



**Cullen & Deskford Community Council**  
**Minutes Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Memorial Hall, Cullen**

• **In Attendance**

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

Councillors, Donald Gatt and Theresa Coull

Visitors: Community Warden Chris Haywood, Colin Burch, Edwin Flett, Chris Flett

**Apologies**

Barry Addison, Councillor Ron Shepherd (via email not noticed until after meeting)

**1. Welcome**

Tam McLellan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance. He said he was pleased to see the newly elected Councillors were in attendance, and congratulated them on being elected to represent the people of Keith and Cullen Ward.

**2. Representation – None**

**Community Warden**

Chris Haywood updated everyone on the recent incidents involving a group of local children. He had spoken to the parents of those involved, and thought everything would now settle down.

Chris asked if anyone living in the square had noticed any damage being done recently, and both Tam and Dennis said they hadn't seen anything. They both agreed to report anything they witnessed to Chris, and Tam confirmed that he had volunteered to lock the toilets at night to prevent any further damage occurring.

Dennis reported that a resident in Seatown had contacted him to say kids had been hanging around the Harbour Toilets late at night. Dennis has contacted Councillor Shepherd and he has agreed to help look for someone to lock these toilets at night.

Chris asked if his number can be distributed throughout the community, for people to report any incidents to him. 01343 563134

Dennis will make this number available on Facebook.

Chris said he was unable to attend the Dog Fouling Poster Competition at Cullen School, as he would be away on holiday.

Tam thanked him for attending the meeting and Chris then left.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes from the previous meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were accepted and approved.

Proposed: Norman Marwick

Seconded: Stewart Black



#### **4. Matters Arising from previous minutes**

Norman asked if there had been any reply from the Council regarding the Proposed Amendment to the Community Council Handbook. Tam confirmed he had sent our reply, and had received confirmation it had arrived and would be put before the Council together with any others received from Community Councils.

Dennis reported the large stone had been replaced at the path next to the Pet Cemetery. Stewart reported the Poster Competition at the Primary School to help promote the problem with dog fouling in the area. Would be taking place at the assembly on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017, and asked any CDCC members who were available to please attend. Councillor Shepherd and his wife Dorothy had agreed to be the judges, and hand out the prizes of book tokens supplied by the Community Council. It is intended to display the winning posters at various places throughout the community, and on Facebook as suggested by Colin Birch.

Tam gave a brief explanation to the Councillors about the competition, and thanked Stewart Black, his wife Lisa, Mrs Hendry, her staff and the children at the school for their hard work.

#### **5. Reports**

As there were no reports, Tam asked the new Councillors Coull and Gatt if they wanted to say something about themselves. Both addressed the meeting and said they were looking forward to representing and working hard for the people of Keith and Cullen Ward. It was also reported that the Councillors would be taking their time to elect a Head of Council, and Convenor.

#### **6. Agency Updates None**

#### **7. Correspondence**

Cullen, Deskford & Portknockie Heritage Group sent an email asking to give a presentation regarding a community consultation. Tam asked them to provide more information about the consultation, but they were unwilling to provide any, and he suggested perhaps they should wait until the June meeting, as the consultation was being launched on 16<sup>th</sup> May, the same day as this meeting. Nobody had received any information about the community consultation before this meeting.

#### **8. Treasurers Report**

Barry Provided an update via email on the current finances of the CC, the account balances presently stand at;

Admin Account: £663.38 The cheques for the Brownies, Guides, and Rainbows have been cashed.

Fundraising Account: £4257.07, -- Defibrillators, £1612.80 – Youth Café £500



## 9. Projects & Fundraising

Defibrillators -Two Defibrillators and Batteries have now been purchased. After a site meeting with moray council officers, it was agreed the Defibrillator could be located on the outside wall of the Toilet Block. The CDCC will need to pay for an Electrician for the Cullen Defibrillator, and Deskford will pay to have theirs connected. Tam will try to get a couple of quotes, and email these to members and hopefully get them in place before the next meeting.

Stewart reported that Fordyce will have a Defibrillator located in a Phone Box once it has been adapted, and BT have agreed to keep the electricity supply going for seven years.

Toilets in Square Tam suggested that because CDCC members were involved in other joint projects with the Cullen Past & Present Volunteer Group, that the painting of the toilets should be put on hold and looked at again later in the year. Everyone agreed this would be a sensible solution.

Barrier – Stewart stated the construction of the Barrier was going ahead, and would be sent to a company in Elgin to be galvanised, but said they are very busy.

Pitness Brae Handrail – Stewart reported all the materials needed for the handrail were ready, and this would be sent with the Barrier to be galvanised.

Coastal Path Erosion – Dennis Paterson and David Greer (Seafield Estate) are still waiting on the relevant parties to respond, but are hopeful a solution can be reached.

Lintmill Playpark – The seat donated by the CDCC is now in place and the group are happy. Tam thanked Barry and Alex Don for their hard work, and Cullen Builders for laying the foundation for the Seat, free of charge.

Planters – Tam reported the plants should be ready around the second week in June, and said the planters should be put in place and filled a week before, to give them time to settle before planting.

There is 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.

Fundraising - Norman is making progress regarding a fundraising event and has identified a couple of possibilities, but will need to look further into a suitable venue before anything can be finalised. He mentioned a young couple who are keen to get involved and are willing to play at a small venue if that helps. Stewart has offered to help Norman with the fundraiser, and everyone had previously said they were willing to help if needed.



## **10. Community Feedback**

Tam had been contacted regarding the amount of cigarette ends outside the Grant Arms Hotel. It was agreed he should contact the council regarding this matter.

Edwin Flett raised the subject of Graffiti at the Beacon and other areas around the harbour, and about the incursion onto the road regarding a property behind the toilets. It was agreed the Council will be contacted about these matters.

**11. Planning & Licensing** Nothing to report.

**12. Joint Community Council of Moray** Nothing to report

## **13. AOCB**

Norman reported that members have been invited to attend a Cheese and Wine evening by the Cullen Sea School on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed and The Date / Time / Venue of next meeting was agreed as being: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Memorial Hall, Cullen 7pm