



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday, 21 August 2018

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Cullen Community Centre

Members in attendance:

Dennis Paterson (Vice-Chair)

Colin Burch

Liz Williamson

Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

Councillors: Theresa Coull, Donald Gatt and Ron Shepherd.

Attendees: Nil

1 Opening of meeting:

Dennis opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2 Apologies

There were apologies from Stewart Black and Stan Slater.

3 Outside Agencies Presentations

No-one from the Police attended.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Phil and seconded by Colin.

5. Matters Arising

Liz's research regarding the issues with local buses is still ongoing. There has been a delay because of a change of personnel at the bus company.

Action:- LW

The siting and purchase of a seat with money donated by Eleanor Findlay is still being progressed by Dennis and Stewart. **Action: SB & DP**

Dennis will speak to Chris Flett about the possibility of repairing the broken seat beside the sea wall. **Action: DP**

The idea of communal bins in Seatown is still being looked at. **Action: SS**

Theresa had received a supportive reply from Link regarding the provision of an ATM but suitable premises still have to be identified. Liz advised that she had approached Bits and Bobs but they were not able to accommodate one.



Liz is making arrangements for the WW1 100 year celebrations. There will be a variety show on Saturday 10 November at a venue still to be determined. Once this is decided, tickets and posters will be produced.

Theresa advised that Moray Council (MC) said that gullies and drains were cleaned once a year. It was clear that this was not being done and Ron said he would pursue this matter. **Action:-RS**

6. Councillors Reports

Donald advised that in October there would be an interview for a prospective Head Teacher for Cullen Primary School.

Theresa informed the meeting that the closure of the Maternity Ward at Dr Gray's Hospital was caused purely by the lack of staff willing to move to the area. The same difficulties were being experienced in schools.

7. Treasurer's Report

Phil advised that the Funding Account now stood at £3166.91 but said this included the £600 donation for the seat. The balance in the Admin Account was £658.75

8. Correspondence

An email had been received from MC regarding a change of location for the Polling Station from the Town Hall to the Bowling Club. The Community Centre was unsuitable because the premises used for voting must not have any other activities ongoing while voting is in progress.

Sustrans, the agency responsible for the Cullen to Portknockie path, have notified CDCC that they have appointed a company called Atkins as the consultancy to undertake ground investigation works. Their timetable is:-
Surveys and investigations complete by 14 September
Draft reporting 28 September
Final Reporting 26 October 2018.

An email had been received from Transport Scotland (TS) about the A96 Dualling from Hardmuir to Fochabers. TS welcomes comments and feedback on the design updates presented which can be seen at www.transport.gov.scot/project/a96-hardmuir-fochabers. Comments have to be provided by 14 September 2018. Comments can be provided by email to a96dualling@transport.gov.scot or by post to A96 Dualling Team, Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF

Steve had put the relevant information about the email on the Cullen Past and Present Facebook page.



An email from Steve Wilson had been received about the life belts on the pathway beside the golf course suggesting that they would benefit from being refurbished and more visible. There was uncertainty about who was responsible for these and Donald said that as an initial step, he would contact Nicola Moss, MC Transportation & Harbours.

Colin advised that there was a training session called Democracy Matters at Elgin Town Hall on 25 September 2018.

9. Current Concerns Community Centre

The signing of the lease by the Three Kings Association was believed to be imminent. Mention was made about a lack of information being provided to the public about progress in this matter.

Town Hall

There was no new information about the town hall.

10. Toilets

The leases for the toilets in the Square and the Links were expected to be signed soon by the Three Kings Association.

11. AOCB

It was agreed that a donation of £100 would be paid to the Allotments Association for the production of plants for the planters. A cost of £8.08 for oil for strimmers used in grass cutting was also approved.

Dennis spoke of the relationship between CDCC and Cullen Volunteer Group. Because there can be some cross purposes between the two groups, there may be a need for some clarification at times.

He reminded those present of the diary, held at the Co-op, to record forthcoming events. Liz would make an entry about the WWI event.

Colin wished to acknowledge and record the time and effort put in by Chris Flett when he was watering the hanging baskets. His contribution was greatly appreciated.

There was acknowledgement and appreciation of Cullen Amenities, a recently formed group who will be managing the toilets in the Square and the Links. They had achieved a lot in a short time.

Dennis suggested that rather than having the planters virtually empty during the winter, winter pansies could be purchased and planted. It was agreed that he could have a budget of up to £200 for the project.



Dennis said that the holes in the road in Seatown had now been fixed and that a bollard had been installed on the pathway between Binview Terrace and Cathay Terrace to prevent cars driving along it.

Dennis also advised the meeting that Stewart Black has repaired the broken metal handrail at the Den steps.

Liz spoke about a car repeatedly parking on the pavement outside Bayview Court and was advised to take a photograph, including the Reg. No., and report it to the Police. There was also a problem with a loose manhole cover at the same location which made a loud noise when Lorries drove over it. She was advised to report this to MC Roads Department.

14. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The meeting closed at 2025 hours. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 18 September 2018 at Cullen Community Centre.