



CULLEN & DESKFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes Tuesday 5th September 2017

Community Centre, Cullen 7pm

In Attendance

CDCC; Stewart Black (SBI), Dennis Paterson (DPa), Barry Addison (BAd), Norman Marwick (NMa), Phil Lovegrove (PLo)

Councillors Donald Gatt, Theresa Coull

Visitors: Edwin Flett, Chris Flett, Colin Burch, Bob Harper, Steve Horrocks.

1). Welcome

Stewart Black opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance.

Apologies

Ron Shepherd.

2). External Agencies

Meg Deasley, representing Lurg Hill Wind Farm contacted SBI to advise that the current application has been held up due to some administrative issues and assures that the CDCC will be kept up to date regarding progress

3) Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of 20th June 2017 were accepted and approved.

Proposed by Dennis Paterson

Seconded by Barry Addison

4) Matters arising from previous minutes

- Defibrillator – The defibrillator has now been fitted to the outside wall of the toilet block in the town square in Cullen and new pads are on order and will be in place within the next week.
- Kronach Orchestra sponsored by CDCC gave an excellent concert which, was also supported by Portsoy Pipe Band.

- There were comments made as to who owned the land around Cullen Sea School, Edwin asked about the area currently surrounded by cones. SBI asked Edwin if there were personal issues with Steve as the issue had already been brought up, but the response was that the reduction in width of the road may have created some safety issues, and that there was nothing personal about the comments. – **SBI to contact Seafield Estates to find if they have ownership**

5) Reports Local Councillors

- The question of who can be elected onto community councils and who can be elected onto regional councils was asked, the response was that regional councillors can cover several community councils and as such may not be a local resident, but the Community Council should only have local residents as members.
- Another question arose regarding the number of Community Councillors in each of the councils, the answer was that the number of councillors was dependant on the population and the representative community council numbers reflected a percentage of that population.
- A comment was made from the Local councillors who were happy with the positive response they had received regarding the Remembrance Day ceremonies. As individuals, they will be unable to attend all services and will personally create a rota which will enable them to attend all locations within their ward during their time in office.

6) Agency Updates

Nothing to Report

7) Correspondence

- Further to an e mail communication to SBI regarding the state of the public toilets it was apparent that the issue extended beyond only that issue, meanwhile DPa will contact the RAF as described in AOCB. **Action ; Moray Councillors to approach Moray Council for advice and report back to CDCC** (Post meeting note: SBI found some correspondence from past CDCC MOM in 2014 indicating that Moray Council offered some paint to 'freshen' things up with regard to our public toilets.)
- DPa raised the topic of why the public toilets in the Square were shut and locked at 20:00 hrs each night. The reason the toilets were being locked was because of vandalism. Locking the toilets has caused another problem in that people are urinating outside the toilets as they can't access them, therefore a unanimous vote was agreeing to leave the toilets in the Square open at all times with the public toilets at the Harbour locked at 20:00 hrs each day.

- Ron Shepherd is to approach Tam McLellan requesting that he return the toilet keys to Moray Council and to collect other items that belong to the CDCC including the 'dog poo' campaign posters. (Post Meeting Note: It is now understood that Tam McLellan has disposed of the original posters that the school kids had drawn for the campaign. 6 of the original posters are still in the Coop and will be collected so that copies can be made.
- Moray Council asked us to share re 'Tesco Bags for Help' would continue to run with applications from groups within the community invited.
- There were issues regarding 'Travellers' using parking areas at both ends of the harbours as documented by Sandra Fraser, it was suggested that there be some way of charging all users of campervans and the like. The question as to whether a charge or a 'honesty box' with proceeds going towards flowers and tubs It was agreed that this would be difficult to enforce and maintain. - **SBI to ensure this issue is carried over to the new CDCC**
- A correspondence from Jane advising that a 2 day training course , arranged by REAP about **Carbon Literacy for Communities** is scheduled to take place in the Keith area on 14th and 15th November, anyone interested in attending should contact a member of CDCC for more information and an attendance form. A comment was raised to question whether the carbon literacy invitation inferred that beef farming was not carbon friendly due to the fact a vegetarian lunch will be provided during the two day course.

8) Treasurers Report

Barry Addison provided an update on the current finances of CDCC.

The balances stand at :

Admin A/C £724.89, costs incurred being 1)Moray Council Promotions, 2)Minute Takers Remuneration, 3)Data Protection Direct Dept, 4)Postage costs and 5)Replacement Printer Cartridge.

Fundraising A/C - £4254.82, costs incurred being 1) Lintmill Seat Plaque 2) Kronach Orchestra concert support 3) Pitness Handrail 4) School Book Tokens and 5) HR Barrier Project, the current balance also reflects a credit from the Millenium Grant.

BAd advised that the CDCC are due to have the accounts audited during the week commencing 4th September.

