

MEETING OF THE CULLEN AND DESKFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT:

Iain Rennie, Steven Mill, Kevin Aitken, Pauline Aitken, Tam McLellan, Cllr R Shepherd, Stephen McKay, Sofia McDonald, Katie MacLean, Jenny McWilliam, Bob Moon.

APOLOGIES:

Carol Wood, Cllr Cree.

1. **Welcome:** Iain Rennie welcomed all to the meeting and intimated that Carol Wood was ill at the moment.
2. **Election of Chair:** Iain Rennie intimated that he would be very happy to be elected as Chair. Proposed by Tam McLellan and Seconded by Kevin Aitken.
3. **Police Report:** No representative of Police Scotland attended the meeting.
4. **Community Warden:** The Community Warden did not attend the meeting.
5. **Environment Group:** Bob Moon gave a report and said that there were only half the number in the group and it was not worthwhile. Cllr Shepherd would look at any problems if asked. When asked, Steven Mill said there was nothing happening. There was a discussion about the report which is not endorsed by the Community Council. The question was asked "Why was the e-mail sent to Kevin Aitken and not Carol Wood?" Bob Moon left the meeting. Iain Rennie asked how members feel regarding integration or non-integration. Tam McLellan suggested we have nothing to do with the group as they seem to be acting unilaterally. Iain Rennie asked if we should cut them loose as they seem to be buying willy nilly and should have been referring spending to the Community Council before purchasing goods. It was agreed that Carol Wood should write to the group advising them there will be no more funding. Cllr Shephard suggested that the Community Council write to say the Millenium Garden is their "baby". Iain Rennie will draft a letter and pass it round. Kevin Aitken stated that the baskets need to be taken down possibly some Sunday. He also informed the meeting that baskets and barrels would be bought from BEAT in Banff to give them support.

6. **Community Problems:** Sofia McDonald has been tidying up the beach etc and thanked Tam McLellan for his assistance. The signs he put up have definitely made a difference regarding dog fouling. Duncan Falconer is still thinking about bin signs and the Community Warden will be doing something to clear out the caves.

Kevin Aitken informed the meeting that there is a new group called "Cullen Harbour Group" starting up and they intend to tidy up the harbour.

Tam McLellan spoke about the benches, one of them has been removed.

Steve Mill said he had confronted some children about moving the benches.

Sofia McDonald stated that one of the benches at the harbour was broken.

Pauline Aitken intimated that she had received an email requesting permission to put a bench up at the harbour. The bench would be carved either side and have a space for a dog's bowl. Kevin Aitken suggested that this could be placed at the Pet's Cemetery. This was thought to be a good idea and an email reply would be sent. There is still no rope or end block for the FlagPole. Cllr Shepherd will deal with this. The Lintmill Play-park Action Group are looking to revamp the play-park which will cost £15,000 and are looking for funding. Once they achieve at least £3000, Awards for All will look at the application. The group has asked for £1000 from the Community Council. This was approved and a cheque for an initial £500 was given; the remaining £500 will be paid at a later date.

7. **Ward Councillors:** There were no items from Ward Councillors.
8. **Minutes Accuracy:** Approved by Steven Mill and Seconded by Pauline Aitken.
9. **Matters Arising From the Minutes:** There will be a Policy Resources Meeting in November.

Stephen McKay updated the meeting as to the situation.

10. **Newsletter:** Carol Wood was going to go a template. Cullen Bay Hotel has asked if we can put the Cullen Skink Competition in the Newsletter; Kevin Aitken suggested we put this on FaceBook. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.
11. **Generic Email and Webpage:** Iain Rennie suggested we get a proper structure and discuss at the next meeting. Steven Mill thought that emails should be sent directly to each member and asked that Carol Wood come up with some ideas for the next meeting.
12. **Correspondence and emails:** Pauline Aitken reported that she had received an email from Stanley Slater informing her that he had been in touch with Mr Anderson of Seafield Estates regarding the Pet Cemetery. The Press had blown the situation up out of all proportion. Seafield Estates have

been supporting Steve for 20 years and intend to continue doing so. They certainly have every intention of supporting him in the future and suggest that the community and volunteers back him and help him too. They have said that if more ground is required there would be no problem providing any extension that does not encroach on the designated Site of Scientific Importance.

13. **Planning and Licensing:** (a) 17 Cathay Terrace - Garage, Workshop and Gym; (b) 30 Seatown - Small Alteration; (c) 46/48 Seafield Street - Re-roof an old building and garage.
14. **Fundraising and Funding Applications:** Steve Mill said that only one application had been received for the play-park at the School. Kevin Aitken suggested Carol Wood send a letter or email to the school.
15. **Viaduct Project:** Tam McLellan produced a detailed plan, photos and costs for the proposed project. he has been in contact with the Moray Council, who asked for a rough copy of the project. It will not be necessary to have a lease unless funding is requested. Tam told the meeting he would be able to get £3000 from the Common Good Fund (depending on additional funding) and he has asked the Community Council for £2000, which has been agreed in principle. The project will be the responsibility of the Office Bearers of the Community Council as it is a Community Council Project, which will be completed in the Spring. Kevin Aitken said he would supply the paint. Sofia McDonald asked who would be responsible for litter. Iain Rennie asked if the Community Council can get Legal Advice regarding the issues raised and ask Carol Wood to write to the Moray Council. Iain also thanked Tam on behalf of the Community Council for all his hard work.
16. **AOCB:** Co-opting members - Kevin Aitken stated that we have been talking about co-opting new Members and that Colin Mair had not come back to him. Iain Rennie reported that no-one from the Deskford area had expressed an interest. Tam McLellan proposed Steve McKay, which was Seconded by Kevin Aitken and accepted by Steve McKay.
Castlehill Access - Update from Seafield Estates: Scottish heritage is not against this but they will not disturb the ground at the moment.
17. **Date of Next Meeting:** A discussion ensued as to whether we revert to Thursday meetings and it was agreed the next meeting will be **Tuesday 27th October, 2015** and then **Thursdays** after the New Year.

**APPROVED BY STEVEN MILL
SECONDED BY IAIN RENNIE**