

Cullen & Deskford Community Council
Minutes Tuesday 18th April 2017

Memorial Hall, Cullen

In Attendance

CDCC: Tam McLellan, Dennis Paterson, Stewart Black, Norman Marwick.
Helen Bavidge (minute secretary)

Councillor Ron Shepherd

Visitors: Colin Burch, Bob Harper, Rob Barsby

Apologies

Barry Addison, Phil Lovegrove (via email not noticed until after meeting)

1. Welcome

Tam McLellan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance.

2. Representation – None

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting held on the 21st March 2017 were accepted and approved.

Proposed: Stewart Black

Seconded: Dennis Paterson

4. Matters Arising from previous minutes

Stewart Black reported that his daughter told him that pupils would be taking part in the Dog Fouling Poster Competition. It should be determined what sort of prizes/awards there would be.

Dennis Paterson will ask the public on Facebook if there are any concerns regarding dog fouling in the area, and pass on any information to Moray Council.

5. Reports

Councillor Shepherd reported the Blue Pavilion at the playing fields had finally been removed. Tam thanked Ron for all his efforts in getting this removed. He first brought it to his attention back in November, and was grateful for his persistence with this matter.

Norman Marwick reported the Traffic Island Bollard at the Deskford end of Seaford Street had now been replaced.

6. Agency Updates

Tam reported that he had sent an e-mail to Meg Deasley of Lurg Hill Windfarm informing them of the changes at the CDCC.

7. Correspondence

Moray Council are conducting a Review of the Community Councils Handbook and have sent out a New Proposal to: **extend the qualification of membership to Community Councils.**

Currently the Scheme allows for membership qualification by residency within the specific CC area. The New Proposal will allow **anyone from any neighbouring CC area which is co-terminus with that CC area.**

There was a discussion on the new proposal, and it was decided to send an amendment saying: **only one person from a co-terminus area is allowed to join any CC and if any CC wanted to elect more than one person then permission should be given by the Democratic Services**

8. Treasurers Report

Barry provided an update via email on the current finances of the CC, the account balances presently stand at; Admin Account: £753.38, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and Youth Café have been paid. The Minute Secretary has also been paid.

Fundraising Account: £5669.87, The Common Good Fund cheque has been banked.

9. Projects & Fundraising

Defibrillators - A site meeting has been arranged with Moray Council officers who will also have an Electrician on hand at the Toilet Block in Cullen Square. The proposal is to have a Defibrillator located on the outside wall facing into the square. Tam will contact David Greer to ask if the Seafield Estate will contribute towards the cost of the Defibrillators. Stewart Black will contact The Deskford Association to ask again if they want one located at the Deskford Hall.

Toilets in Square The CDCC will be painting the toilets and the Council will be providing an Eggshell type of paint.

Barrier – Stewart Black stated there was some delay with the construction of the Barrier, and if others wanted to go elsewhere that wouldn't be a problem. It was agreed Stewart should decide after speaking to the contractor if we should look elsewhere. There will be a need for the fence next to the Barrier to be extended and a cost for this will be needed.

Pitness Brae Handrail – Barry Addison reported (via email) the Seafield Estate has agreed to pay for the handrail materials. I have sent the order for making the stanchions to the MacDuff Profilers and I would expect them to be ready by the end of next week.

Coastal Path Erosion – Dennis Paterson had a site meeting with David Greer and Jamie Currie. It is estimated the work to repair the path will be £20,000 - £40,000. Dennis will write to the relevant parties to ask them to share in the cost of the repair.

Lintmill Playpark – Dennis Paterson reported that Cullen Builders would get back to him ASAP about a timescale for laying the foundation for the Seat.

Planters – Barry Addison (via email) Money already spent on Planters, Plants and Brackets for lamp posts is £1003.98

There are a total of 20 planters, with 2 for Lintmill, 2 for Lisa at Cullen Primary, 3 for Deskford and the rest for Cullen including 1 for Seatown.

Pet Cemetery – Dennis Paterson informed the meeting that David Greer said the Coast Guard couldn't get access along the coastal path due to the bolder that had been placed near the Pet Cemetery. Dennis will get it moved when the piles of seaweed and grass cuttings are being cleared.

10. Community Feedback

Bob Harper stated the window in the bus shelter in the Seatown had not been repaired. Councillor Shepherd said this was in hand and he would make further enquiries and get back to us.

Bob also informed the meeting about a seat that was supposed to be getting sent from Buckie to replace the broken one at Cullen Harbour. Councillor Shepherd will make enquiries about the delay and get back to us.

11. Planning & Licensing Nothing to report.

12. Joint Community Council of Moray

Tam McLellan stated there was a paragraph in their minutes that said there was very few Community Councils attending the JCC meetings.

13. AOCB

Stewart Black asked Tam if he was still sending a copy the CDCC minutes to Moray Council for their website. Tam stated the approved February minutes had been sent to Jane Martin shortly after the last meeting. He also included another copy of the approved minutes for October that still hadn't been changed. He also stated Iain Grieve had been removed (from Council Website) a few days after he resigned, and the contact person for CDCC was now Dennis Paterson Vice Chair. Tam had pointed out that he had been elected Vice Chair at the September meeting and Jane Martin had taken the minutes at that meeting.

Dennis said this needed to be resolved urgently. Tam said he had spent a lot of time trying to get the misleading information on Moray Council website changed, and it looked like we might need to make an official complaint to get the matter resolved. Councillor Shepherd asked if he could be allowed to try and resolve the matter first. This was agreed by everyone.

Stewart Black said he had been talking to someone conducting an ecological survey about the Beatrice Windfarm and they were looking at another site possibly around Cullen.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed to the public.

The Community Council continued to discuss items in private.

14. Funding Requests

Request for funding from Cullen Youth Café.

Tam McLellan declared an interest in this request as he is a volunteer with the CYC.

Tam stood down as chair during this discussion and Stewart Black took over.

Various questions were asked about the funding application and after giving everyone a clear picture of the funding request, Tam left the meeting to allow the others to decide if the application would be successful, and if so to decide how much they wanted to award without any pressure. Cullen Youth Café were awarded £500

There being no further business the meeting was closed and The Date / Time / Venue of next meeting was agreed as being: Tuesday 16th May 2017, Memorial Hall, Cullen 7pm.