9) Projects Update

- Defibrillator: Now in place and awaiting new pads, it should be noted that the Defibrillator at Deskford is still awaiting installation. **Action NMa**
- Links Barrier: The barrier is now complete and in place, it should be noted that the barrier has been turned around due to concerns regarding the way it originally opened. We still await the fence

surrounding the grass to be completed. (Post meeting comment:- the wooden fence is now complete)

- Fitness Handrail: This project is now complete and Seafield Estates commented on the excellent work carried out by the CDCC & CPPVG.
- Coastal Erosion: Dennis Paterson reported that Catchment were willing to offer £5,000 as a goodwill gesture towards any prevention works carried out. In addition Seafield Estates were willing to match the amount so we should see £10k worth of repairs carried out at the site. It was noted that SBI asked James Currie how far the £10k would cover, but nothing definitive came back as it is dependent on how many tonnes of rock armour would be required.(rock armour costs£15/t delivered) CDCC were offered material free of charge but It turns out that haulage and loading costs outweigh quarry bought materials.
- INFO ONLY:- The significance of the £5k award was that anything over that amount would constitute an insurance claim.
- Plaques for the planters around the village have been ordered and we are currently awaiting delivery, once complete **DPa will action their placement**
- The project at Castle Hill has rejuvenated the site and all credit and thanks should be given to the volunteers who have tirelessly worked in returning this to a village landmark.

10) Community Feedback

- An issue was raised regarding the security and storage of oils and other materials within the old Norther Oils premises at Induff House Yard , a degree of uncertainty as to who is responsible for maintaining the site – **NMa to enquire with authorities and report back to the CDCC**
- It was noted that operation of the defibrillator requires CPR training which, can be given free of charge by the Fire Brigade to members of the community. The contact at the Cullen Fire Brigade is Simon Tucker tel. 07793601492
- A training video regarding the correct use of a defibrillator is available, it will be sourced and the CDCC will make every effort to upload it to the CDCC Facebook site. **Action DPa**
- An enquiry as to where and how many Disabled Parking bays should be made available within the public parking area adjacent to Cullen Golf Club This issue is to be investigated and addressed by the new CDCC. It was suggested that 3 parking bays be allocated for disabled people, 2 being available at the seafront side and one other being made available to the rear of the car park. Line painting has been

scheduled for the harbour area and it is hoped that the two jobs could be done together

11) Planning and Licensing

- There is an application in place by Cullen Bay Hotel that an additional entrance/exit be created uphill from the hotel to mitigate any congestion caused by having only a single entrance.

12) Joint Community Council of Moray

- Nothing to report

13) AOCB

SBI had a number of ideas for consideration for the new CDCC

- 1) The CDCC should have a log book or documentation which should contain information regarding projects, purchases, assets and communication etc with agencies and community partners. The current and future CDCC's should create a formal handover document which should contain passwords, lock codes and any other pertinent information that will assist a new council.
- 2) To investigate the existence of a Community Emergency Plan – **NMa to investigate and circulate finding to the current CDCC.** (Post meeting note: NMa sought advice from the Emergency Planning Officer (Donna McLean) who forwarded a template of an Emergency Plan)
- 3) SBI produced an example of a Community Suggestion Box and a discussion highlighted that a number of these could be positioned around the village specifying the Library, Cullen Doctors Surgery, Cullen Golf Club and Deskford Community Hall as possible locations. – **DPa to post the idea onto CDCC Facebook page during the new council session, if the project is successful the suggestions may be posted once vetted.**
- 4) An private Extraordinary General Meeting was held in July to discuss the on-going issues surrounding ex-chairman Tam McLellan and a unanimous vote of no confidence was taken calling for Tam McLellan to resign with immediate effect as he had taken the Community Council into disrepute.

The minutes of the EGM were approved and the community expressed concerns regarding Tam McLellan serving on future community councils. The current 5 CDCC Community Councillors all intend to serve on the next 4 year term and expressed that none of them will serve if Mr McLellan serves.

As a result of the EGM Mr Tam McLellan has been removed as a signatory from the CDCC bank accounts. Only BAd and DPa are current signatories.

- 5) It was suggested that future CDCC meeting alternate the venue to include Deskford Community Hall, it will be at the discretion of the new council to agree where and when the meetings take place.
- 6) A suggestion was made that due to the imbalance of men/women on the council that some effort be spent in trying to get more women involved. – **If any Community Councillor or visitor to the council meetings knows of ANY member of the local public interested in becoming involved, advise them when and where the meetings take place or to contact one of the current council members.**
- 7) A concern was voiced regarding the one way system in the square as it has been commonly observed for car drivers to enter the one way system incorrectly with the possibility of an accident if the issue is not addressed. – **Our Moray councillors are going to address what can be done to address the issue. Post meeting note the roads engineer is on holiday but will look at it once he back to work after 19/9/17 and reply with his thoughts.**
- 8) Edwin and Chris have agreed, on behalf of Cullen Harbour Advisory Committee to collect and install a bench seat in the harbour area, they have started tidying up the premises next to the harbour toilets and have cleaned graffiti from various locations around the harbour area
A true demonstration of community spirit, thanks to both of them on behalf of CDCC.
- 9) Further to e mail correspondence from the RAF we will re-engage and ask for support in doing a 'deep clean' of the public toilets in the village (see Correspondence). Some consideration as to be given to how it will be cleaned, then painted in a timely manner so that the paint can dry. Suggestions of installing temporary heaters/fans were brought up.

Date of the next Cullen and Deskford Community Council is set for 31st October 2017, which has still to be confirmed. If there is a contested election the meeting will be postponed to November.

All visitors are welcome

There was no further business and the meeting was closed.