invited to give an update however they could not attend as they were short staffed.	
2. Guest Presentations	No Guest presentation.	
3. Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 1900 and welcomed the members present.</p> <p>The minutes of the February 2015 meeting were read and accepted as a true record by Bunty Campbell and seconded by Ally MacDonald.</p> <p>Dennis disputed the allegation in the Chairman's opening remarks in the February minutes regarding members not pulling their weight. The Chairman stated that he was referring to his disappointment that the Secretary and Treasurer posts could not be filled as no-one was willing to take on these posts.</p> <p>The Chairman continued to say that he was tendering his resignation from the DDCC and therefore this would be his last meeting. He reiterated from the last meeting that he wanted no part in the issue regarding the filling of the Cabrach representative position going forward.</p> <p>Outstanding Items:</p> <p>Previous DDCC Minutes – Tracey Rae advised that she does not have the missing minutes and that the minutes forwarded for May were not uploaded as they are dated April. The Minutes Secretary will update the May minutes and also forward the missing minutes.</p> <p>Parking at Benrinnies – There has been no further update on the parking at Benrinnies. Dennis reported that there were more than 15 cars parked there on Sunday. Bunty will speak to Cllr Fiona Murdoch for an update</p> <p>Dorenell Windfarm – Nothing further to report at this time</p>	<p>Mins Secretary will update/ forward missing minutes</p> <p>Bunty to speak to Cllr Murdoch for an update</p>

		<p>Church St – Dennis confirmed that one of the leaks in Church Street has been sorted and the other will be worked on this week. He confirmed that the lead pipe supplying the School House, Church etc was rotten and needed to be fixed in 4 places. The Waterboard are taking this action. The Chairman thanked Dennis for his hard work in following this up.</p> <p>Living Streets Project – Alastair stated that this will be revisited in Spring/Summer when more people are available.</p> <p>Youth Provision – Fred updated the Community Council members on the proposed Youth Provision. There have been 2 meetings with the Youth Café Group with another this week. The meeting on Friday is to form an Adult Steering Group to take forward an integrated action plan for Youth Provision in Dufftown which the kids will run.</p> <p>Planning for Real – Fred reported that the maps are progressing very well and local community groups are pulling together to help build houses.</p> <p>Continuous Footpath – A response has been received from Richard Lockhead which states that Diageo have no plans to amend or resubmit their planning application. They will continue with the facility on their own land.</p> <p>As a consequence of this Alastair, Marcus and Dennis met with Pat Douglass and Elaine Penny of the Roads Department Moray Council and they had a very positive meeting. It was confirmed that all land is now available for the path and it was considered that a continuous path could be built within FY 15/16 all going well. The upper part will reuse the old stone to rebuild the old stone wall. The lower part of the stone wall will be left against road with the benefit of separating the traffic and path and maintain character. Marcus is building a bank as part of his development and that will provide the retaining function for the lower part. Any old stone left available will be for reuse by the Community. The Community needs to then decide how the landscape will be finished, liaising with Marcus, and source funding for any niceties. Moray Council will draw up a final plan then there will be an opportunity for consultation with the public.</p> <p>Alastair reported that the community will be responsible for the street lighting on the side of the continuous path and Diageo will put in on their side. He will investigate what the process is for lighting.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Alastair and Dennis for all their work on this project.</p> <p>Street Sign – Alastair produced artwork for the suggested brown street sign for entrance at Richmond Depot. All members were in agreement with the draft.</p> <p>He also stated that tourist service providers wanted other symbols</p>	<p>Alastair to investigate the process for street lighting</p> <p>Alastair will</p>
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4.	Matters Arising	<p>Moray 2023 Plan – Alistair reported that there is a frustration within the JCC regarding lack of community engagement within the Moray 2023 plan. Alastair Kennedy has written to Cllr Cree. Alastair Kennedy advised that the Community Engagement Group is currently setting up a system and procedure for consulting on it. It was agreed that Alistair Jeffs will lend DDCC support to JCC if required.</p> <p>New Street Signs – Fred stated that there has been complaints regarding new signs that have popped up around Dufftown. The 20 mph sign by library is unnoticeable and there are signs behind the bus shelter. There is also a sign on Conval St for Glenfiddich which is clearly in the wrong place as it is pointing into a house and not at the junction. Alistair agreed to look into all the signs, including the tourist signs.</p> <p>Graffiti – The Chairman voiced his concern over the graffiti that occurred overnight in Dufftown earlier this month. He also stated that Moray Council did a great job in reacting so quickly to get it removed. Alistair will write a letter of thanks to Moray Council on DDCC behalf.</p>	<p>Alistair to look into signage around the town</p> <p>Alistair to thank Moray Council</p>
5.	Correspondence	<p>Therapy Garden - Alison Woosnam has written to inform the DDCC that there is to be a new Therapy Garden at 20 Balvenie St Dufftown (Fournet House). Planning permission has been given and it has disabled access and disabled toilet facilities. This garden will be open to the community and she hopes that the Dufftown community will support it.</p> <p>Benchmarking –The Local Government and Regeneration Committee of the Scottish Parliament undertakes an annual examination of the development of the Local Government Benchmarking Framework. This framework was developed by the Improvement Service (IS) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executive’s (SOLACE Scotland), to assist Scottish local authorities to improve their delivery of public services.</p> <p>A representative from the Improvement Service has requested the DDCC’s views on the Benchmarking framework to update the Committee. In particular, they wanted to know:</p>	<p>Alastair to respond to request by email</p>

