



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Wednesday, 21 March 2018

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Deskford Community Centre

Members in attendance:

Stewart Black (Chair)

Dennis Paterson (Vice-Chair)

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer and Planning contact),

Colin Burch

Liz Williamson

Stan Slater (Associate Member)

Councillors: Donald Gatt and Ron Shepherd.

Attendees:

Chris Flett, Edwin Flett, Fraser Hay, Pete Mason, Pat Bardill,

1. Opening of meeting:

Stewart opened the meeting and welcomed all present to the first meeting of this Community Council to take place in Deskford. The CDCC represented Deskford as well as Cullen and Stewart said that there would be more meetings in Deskford.

2. Apologies

There were apologies from Police Scotland and Councillor Theresa Coull.

3. New Members

Liz Williamson was co-opted to the Committee of CDCC and Stan Slater was joining CDCC as an Associate Member, both having been proposed by Stewart and seconded by Phil.

4. Outside Agencies Presentations

Nick McKay and Steven Park of Force 9 Energy gave a presentation about the proposed wind farm at Clash Gour near Forres. Nick emphasised that the presentation was about the opportunities for community ownership and confirmed that there would be no community benefits for the Cullen area from the wind farm because it was too far away. Communities could invest in the wind farm project and receive a share of the profits. The minimum investment would be £250,000. Nick confirmed that it was not anticipated that Community Councils would be investing however Community Trusts would be able to participate in the investment opportunity.



5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Stewart explained that the first version of the minutes had been withdrawn and altered for legal reasons because the Police had begun an investigation into one of the items of correspondence and the minutes contained names relevant to that.

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

6. Matters Arising

Two sheets of perspex had been removed from the screening at Bauds carwash following a visit by Moray Council (MC) Roads Department.

7. Councillors Reports

There was nothing to report from Donald or Ron.

8. Treasurer's Report

Phil advised that the Funding Account now stood at £2499.75 following the settlement of an outstanding invoice and the Admin account had started the month with a balance of £508.57 and was now £468.17.

9. Correspondence

Colin advised that he and Dennis had made 3 attempts to meet Joe Simpson about his complaint. On each occasion the meetings had been called off by Joe. Joe had said that dog fouling had noticeably changed since the introduction of posters in the lane by the dog wardens. CDCC would now wait to see if he got in touch again.

It was agreed that Ron would contact MC about having a bollard put in Binview Terrace to stop vehicles using it.

Colin Campbell had contacted Steve about the possibility of CDCC arranging events like the Classic Car Rally in Buckie, Xmas fairs etc. Steve had advised Colin that CDCC would be delighted to have such events in Cullen. It was agreed that CDCC would assist in any way possible with anyone who wanted to organise such events.

Emails had been received from Jane Martin, MC Community Council Liaison Officer. It was agreed that the Consultation on Licensing matters should be made public via Facebook as should the one about Bank Closures and the Community Empowerment Act. Colin Burch was going to attend the Data Protection seminar on behalf of CDCC.



10. Current Concerns

Deskford

There were no current concerns in Deskford. One of the topics from the suggestion boxes concerned a path in Kirktown but further information is required to establish exactly where it is. **Action: SB**

Town Hall

Stewart advised that MC had approved the start of the process for the eventual sale of the Town Hall.

Community Centre

Stewart advised that a Steering Group had been formed with the intention of setting up a Development Trust which would arrange a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the Community Centre from MC to the Cullen Community. As part of this process, CDCC would have to hand over the Expression of Interest, which they had lodged earlier, to the Steering Group. It was agreed that this should be done. The support of local businesses and other organisations in this matter was much appreciated.

Toilets

CDCC had been asked by MC to decide which of the 3 toilets in Cullen should remain open under MC and in their control. Colin proposed the Harbour toilets. This was seconded by Stewart and agreed unanimously.

11. Project updates:-

Planters

Dennis will look at varieties of plants and costs. It was also suggested that MC may buy plants in large quantities at good prices and CDCC could benefit from such savings. Stewart would contact Jane Martin to ask what other Community Councils do. Fraser Hay suggested asking businesses for donations. **Action:- DP & SB**

12. Fundraising

Stewart advised that there would be a fundraising Soup and Sweet on 12 May at the Community Centre. Trained staff would be available for the cooking.

13. AOCB

Lawtie Trust

Stewart asked who operated the Lawtie Trust. Ron would find out the rules for applications to see if funding for a poly-tunnel for use by community groups/school/play centre might be available. Action:- said that they should put a plan together and contact him. **Action:- RS**



CDCC Facebook Page

Steve asked if this should continue to be restricted to residents of Cullen and Deskford. It was agreed that this restriction should continue.

Data Protection

New regulations regarding Data Protection were coming into force on 25 May and would impact on organisations like Community Councils. The seminar which Colin was attending should help CDCC be compliant with these regulations.

Litter

The suggestion boxes had shown that litter was a problem in Cullen. A clean-up involving volunteers would be arranged for 20 May. Dennis will post this on Facebook asking for volunteers to help and to highlight problem areas.

Action:- DP

12. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The meeting closed at 2130 hours. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 17 April 2018 at Cullen Community Centre