

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CULLEN AND DESKFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Iain Rennie, Carol Wood, Kevin Aitken, Pauline Aitken, Stephen McKay, Steven Mill, Tam McLellan, Ian Greig, Cllr. Ron Shepherd, Jane Martin (Community Council Liaison), Tracey Rae, Nicola Wood, Barry Addison, Dennis Paterson, Anne Rhynas, Rosemary Pacey

2. **Apologies** - Pam Gowans (Moray Health and Social Care Partnership) who indicated that she would be at the April Meeting.

3. **Welcome** - Iain Rennie welcomed all to the Meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

5. **Police Report** - There was no attendee from the Police. Iain Rennie asked if any Member has anything to ask the Police. No outstanding issues.

6. **Community Warden** - There is no Community Warden in the area at present although one has been appointed in Elgin. Jane Martin will check up and report.

7. **Councillor's Report** - There was nothing to report at this time. However when asked about the bridge at the burn Councillor Shepherd reported that there is a legal issue at the moment.

Kevin Aitken reported that there is no flag pole at the Town Hall and that a lanyard is required plus a cherry picker which would cost around £500. Iain Rennie asked Councillor Shepherd if he could co-ordinate the matter. Jane Martin will also enquire into the matter.

8. **Community Issues/Problems** - No questions have been raised by the public. Tam McLellan asked if a copy of the report for the survey of the hall could be sent to the Community Council as it may affect the Youth Cafe.

A clothes recycling bin has been put in the Square next to the toilets.

Iain Rennie reported that he had two complaints regarding the Community Council, one regarding a request from a Member to move a German bus for access to the Centre and the second re the noise from the dance class.

Rosemary Pacey raised the question of parking outside the library and centre and wondered if it would be possible to park on the grass. Councillor Shepherd will speak to the appropriate department.

9. **Minute Accuracy** - Kevin Aitken said to change 'cherry picker', which is not missing from the flat pole, to 'eyelets'.

Monica Hunt will store the hanging baskets on her allotment..

Planning and Licensing application for conservatory and internal alterations at Deskford.

The Minutes were approved by Carol Wood and seconded by Pauline Aitken

10. **Matters Arising** - There were two matters arising which were to be dealt with under specific Agenda Items.

11. **Viaduct Project** - There was quite a discussion regarding the Project especially the fact that if the Community Council were to lease the ground it would be responsible, money-wise, for any problems, accidents and maintenance. Iain Rennie proposed the motion that perhaps different community groups could do the necessary work but it was decided to revert to the original idea, i.e. clear the ground and site one seat. Tracey Rae asked why the scheme was not run like the Lintmill play park. Tracey and June Martin will speak to Ken Kennedy to find out exactly what can be done. Kevin reported that a bill for clearing the ground had been received from Alan Grant.

**12. Hogmanay Event** - Carol has received two e-mails from people about having an event at Hogmanay -Dennis Paterson suggested featuring something in June/July. Some elderly people suggested having an event on the 1st of January and it was also thought that Dennis's ideas should be looked at.

Carol stated she was willing to have some people for tea in her house to discuss any other ideas.

The whole concept will be discussed at the next Meeting.

**13. Newsletter** - Carol asked what Members would like to do. She is quite happy to produce further issues and suggested that CDCC members and volunteers could do household deliveries.

Stevie said he had a copy and could print it out.

**14. Community Officer** - Jane introduced herself as the new Officer. She reminded the CDCC that the grant from Moray Council is for administration purposes only. Kevin said that we had always been careful to make sure that all monies were spent in accordance with the rules.

Tracey Rae explained that CCs had access money from the Landfill fund and could look into how we access it.

**15. Treasurer's Report - Fundraising Account** - Opening Balance £4,466.39: Outgoings - Lintmill Playpark £500: Incomings - None. Closing Balance £3,966.39  
Admin Account - 23/10.15 - 13/11/15 - Opening Balance £1,180.86: Outgoings - Remembrance Day Wreath £29: Minute Taker Wage £30: Cullen Play Centre (vandalised garden) £200: Incomings - None: Closing Balance £921.86. Admin Account - 23/11/2015 - 9/12/2015 - Opening Balance £921.86: Outgoings - Minute Taker Wage £30: Carol Wood (Ink Cartridges) £37.18: Incomings - Council Admin Money £318.40: Closing Balance £1,173.08.

Kevin reported that some shopkeepers were asking if they would receive 50p for each Calendar they sold.

**16. Fundraising and Projects** - Kevin suggested that we begin getting the 2017 calendars ready. He also thought, in order to keep the advertising going, that we offer some sort of incentive, perhaps a Voucher System.

Iain Rennie reported that he had received a very nice letter of thanks from Cullen Primary School for the donation they received towards their play area.

**17. Planning and Licensing** -

15/02161 LBC 130 Seatown - demolish extension and replace, add boundary fence

15/02190 APP - 4 The Square, Cullen- convert bothy to dwelling house

15/02135/6 - APP LBA Seafield Arms. Cullen - demolish kitchen wing, erect bistro bar extension and 3 single storey houses.

15/02121 APP - 1 Reidhaven Street, Cullen - remove glazed canopy, erect extension.  
7 Campbell Stret, Cullen - Replace windows

**18. AOCB** -

Letter from Professor Ashley Mowat asking for a response from the Community Council for second Forms will be put into the Post Office.

Dennis Paterson said a J. Froud will be on holiday later and is willing to do a Musical Show. Jane Martin informed the Committee that she was a Councillor at Keith and is here to help in any way. She asked Stephen McKay and Ian Greig (the co-opted Members) to fill in the necessary forms which they duly did.

Iain Rennie asked if we needed any other Members and was advised that nine was the norm and it was agreed to put this on Face Book.

All business complete, Iain closed the Meeting at 8.30p.m.

**Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 23rd February**

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