

MEETING OF THE CULLEN AND DESKFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT:

Iain Rennie, Carol Wood, Steven Mill, Stephen McKay, Cllr Ron Shepherd, PC Morag Clark, Mrs Helen Gillibrand.

APOLOGIES:

Kevin Aitken, Pauline Aitken, Cllr Cree, Tam McLellan

WELCOME:

Iain Rennie welcomed all to the meeting and invited PC Clark to give her report. It was agreed that the meeting was quorate.

POLICE REPORT:

There have been 36 reported crimes in the Buckie area; only one in Cullen. Farms and rural places have been the main targets.

A new booklet "Security in the Rural Environment " has been published. There have also been reports of speeding cars. Carol Wood reported that en route to Cullen from Keith there was a car at the side of the road but here had been no "Police Aware" sign on same and it was impossible for her to stop and check. She asked for the non-emergency number. The number is **101**. This will be publicised on Social Media.

Iain Rennie complemented Police Scotland for their handling of the visit from the Duke of Kent to the opening of the Sail School.

The issues of traffic calming on the way into Cullen on the main road was again raised. The Police said it had been passed on to them.

COMMUNITY WARDEN:

Cllr Shepherd informed the Meeting that there current post for the area was vacant and that interviews were being held to appoint a new warden.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROBLEMS:

Mrs Gillibrand, who has chronic asthma, reported she was having problems with a neighbour who was constantly burning rubbish. the smoke was adversely affecting her breathing and her washing, which she hangs outside. Mrs Gillibrand agreed to give more details to Carol Wood, who would contact Andy Jamieson at the council.

She also asked why there is never a Christmas tree. Iain Rennie asked for this to be raised at the next meeting.

It was also suggested that the community be asked what they wanted, via the newsletter.

MINUTE ACCURACY:

Proposed by Steven Mill and seconded by Iain Rennie.

MATTERS ARISING:

Environmental Group: It was agreed that Carol Wood would draft a letter to the members of the Environmental Group to be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Shepherd informed the meeting that he had located the bench removed from the Square and was arranging for it to be concreted in.

The cost of fixing the flagpole would be £490.00. It was agreed that it was a "no go".

Steven Mill and Cllr Shepherd to discuss the matter further with Kevin Aitken.

NEWSLETTER:

Carol Wood presented a template and suggested various layouts. It was agreed to include current news items, upcoming events and emergency/helpful phone numbers. Carol agreed to circulate a pro forma this weekend and the Community Council members to provide info they want in the newsletter.

WEBSITE AND GENERIC EMAIL ADDRESS:

Carol Wood said that she had set up a free email account on Outlook, which would perform better than the existing generic one.

She also reported to the meeting that a .scot domain name was available if we wanted to go ahead with a website. The website would cost £6.00 per month and £2 per year for the domain name. It was agreed that the Community Council did not really require a website as we have a FaceBook page and the minutes are posted on the Moray Council website.

Carol Wood will advise Tracey Rae & Police Scotland about the new email address and will put it in the Newsletter.

The new email address is:

cullenanddeskfordcommunitycouncil@outlook.com

All minutes and agendas will be sent to Community Councillors only. Then, posted to Moray Council when approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Carol Wood advised the meeting that she has the latest edition of the Moray Development Plan at home.

Tracey Rae had sent some new folder inserts, which were distributed.

Lintmill Action Group sent a Thank You letter.

Cullen Primary School has put in a request for funding and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

PLANNING & LICENSING:

8 South Castle Street, Cullen;
Factory Extension at Imduff House.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT:

Balance: £1240.68
Outgoings: £30 (Minute Taker)
Actual Balance: **£1,210.86**

FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT:

Balance: £4,436.39
Outgoings: £ 250.00
Actual Balance: **£4,205.39**

VIADUCT PROJECT:

Steven Mill commented that the money given to Tam McLellan was well earned. The Community Council heard that concerns had been expressed that only one quote had been obtained and had suggested another quote be sought. In Tam McLellan's absence, the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

AOCB:

Iain Rennie reported that he had an e-mail re Castle Hill. A full discussion will be had at the next meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 22nd November at 7pm

Approved: Proposed - S Mill; Seconded - I Rennie