



**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7 pm**

**Deskford Jubilee Hall.**

- 1) **Welcome.** Attendees Stewart Black, Colin Burch, Lizabeth Williamson, Councillors Gatt & Coull
- 2) **Apologies.** Phil Lovegrove, Steve Horrocks, Stan Slater, Police Scotland, Also from two members of the public who were seeking 'slow down, CHILDREN' signs / 20mph zone for the Seatown area of Cullen.
- 3) **Outside Agency presentation** Moray Firth West had two representatives (Roger & Jamie) attend to provide an update on the proposed windfarm development in the Moray Firth. Planning permission have been passed. The route of the cabling is to be back to Blackhillock. There is to be local engagement in respect of the Supply chain for the works with local companies being involved in the works – local benefits to local companies / suppliers. Roger & Jamie provided an update on the timescales for construction. 1<sup>st</sup> power generation is due 2023/24. They can reapply for contact of difference in 2021, but expect to be able to find some other forms of funding to speed the timetable of works
- 4) **Matters arising from previous meeting.**
  - Donald Gatt corrected the Offshore Patrol vessel to that of 'HMS Spey'.
  - Amendment regards the 'Barrels' in town – replace with 'Hanging baskets'.
  - Councillor Coull has information regards research on provision of 'slow, children' signs. There was also correspondence from Moray Council regards these. A previous study from 2005 showed that the average speed of vehicles to be below the 20mph limit in the Seatown area. Police Scotland had also been informed of concerns regards speed in the Seatown area. As this is an involved piece of work, and the absence of the members of Seatown public who were seeking further information on this, it was decided to carry this over until the next meeting.

- Bruce Edelsten has informed CDCC that the Cullen Allotments group were looking at sowing a wild flower mix between the Toll house cottage and the top of Cullen, and also along the other side of the road at the entry to Cullen from the East. It was pointed out that there may be issues regards driver's visibility when entering or exiting from the Deskford/Keith road.
- Regards the possibility of a disability accessible ramp at the beach. MC were still looking at options for that.
- The Cullen Volunteer group were proposing to upgrade the path from the Golf clubhouse, to the Boar Craig in 2020. However, this was proving complicated due to Planning conditions and the ownership of Moray Council.
- Replacement lights at the Mercat Cross have been proposed by Moray Council in the financial year 2020/21. There is currently clarification being sought as to whether the existing lights are subject to Listed status. This is due to them being seen historically in situation from photographs from decades ago. It was requested that if they were to be replaced that a similar style was to be used, and also consideration as to whether the general lighting at the Mercat Cross could be improved overall.
- The issue of an ATM update. Stan Slater has had further meetings with representatives from the LINK organisation to establish an ATM viability. There has been an issue raised regards the favoured position being set into a building, rather than a 'stand-alone' unit due to security concerns. This work continues and it is hoped updates will follow over the coming months.

**5) Minutes of previous meeting (15 October)** Approved by Stewart Black, Seconded by Colin Burch. The Minutes of September were also passed (as they hadn't been due to not being quorate in October)

**6) Councillors' Reports.**

- Councillor Coull Election canvassing. The MC Budget can't be set until after the Westminster election and subsequently the Scottish Government budget has been set. It is a waiting game until the Westminster government has been decided and subsequent budget held.
- Councillor Gatt Playpark at Logie Drive to be repaired at the end of the financial year. Town Centre Regeneration Fund – possibility to apply for funds for the playpark? The Beach ramp land is owned by Moray Council. There is the possibility of funding for exploratory works re the ramp viability.

**7) Treasurer's Report.** None available

**8) Correspondence (including planning)**

**Planning** None available

**Correspondence** re the school crossing patrols;

**9) Current Concerns**

- Proposed Harbour boards meeting dates for 2020 – 19 March, 24 September, 26 November.
- The MC are working on the Draft Corporate Plan

- Viaduct report. There was nothing major to report, other than the drains needed clearing.
- Continuing issue regards the Bins at Seatown
- There are reports of there being 'dips' in the road opposite the Bayview complex. It was advised to report to the Roads department in the first instance.

**10) AOCB.**

- There were reports of a boat being parked on the road in Seatown (along one of the narrow roads) Colin to Check if an issue, then report as necessary.
- It was noted at the JCC meeting that Moray Community Councils (CC) who could hold their meetings at a staffed Council premises, would be eligible for the use of a room at no cost to the CC. It was mentioned to the Councillors that the CDCC had no such luxury, and that the costs to the CDCC were unhelpful (as well as being unfair) to the CDCC. It was pointed out that with the CC's funding being withdrawn for this year, that it is an issue for CDCC to continue to pay their way to the local Community Centre / Hall.

**Date of Next meeting:- Tuesday 17 December**