		<p>1. Were we aware of the Local Government Benchmarking Framework?</p> <p>2. Would we use the Framework to see how our local authority is performing?</p> <p>3. What would help us to make use of the data in the Framework?</p> <p>Alastair will write a brief email in response.</p> <p>Local Development Plan – Alastair Kennedy (JCC Chairman) informed the DDCC that “Developer Obligations” the consultation which will be launched in partnership with the JCC will be held in Elgin Academy on Mon 20th April at 7pm for 7:15 pm start. Alistair and Dennis will attend.</p>	Alastair and Dennis will attend meeting
6.	Treasurers Report	<p>Alistair advised that the Moray Council allocation has been transferred by BACS into the DDCC bank account - remittance advice acknowledged by Treasurer as received.</p> <p>Signatories for bank still required .</p>	
7.	Community Feedback	N/A	
8.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	N/A	
	b) Community Council Sub Group	N/A	
9.	Planning Issues		
10.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	N/A	
11.	AOCB	<p>Parking - Dennis reported that he has had 2 complaints from residents of Louise St about cars/truck parking on the pavement. Ally will report to the police and also ask for an update on the Crachie parking issue.</p> <p>Presentations - Alistair advised that Keith Community Radio and Natural Power will give presentations at the next meeting.</p> <p>Balvenie St – There has been a complaint about the manhole cover on Balvenie St opposite the Royal British Legion. Dennis stated that he previously requested Moray Council to attend to the gully’s and drains around Dufftown but nothing has been done. Dennis will pursue.</p> <p>Litter Sweep - Alistair confirmed that there will be a litter sweep on 4 Apr and the Memorial hall have offered the back hall for free. He therefore requested £50 from the DDCC to fund lunch for the volunteers. This was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Cinema – The Community Association are hosting a cinema day in the Royal British Legion on Sat 18 Apr. This is the first showing in Dufftown and will become a monthly occurrence. A children’s film in the afternoon and an adult film in the evening. £60 was requested in support for a raffle and £40 for a Paddington Bear.</p>	<p>Ally to report parking violations to the police</p> <p>Dennis will pursue</p> <p>Alistair to receive £50 funding for volunteers lunch</p> <p>Alastair to receive £100 in support of the cinema raffle</p>

		<p>Maisters Widd – The Chairman asked about the trees in Maisters Widd and whether they were being removed. It was declared that Moray Council has contracted a local to undertake the work.</p> <p>Thank you – The Vice Chairman thanked the Chairman for all his hard work on the DDCC. The Chairman wishes the Committee all the best.</p>	
12.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 st Apr 15 at 1900 in the Community Centre.	

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