



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday, 20 November 2018

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Deskford Community Centre

Members in attendance:

Stewart Black

Colin Burch

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove

Lizabeth Williamson

Councillors: Theresa Coull, Donald Gatt

Attendees: Pat Bardill, Pete Mason, Barry Addison

1 **Opening of meeting:**

Stewart opened the meeting and welcomed all present to Deskford.

2 **Apologies**

There were apologies from Ron Shepherd and Stan Slater.

3 **Outside Agencies Presentations**

Jamie Grant and Roger McMichael of Moray West Offshore Wind Farm gave a presentation about the Moray West Offshore Wind Farm which is the second stage of a Wind Farm which will be erected in the Moray Firth. Construction of the East Offshore Wind Farm will commence next year and take 2 years to complete. The West Farm is still at the planning stage. All cabling will be underground and although the exact location of the landfall of the cabling is not yet known, it will be somewhere east of Sandend Beach. Roger and Jamie said that they would return to give another presentation early next year when the planning position is clearer. Stewart thanked them for their input.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Apologies from Ron Shepherd had been omitted from the previous minutes. Apart from this the minutes were accepted, having been proposed by Colin and seconded by Steve.

5. **Matters Arising**

The Committee decided not to take a table at the Christmas lights switch on.

Stewart said no further action was required about the book and film which may have featured Cullen as he had heard that the Police had objected.

Phil advised that the auditing of the accounts is in hand.



6. Councillors Reports

Theresa and Donald advised that they were both heavily involved in budgeting matters.

Theresa spoke about a proposal by the Press and Journal (P&J) for the possible provision of a Minibus for the Buckie and Cullen area. The Buckie & District Community Trust are applying and can be assisted by People completing coupons which are available in the P&J.

7. Treasurer's Report

Phil advised that there was a balance of £2,601.70 in the Fundraising account and the Admin account stood at £395.03.

8. Correspondence

Stewart had received an email from Donald about the SSE's Beatrice Wind Farm Fund which said £1m was available for Moray over 5 years for community transformational projects. The fund is open to applications on 14 January and closes on 18 April 2019. The minimum award is £10,000. Further discussion by CDCC would be needed but other community groups need to be aware of this funding. Steve will publish the information on social media.

Action: SH

9. Current Concerns

Town Hall

Stewart advised that there was a legal application by Moray Council (MC) to sell the Town Hall. He said that now was the time to give the community of Cullen the opportunity to comment so a Public Meeting had been arranged for Monday 26 November at the Cullen Community and Resource Centre at 7 pm.

Colin said that he was very disappointed with Moray Council (MC). Having been previously asked by CDCC to tell them when the legal announcement inviting comments was being made, they had failed to do so.

The closing date for comments/objections was Friday 30 November.

10. AOCB

Toilets

Theresa advised that the Amenities Group were still awaiting a reply from MC about the toilets.



Stewart said that a location overlooking the harbour had been found for the bench.

Liz reported that the WWI concert had made a net profit of £110.08. She was disappointed with the attendance, 38 tickets had been sold, but said that there had been other events on at the same time.

Stewart confirmed that two flags and two wreaths had been supplied by CDCC for the Remembrance Day events.

MC were thanked for cleaning the drains in Cullen following a Campaign run by CDCC.

12. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The meeting closed at 2055 hours.

The next meeting will take place at 1900 on Tuesday 15 January 2019 at Cullen Community and Resource Centre.