



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday, 21 November 2017

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Cullen Community Centre

Chair: Stewart Black]

Members in attendance:

Dennis Paterson (Vice-Chair)

Barry Addison (Treasurer)

Norman Marwick (Correspondence Secretary)

Steve Horrocks (Minutes Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove (Planning contact),

Colin Burch

Morag Innes

Cllr Donald Gatt

Attendees:

Pete Mason, Pat Bardill, heather Hill (heritage Group), Chris Flett, Alan Donn, Edwin Flett, Bruce Eddleston, Sargent Teresa Clark

Apologies:

Cllr Ron Shepard, Community Warden Chris Haywood

1. Opening of meeting:

Stewart opened the meeting and welcomed all those present. It was agreed by unanimous vote that Morag Innes would join the CDCC as a co-opted member

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 31 October 2017 were approved having been proposed by Phil Lovegrove and seconded by Norman Marwick. The minutes of the meeting of 5 September were approved having been proposed by Stewart Black and seconded by Barry Addison.

3. Matters Arising

Remembrance Day Wreaths.

The previous Community Council had paid for some of the Remembrance Day wreaths laid the previous year. It was agreed not to repeat this practice although the Council would listen to any specific requests for funding.

Common Good Fund

It was confirmed that the Common Good Fund stood at £522 and not £500 as previously stated. Debited from this had been Council Tax, the cost of an EPC certificate and electricity for the house and office at 14 and 16 Reidhaven Street, which were also owned by the Cullen Common Good Fund, leaving a balance of minus £314. Barry Addison asked Donald Gatt if he could check



and inform CDCC if rent was being received for the commercial property. Councillor Gatt informed the committee that the refurbishment of the residential property was well down the housing maintenance list because of its Common Good Fund status. The fund showed no rental income being received from the properties. Barry would ask Moray Council when the house would be re-let and confirm the situation with the office. **Action BA**

No Entry Signs at Cullen Square

Edwin Flett spoke about continuing problems in Cullen Square, the possible need for yellow lines on Castle Terrace in the vicinity of Bayview Court down to the Royal Oak and problems caused by illegal parking at the junction of Queens Drive and Binview Road where, he said, that the Give Way lines need to be changed. It was agreed that James Smith, Moray Council Roads Department should be notified. **Action SB**

4. Correspondence

The correspondence relating to a house in Findlater Circle had been passed to Blackwood Homes; the owners of the house, for their attention and any further concerns should be reported to the Police.

Stewart listed the responses from the suggestion boxes which had been placed at various locations. These concerned the need for a pedestrian crossing on Seafeld Road, litter, the fence around the school which needed attention and problems with a path in Deskford which he was trying to identify.

Norman had spoken to Moray Council about the bin on Seafeld Road which had been moved from outside the antique shop in the former church to outside McKay's shop. Moray Council did not know why it had been moved. Norman will contact Moray Council again to have the bin returned to its former location.

Edwin Flett and Alan Donn spoke about a large green bin beside the harbour toilets which was always locked. Norman would speak to Moray Council about this as well. **Action NM**

Edwin Flett spoke about correspondence which he had received from Moray Council regarding Harbour Dues. He would forward this to CDCC for our information and reaction.

5. Treasurers Report

Barry circulated the balance sheets as at 21 November 2017 for the Funding and Admin

Admin Account: Opening Balance £539.97 Closing Balance £789.43

Fundraising Account: Opening Balance £3673.89, Closing Balance £3673.89



An invoice had still not been received for the height restriction barrier. Stewart would progress this. **Action SB**

6. Community Feedback

There was a discussion regarding the need for proper control of the keys to the Town Hall once the locks were changed. Keys should not be handed over to users of the Hall. Colin Burch pointed out that it was illegal to take unauthorised copies of keys

7. Councillors Reports:

Donald Gatt said that the problems with keys at the Town Hall were being progressed and the locks would be changed to ensure the security of the building and users.

8. Planning Issues

9. Projects:

North East 250

Stewart said that CDCC's contribution would be to continue to promote Cullen and continue to make improvements. Dennis would contact the organisers to ask if they had any additional roles for CDCC. **Action DP**

Toilets

It was confirmed that if Moray Council supplied the paint, the CPP Volunteer Group would repaint the toilets in Cullen Square. Alan Donn said that it seemed odd that the toilets at the harbour were closed from October to April as there were still a great many visitors during these months. Donald Gatt said that according to Moray Council's website, all three toilets in Cullen were supposed to be open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. He advised that the council were waiting to hear from central government about the budget for next year and would then make decisions about toilets. He would ask why the toilets were not open as per the website and ask about the supply of paint.

Action DG

Planters

Bruce Edelson said that he could acquire a polycarbonate glass house which could be used for growing plug plants to be used for the planters in the CDCC area but he needed assistance to get it to Cullen. Edwin Flett said he could assist and would liaise with Bruce.

Seats

Stewart said that the Medikee seats needed to be replaced and suggested that funding could be sought from Tesco. A survey of other seats would be made to check their state of disrepair before February 2018. **Action SB**



Charging points for electric vehicles

This was a subject which needed to be examined more closely. It was agreed that Phil and Norman would investigate further. **Action NM, PL**

Youth Members of CDCC

Colin Burch had prepared a poster which was designed to encourage young people to become members of CDCC. It was agreed that Colin should progress this. **Action CB**

Dog Fouling

Barry will obtain prices for the Perspex holders for the posters from the school competition. Edwin asked about the duration of this project and it was confirmed that this was to be a long-running campaign. **Action BA**

10. The Joint Community Councils of Moray

11. AOCB

Fundraising

There was a discussion about possible events to raise funds for CDCC during 2018. This is necessary as CDCC is self-funding. The money we get in the form of a bi-annual grant from Moray Council is for administration costs only and all projects are funded by fundraising or donations.

Fishermen's Barometer

Alan Donn advised of a historical item known as a Fisherman's Barometer which he said was in the hands of a Cullen resident, who would not return it to the Morayshire Fishermen's Association (MFA) so that it could be properly displayed in the harbour area where the public could see it. He had a dossier of papers, including legal advice, which he wished to hand to the CDCC because MFA was being wound down. Donald offered to pass the matter to Moray Council Legal Department for their opinion if Alan could scan the papers and email them to him. Alan would do this. **Action DG**

12. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The public meeting closed at 2100 hours. The next meeting will take place on 16 January 2018.