



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday, 19 Jun 2018

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Cullen Community Centre

Members in attendance:

Stewart Black (Chair)

Dennis Paterson (Vice-Chair)

Colin Burch

Liz Williamson

Stan Slater

Phil Lovegrove

Councillors: Theresa Coull and Donald Gatt.

Attendees: Chris Flett, Edwin Flett Keith Borsden, Andrea Borsden, Graham Bell, Dave Pritchard, Mike Wilson, Dr Susan Morris, Mr Purdie

1 Opening of meeting:

Stewart opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2 Apologies

There were apologies from Steve Horrocks (Secretary) and Ron Shepherd.

3 Outside Agencies Presentations

PC Haywood was scheduled to attend but failed to show.

3A Planning Application Nos 18/00692/app 18/00693app

These applications concerned proposed developments at 193 and 206 Seatown. Those present were advised that the Community Council (CDCC) was not empowered to object to or support planning applications. There was a discussion regarding these applications which culminated in CDCC suggesting that the parties involved should have a face to face discussion with a view to agreeing an amicable solution. *(Because of new Data Protection regulations the minute relating to this matter has been edited.)*

The question of bins in the Seatown was also raised as an ongoing issue given there is so many different bins now and a lot of Seatown properties do not have any space where they can be stored. The councillors will see if there could be a solution by having some communal bins to reduce the amount of bins around the Seatown.



4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Dennis Patterson and seconded by Colin Burch

5. Matters Arising

Stewart is still dealing with the Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Cullen Square toilets. It is hoped this can be passed over to Moray Council this week.

Seafield Estates have still to deal with the broken fencing at Logie Park.

The provision of an ATM has been looked into. You can apply for one through the LINK website but first there needs to be a site identified where it can be housed. It was felt that this really needs to be somewhere where the machine is available 24x7. A discussion was had where the sites may be, Bits and Bobs housed one previously when it was a bank, Liz would talk to the owner of Bits and Bobs if it was possible to site one there.

The community centre is another possibility or a space in the lower town hall. The Bank of Scotland is also available for letting and that has previously housed one. A location is required before this can proceed.

Councillor Coull has also raised the lack of an ATM with the local MSP to see if anything further can be done.

Liz has been doing some research regarding the issues with local buses and the outcome of this will be known soon.

Councillor Coull has said that future consultations about primary care will take into account the bus times to ensure that people can attend and get home using bus services.

The idea of a farmers market is still being progressed but there are a number of licenses which would be required to be purchased from Moray council depending on the location. A continental market also suggested, these are currently held in Elgin.

6. Councillors Reports

Councillor Coull explained that the SNP had now formed a minority administration. The new administration were having a series of meetings to see what could be done to alleviate the effects of the cuts.

Councillor Gatt reported that all the committees had changed personnel and the new list of who was in which committee would be on the Moray Council website.



7. Treasurer's Report

Phil was able to confirm that the Funding Account now stood at £3180.33 and the Admin Account was £678.75

8. Correspondence

An email was received from Jane Martin regarding two open positions on the Grampian Health Board. The appointment is currently on the Public Appointments website – www.appointed-for-scotland.org and further information is available from the Public Appointments Team.

An email had been received from Jane Martin (MC) about the next workshop on July 24th for the Health & Social Care Strategic Plan Review. The July workshop will combine a Needs and Demand Analysis of the Moray population.

An email had been received from Jane Martin (MC) with this month's ELC Expansion Newsletter from Moray Council. This should be posted to the Facebook page. **SH**

An email had been received from Jane Martin (MC) stating the Climate Challenge fund is now open. The Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) provides grants and support for community-led organisations to tackle climate change by running projects that reduce local carbon emissions, with initiatives including energy efficiency, sustainable travel, local food and resource efficiency. More can be found at www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/ccf

9. Current Concerns Community Centre

The lease for the community centre has still not been received by the Three Kings Association. Councillor Coull was asked if anything could be done to ensure the centre stays open until the council gets the lease completed.

Post meeting Note MC has informed the Three Kings Association that the centre will not be closed on the 30th even if the lease is not signed.

Town Hall

The first stage of consultation ended on Friday 15th. The next stage will be through the courts where further representations can be made by the public regarding the sale.

A meeting had previously been held with the Community Council and Moray council who talked through the process on the sell of the town hall.



Street Sweeper

A question was asked if the street sweeper still came to Cullen and what other cleaners are deployed to Cullen. There is a pile of leaves still from the Autumn which needs to be cleared before these block the drains and cause more issues.

On a further point it was also raised as a concern that the drains are not being cleaned at regular intervals.

The Councillors will look into the frequency of street sweeping and drain clearing and advise **TC DG**

Stones in the Harbour.

There are some large stones lying in the entrance channel a legacy of the work that was done on the damaged pier. These need to be cleared as soon as possible as they pose two safety issues.

1, Boats coming in near low water risk striking these and causing damage to their hulls.

2. With the summer holidays upon us lots of children will be jumping off the pier and may not be aware these large stones are in the channel. Anyone jumping in near low water could injure themselves on the stones

Councillors to advise on when these will be removed before an accident happens. **TC, DG**

Toilets

Based on the current high usage of the toilets in the square DP asked the councillors if there was any chance that this one could be kept open as well. They said the matter was to be discussed as a matter of course next week. D.P. followed up with email and photos. **TC, DG**

10. Project updates:

Litter Pick

This took place on Sunday 20th May. A total of 22 bags of litter was collected.

Seats/Picnic Tables

Stewart was still looking at pricing and looking for funds. The seats will be through the rural infrastructure fund, and would have to be matched.

A £600 donation for a seat has been received from Elanor Findlay who would like a bench to commemorate her Findlay family. She is the granddaughter of Major James Findlay who was a prominent member of the community in the 60s and 70s. This seat will be placed at a site which she will choose in conjunction with the council.



Flowers

Chris Flett confirmed to the council he had been watering the flower baskets.

11. AOCB

Stewart raised the matter of the joint meeting with the Community Councils of Cullen, Findochty, Fordyce & Portknockie Stewart would progress this after summer

Action:- SB

Graham Bell from the Cullen tourist initiative gave a history of the Discover Cullen and the Cullen Council websites. The council part of this is currently not in use. The annual fee to keep the two sites are £100 for both. The council was passed a lot of history of the Council site and will review this to see if it can be brought back into use for hosting, information council minutes etc.

WW1 Commemorations

Liz Williams said she would look into the possibility of a concert to mark the 100 years from the end of WW1.

14. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The meeting closed at 2200 hours. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st August 2018 at Cullen Community Centre.