



## Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

**Date:** Tuesday, 16 October 2018

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Cullen Community & Resource Centre

**Members in attendance:**

Stewart Black

Colin Burch

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

Stan Slater

**Councillors:** Theresa Coull

**Attendees:** Bob Harper

### 1 Opening of meeting:

Stewart was unable to attend the start of the meeting so Colin took the chair. He opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

### 2 Apologies

There were apologies from Phil Lovegrove and Donald Gatt

### 3 Outside Agencies Presentations

Sergeant Robert Williams from Police Scotland apologised for being unable to attend the previous meeting and provided a report of incidents during the last 2 months beginning with the large scale disturbance on the A98 on 8 September which resulted in 6 males, none of whom were from Moray, being charged with Attempted Murder. Stan raised the issue of the diversion which had been put in place when the road was closed and the resulting problems for HGV's and other long vehicles. Colin pointed out that Moray Council (MC) had asked CDCC to provide suggested alternative routes in the event of diversions in Cullen.

On 14 September, there had been a disturbance in the Grant Arms Hotel. Enquiries were ongoing to locate the suspect.

A woman who had parked her car at the beach car park on 18 September while she walked her dog had returned to find her number plates had been stolen and a container at the golf course had been broken into on 24 September and fuel had been stolen. Enquiries were ongoing in relation to these and there had been various offences involving social media.

There was a discussion about complaints of speeding in the harbour area and the Sergeant said that he would pass these on to the relevant department who would use a speed gun to detect offenders.



**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

**5. Matters Arising**

Steve said that the wreaths for Cullen and Deskford War Memorials had been ordered.

Theresa advised that the broken handrail at the harbour had been reported to the Harbour Committee.

Bob Harper had carried out a survey of local businesses in relation to the lack of an ATM in Cullen. Most had no problem because they had card machines. It was possible to buy a device which used a mobile phone signal to transmit information like a card reader although there were occasional problems with the internet signal. Stewart thanked Bob for his help in carrying out this work which was greatly appreciated.

**6. Councillors Reports**

Theresa spoke about the series of drop-in meetings which had been arranged to discuss the proposed cuts. She emphasised that MC wanted to hear people's views.

She said that there was going to be a charge of £36 per annum for the emptying of brown bins which would be used just for garden waste. Food waste would be placed in a separate bin and there would be no extra charge for this. There was a discussion about this with some present suggesting that people would not pay an extra £36 and would put their garden waste in the green bins or elsewhere.

Theresa mentioned plastic recycling and said that although the lids of these bins said plastic bottles and cans, they should also be used for other plastic items.

In addition to the proposed cuts in services, staffing levels at MC were being closely looked at with a view to further savings.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

As Phil was absent, there was no Treasurer's report.

**8. Correspondence**

Steve had received a letter stating that the Christmas lights would be switched on Thursday 29 November. There was to be a Fair in the Community & Resource Centre that evening and local groups could have a Table for £10. A decision on whether CDCC should take a table was deferred.



There was to be a Joint meeting of the Community Councils on Thursday 8 November.

An email had been received from the author of a book and subsequent film which involved suicide and may involve Cullen. Stewart would make further enquiries with the writer. **Action:-SB**

## 9. Current Concerns

### Town Hall

There was no new information about the town hall which was still awaiting a decision from the Judiciary. Theresa was asked to contact MC Legal Dept. to ask what their plans were in the event that they were allowed to sell the Town Hall. **Action:-TC**

### Toilets

Bob spoke about the petition to ask MC to take over responsibility for the Square toilets instead of the Harbour. Cullen Amenities Group had a meeting on Monday 23 October at which the situation would be reviewed.

## 10. AOCB

Stewart said the accounts of CDCC had to be audited by the end of October. **Action:-PL**

Posters had been distributed for the WWI concert and Steve would publicise it on Facebook. **Action:-SH**

Stewart said that following the resignation of Dennis, a new Vice Chairperson was needed.

Steve said that we had previously decided to purchase winter pansies and he would liaise with Dennis Paterson regarding this. Stewart suggested that the Seatown planters be removed during the winter to protect them from damage by the sea. **Action:-SH**

## 12. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The meeting closed at 2130 hours.

The next meeting will take place at 1900 on Tuesday 20 November 2018 at Deskford Community Centre. There will be a presentation about Moray West Wind Farm.