



## Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

**Date:** Tuesday, 21 January 2020

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** The Cullen Centre

**Members in attendance:**

Stewart Black (Chair)

Colin Burch

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)

Lizabeth Williamson

**Associate Member:** Bruce Edelston

**Councillors:** Theresa Coull, Donald Gatt, Laura Powell

**Attendees:** Ali Muir

### 1 Opening of meeting:

Stewart opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

### 2 Apologies

There were apologies from Stan Slater.

### 3 Outside Agencies

#### Police Scotland

Constable Adele MacIntyre gave the Police report. She said that since the beginning of December, there had only been 4 incidents reported to the Police in Cullen and all were of a domestic nature. However she said that the Police were aware that other unreported activities were taking place such as drug dealing. She encouraged the public to report these to the Police and provided contact details for the Community Officer for Cullen, PC Rachel Barclay who is looking for general intelligence for the area and can be contacted via email at [rachel.barclay@scotland.police.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rachel.barclay@scotland.police.pnn.police.uk)

Other ways of contacting the Police are by phone, 101, for non-emergencies and 999 for emergency calls. Email is [BuckieCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BuckieCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)

Twitter - @NorthEPolice,

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision](http://www.facebook.com/NorthEastPoliceDivision)

Internet – [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk)

and Crimestoppers is 0800 555 111

Liz advised of concerns which residents of Seafield Street had about a caravan which is parked beside the grass triangle with an electricity cable running from a nearby house and often a table and chairs were put on the pavement beside it. She said that this had been reported to the Police before and the caravan had been moved but now it has returned.



In relation to pavements being partially obstructed by furniture and goods on sale in shops, a common sense approach should prevail. Stewart said he had spoken to some shopkeepers about this.

In relation to complaints about the speed of traffic in Seatown, Theresa advised that the Moray Council (MC) would put down strips on the road which monitor vehicle speeds.

Lizabeth reported dog poo in the area around the blue bridge and the golf course. PC MacIntyre said that people should take photos of offenders and either report the matter to the Community Warden or put the photos on social media to 'Name and Shame' those responsible.

#### **Communal bins in Seatown**

Two residents of Seatown at the meeting thanked all those from CDCC who had been involved in their efforts to progress the idea of communal bins in Seatown. There was a discussion about possible solutions to their difficulties. Theresa would contact the MC officer who had been involved as requested by the residents and they in turn would try to contact one of their neighbours who rented an adjoining house to discuss access. An offer was made to CDCC to view the problem of access first hand. **Action: TC, SB & CB**

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted apart from a correction pointed out by Stewart who said the wording of the second sentence in the first item of Matters Arising should be clarified in that we were only speaking about a specific case in Seatown and rather than Seafeld states, the owner of the pavements should be identified. It turned out this meeting that the pavement in question went with the house and had been adopted by MC.

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

##### **Logie Park Playpark**

Ali advised that MC have been doing repair work to some of the equipment. Donald said t he would get an update on the situation. **Action: DG**

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

Laura said that the Council meeting due on 22 January had been cancelled and the next one would be on 12 February.

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

In his report Phil said that there was £3181.61 in the Fundraising Account and £40.94 in the Admin Account. Not all the money due from the candidates for the General Election hustings had been received. Theresa said she would follow this up as accounts had been sent to candidates through the department at MC dealing with elections rather than directly with candidates.

**Action: TC**



## 8. Correspondence

### Defibrillator

Stewart advised that an email had been received from The Circuit, the organisation responsible for defibrillators saying that *"their records tell them that **Scottish Ambulance Service** has deployed the defibrillator in Cullen Square. This means it might have been used in an emergency situation. We need you to check that your defibrillator has been put back in to position, perform a status check and reconnect it to The Circuit."* Stewart would deal with this.

Stewart had received an email from the Sea School, who also have a defibrillator offering a joint approach to having the defibrillators calibrated if this is a requirement of being on The Circuit. **Action: SB**

### Fire Service

Steve said CDCC had received an email from The Scottish Fire & Rescue asking us to complete an online survey in relation to a review of the Local Fire and Rescue Service plan. He would deal with this. **Action: SH**

### Communal bins in Seatown

Stewart had sent an email to the residents of Seatown who had been at the meeting and they had replied thanking CDCC for their work with the bin and for the email detailing findings to their original request.

## 9. AOCB

### Replacement Bench in Seatown

Stewart had obtained costs for repairing the bench using plastic or wood. Steve would contact the woman who had been enquiring about it. **Action: SH**

### New Nursery

Stewart said that there were some difficulties with the proposed timetable for the nursery. Ali pointed out that following the construction work, the road outside the school was in poor condition as were parts of the school park. Theresa said she would look into these matters. **Action: TC**

### Harbour Meeting

Stewart had attended this. He had reported that it was well attended from throughout Moray and the big concern and main purpose of the meeting was the lack of dredging. Concerns were raised re officers wagging the tail rather than councillors and this also encompassed the code of conduct and how it impacts on what a councillor can do or say. It was a very reasoned meeting and he was sure that the leader of the Council had gone away with the idea of changing the approach.



#### **Auld Kirk Road**

Phil asked if Auld Kirk Road was on MC's schedule for road cleaning. He said that it was particularly dirty. Donald will investigate. **Action: DG**

#### **Golf Course**

Ali said that rolls of artificial grass had been dumped on the ground between the golf course and the beach. He queried whether this land belonged to the golf club. It was confirmed that it did not but Liz said that she had spoken to the greenkeeper about it and he had said it would be moved.

#### **Cullen GEN Group**

Colin advised that there were currently two successful bids for funding from Cullen organisations. One was from the Cullen Allotments Association and the other was from all the Voluntary Groups collectively. If there are any Voluntary Groups in Cullen that have not been contacted, can they please contact Colin via the CDCC email address ([cullendesfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:cullendesfordcc@gmail.com)).

The next GEN Group meeting is at The Cullen Centre on Friday 31 January at 7pm. The Cullen GEN Group should develop into a whole of Cullen and Deskford Project and other organisations, as well as businesses, will be invited in due course but again if they want more information at this stage, contact Colin as above.

#### **E-bus Shelter**

Colin also said that the new Cullen E- bus shelter project, complete with Electronic Information about local facilities and services, is due to be completed by the end of March. It will be located in Cullen Square.

#### **Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

Colin advised that funding from the Scottish Government is available for charging points for electric vehicles in Cullen Square. There is also the possibility of more being available at other locations in Cullen and Deskford.

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

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 18 February at 1900 at the Cullen Centre.