



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday, 20 February 2018

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Cullen Community Centre

Members in attendance:

Stewart Black (Chair)

Dennis Paterson (Vice-Chair)

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer and Planning contact),

Colin Burch

Councillors: Donald Gatt, Ron Shepherd and Theresa Coull

Attendees:

Chris Flett, Edwin Flett, Stan Slater

1. Opening of meeting:

Stewart opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies

3. Outside Agencies Presentations

Police Sgt Robert Williams advised that in the last month there had been a Housebreaking in the Judy's Lane area. Enquiries were ongoing. There had been two racial incidents and one person had been reported to the Procurator Fiscal. He was advised of a problem with graffiti in the lane between S. Deskford Street and S. Castle Street and incidents of car drivers revving their engines late at night, particularly in Cullen Square

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes stated that Barry Addison had resigned as Treasurer but it was confirmed that he had also resigned from the Committee. Alan Donn had emailed to say that he was unaware of a legal dispute regarding the Fisherman's Barometer. It was agreed to correct the minute by removing the word "legal" from paragraph 11 of the previous minutes.

Approval of the minutes was then proposed by Dennis and seconded by Phil.

5. Matters Arising

Stewart reported that the harbour wall was finished.



6. Change of Office Bearers

It was confirmed that Phil Lovegrove had taken up the post of Treasurer following Norman Marwick's resignation and Morag Innes had also resigned.

7. Councillors Reports

Donald and Theresa spoke about the effects of the budget cuts made by Moray Council (MC). The exact details of the cuts were available online. Donald confirmed that one toilet would be left open in each town, meaning that MC would close two in Cullen. Which two was going to be left to the community to decide. Colin suggested that if MC were to keep only one toilet open, that the Development Trust should do a CAT of the toilets at the golf course and Cullen Square with MC remaining responsible for the harbour toilets. It was agreed that this was good idea and it was hoped that the paint which MC was going to provide for a refurbishment of the toilets was still available.

8. Treasurer's Report

Phil advised that the Funding Account stood at £4,027.75 but that £1524 of that was for settlement of an outstanding invoice. The Admin account had started with a balance of £717.45 but now stood at £508.57.

9. Correspondence

An email had been received about dog mess and a lack of lighting in the lane between S. Deskford St and S. Castle St. Councillors Shepherd and Gatt confirmed that they were dealing with this matter. Steve would reply to the email. **Action:- RS, DG and SH**

An email from a lady complaining about the state of the toilets in Cullen had been forwarded to the Secretary by Jane Martin of MC. Steve advised that he had replied to this email advising the writer that MC were responsible for the toilets but that CDCC were waiting to hear which, if any toilets, were going to be left open.

Stewart had been made aware of a problem at the Bauds Car Wash caused by traffic emerging from the car wash in a dangerous manner. Steve was asked to contact MC Roads Dept. to ask if a sign warning of traffic emerging from the left could be placed on the approach to the car wash. **Action SH**

Edwin Flett raised a difficulty which the fishermen were having in relation to access to the Fishermen's Bothy. Ron Shepherd said that he may be able to help. **Action:- RS**



Emails had been received supposedly from a woman from the United States who was complaining about the conduct of a member of the CDCC. The committee had received further information from the Internet Service Provider about the emails. They were being treated as a scam intended to discredit members of CDCC and the community. The Police have been notified of the emails.

**10. Current Concerns
Community Centre**

Stewart advised that it was expected that the Public Meeting on 28 February would produce a committee to set and up and run a Development Trust which would arrange a Community Action Transfer (CAT) of the Community Centre from MC to the Cullen Community.

A proposal that CDCC would pay for printing and other initial sundry but minor expenses of the Development Trust was approved by the committee.

It was confirmed by DG and TC that whatever the outcome surrounding the Community Centre, both the library and Playcentre would stay open and a post should be put on Facebook to inform the community of this. **Action DP**

**10. Project updates:-
Seats and Tables**

Stewart had carried out a survey of the public seating and tables in the area and had produced various costings depending on materials used and whether seats and tables were refurbished or replaced. It was agreed that we should apply for funding from the Tesco Bags for Help scheme.

Car charging points

Phil undertook to look at the issue of Car Charging points. **Action PL**

**11. AOCB
Emergency Planning**

Stewart advised that MC wanted Community Councils update their emergency plans and that their Emergency Planning Officer Donna McLean would like to attend the May meeting of CDCC. Steve would contact her to arrange this. **Action:- SH**

Cullen to Portnockie Path

Bob Harper asked when the path between Cullen and Portnockie would be re-opened. Donald and Theresa advised that MC were working with Sustrans and other agencies, although the cost of repair was likely to be very high.



CDCC Constitution

Stewart said that in the event that the Development Trust could not progress the CAT for the Community Centre in a reasonable time, there was a possibility that CDCC would have to take over the building. The current constitution does not allow for CDCC to be owners of property. He knew that Burghead had a constitution which allowed this and it would be a good idea if CDCC changed to the Burghead model. He would pursue this matter with MC.

Action:- SB

Clashgour Wind Farm

Phil had attended a meeting last year which had looked at opportunities for Community Councils to benefit financially from Clashgour Wind Farm. He would arrange for representatives of the agency involved to attend the March CDCC meeting. **Action:- PL**

12. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The meeting closed at 2145 hours. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20 February 2018.