



## Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

**Date:** Tuesday, 17 September 2019

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Cullen Residential and Resource Centre

**Members in attendance:**

Colin Burch (Chair)

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)

Stan Slater

Lizabeth Williamson

**Councillors:** Theresa Coull, Donald Gatt

**Attendees:** Peter Reidford, Ally Muir

**1 Opening of meeting:**

In the absence of Stewart, Colin opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

**2 Apologies**

There were apologies from Stewart Black and Ron Shepherd.

**3 Outside Agencies Presentations**

**Police Scotland**

Constables Hector Bryden and Martin Birkenshaw gave the Police report. They said that following complaints of speeding in North Castle Street, a check had been carried out but no offenders were detected. Windows had been broken at the former Cullen Kitchens premises and a nearby house in Seatown.

There have been reports of young people 'playing chicken' with the traffic on the main Seafield Road. Any names to the Police as this is an obvious danger to both the young people and other road users.

Liz advised of concerns which residents of Seafield Street had about a caravan which is parked beside the grass triangle. She said that on occasion, seats were put on the pavement beside the caravan reducing the width of the pavement.

It was suggested that having seats etc., on pavements outside shops was an attraction for tourists. There are however general guidelines as to there being a clear freeway of 1.8m on main pedestrian paths. It is recognised that this may not always be possible however common sense should prevail.

Consideration should be given to locals and especially visitors who may have some mobility issue, or who may not be familiar with possible obstacles on the pavement.

There was a discussion about CCTV during which the Police confirmed that the level of crime and disorder in Cullen probably would not warrant the



expense of a CCTV camera. They had spoken to the management of the Seafield Arms Hotel about the video camera in the Town Hall but had been advised that it no longer works.

Some householders now had video cameras for their properties. Colin wished it to be publicly known that there are guidelines regarding their use.

#### **Third Sector Interface Moray**

Michelle Goode from Third Sector Interface (TSI) spoke about the assistance which her organisation could provide to groups and organisations like Community Councils who were seeking funding and other support. Her offer to provide a fuller presentation at a future meeting potentially with other groups from within Cullen & Deskford was accepted. This is to be organised for some time in the not too distant future.

#### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted apart from a correction pointed out by Theresa. TSI were not part of Moray Council.

#### **5. Matters Arising**

##### **Lifebelts at Cullen Beach**

Theresa said that the damaged lifebelt has now been replaced.

##### **Rubbish on Golf Course**

Liz advised that this will be removed by the Golf Club.

##### **Swimming at Cullen Beach**

Stan said that warning signs would be placed by the RNLI.

##### **School Crossing**

It was confirmed that there were ongoing discussions with the school. Ally said that there was now concern about the increased traffic at the school when children are being dropped off and collected. There was also concern about the damage to the road around the school which has been worse since the construction work at the school began. It is hoped this will be addressed when the works are completed.

#### **6. Councillors Reports**

Theresa and Donald confirmed that Councillor Ron Shepherd was standing down after 20 years on Moray Council.

Colin said that his contribution to the residents of Cullen had been immense and the assistance he had provided to this and previous Community Councils was immeasurable.

Theresa said that the closing date for nominations for his replacement was 6 October and there would be a by-election on 21 November.



Stan reported a gap in the fencing on the viaduct above the bridge near to Campbell House which was a safety concern.

**7. Treasurer's Report**

In his report Phil said that there was £2671.61 in the Fundraising Account and £110.94 in the Admin Account. It was reiterated by Theresa that the withdrawal of the grant to the Administration fund from Moray Council would end in March 2020.

**8. Correspondence  
Hanging Baskets**

Dennis Paterson had emailed to suggest that instead of having hanging baskets on lampposts, it would be easier to have them on the fence of the Millennium garden overlooking Cullen square. This idea was accepted. It was now time to order plants for next year. Colin said that he would liaise with Bruce Edelston regarding this.

**Millennium Wood and Wildflowers on Grass Verges**

Bruce had emailed to say that these issues would be discussed at the October meeting of the Cullen Community Allotment Association.

**Cullen/Portsoy Cycle Path**

Bruce had emailed with an update on this plan following the meeting on 3 September. The proposal is at the initial stages and Colin said that Bruce has agreed to be the liaison between CDCC and the planning group.

**Moray Funding Seminar**

This will take place in Elgin on 1 October. Steve had posted the information on Facebook

**Replacement Bench in Seatown**

Steve was in email contact with a woman who was enquiring about the possibility of replacing a damaged bench in Seatown.

**Heritage Group**

CDCC had visited the premises taken over by the Heritage Group (the lower level of Cullen Town Hall) and were providing a letter of support to them.

**9. AOCB**

Colin advised that Cullen had been awarded £35,000 by the Scottish Government for a bus shelter in Cullen Square which would provide information about local services and facilities. More information will follow.

**10. Date, time and location of next meeting**

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 15 October at 1900.