



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday, 15 September 2020

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Online conference

Members in attendance:

Stewart Black (Chair)

Colin Burch

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)

Stan Slater

Associate Member: Bruce Edelston

Councillors: Theresa Coull, Donald Gatt

1 **Opening of meeting:**

Colin opened the meeting in the temporary absence of Stewart. All present confirmed that they had no objection to the proceedings being recorded. Although minutes were being taken, this was not a properly constituted meeting because the public were not able to attend.

2 **Apologies**

There were apologies from Laura Powell.

3 **Outside Agencies**

None.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting on 15 March was proposed by Stewart and seconded by Colin.

5. **Matters Arising**

Flowers for Planters

It was agreed that it was now too late to arrange the purchase of winter flowers for the planters.

6. **Defibrillator**

There was a discussion about whether the defibrillator in Cullen Square should be in a locked or unlocked box. It is currently in a locked box but the lock doesn't work and the box does not open properly so there is a need to buy a replacement. The advantage of an unlocked box is that the defibrillator



can be used more quickly without having to make a phone call to get a code number. The locked box means that the defibrillator would not be vandalised or stolen. It was agreed that Phil would look at the possibility of buying security tags for the box.

7. Common Good Fund

There were various queries regarding the Cullen Common Good Fund including questions about the Common Good properties in Reidhaven Street which were still using electricity and gas. Donald said that an empty property still required to have some heating during the winter to avoid damage but said that he would look into any other matters which were of concern.

Correspondence had been received voicing concerns about the deficit (approximately £4,500) and the fact that no money was available for local groups because of this.

8. Treasurer's Report

In his report Phil said that there was £8752.44 in the Fundraising Account which included £6126-81 of Covid Grants. The Admin Account contained £357.21

9. AOCB

Caravan/Motorhome site

Theresa said that funding was available which would enable a degree of control over the number of caravans and motorhomes using Portlong Road. Seafield Estates, the owners of the land have agreed, and the Three Kings Association and Cullen Volunteer Group will be the local groups behind the bid for funding. Theresa confirmed that Planning permission may be required for such a site depending on how long it has been in use by caravans etc.

Resignations from CDCC

It was reluctantly agreed to accept the resignations of Dennis Paterson and Liz Williamson from the Committee. Their help and assistance during what has been a particularly busy time for CDCC was greatly appreciated.

Volunteers

It was noted that volunteers assisting Community Councils are no longer Associate Members for insurance purposes.

Bench at Pitness Brae

There has been email correspondence with a lady who wishes to put a bench at the top of the brae in memory of her late husband. Seafield Estates have agreed subject to the signing of a form which would allow them to remove the bench if it falls into a state of disrepair and the provider or relatives cannot be



contacted. They want such a form signed for all benches put on their property in future.

Rubble Dumped near blue bridge

There had been correspondence in March about this. Steve would check to see if it had been removed. **Action:- SH**

Covid 19

Colin confirmed there had been no new requests for assistance

Microsoft Teams

Police Scotland are unable to join our Zoom meetings. Microsoft Teams was suggested as an alternative. Donald confirmed that MC use that system Steve will check with Police Scotland to see if they can use it and Colin and Bruce will liaise regarding the possibility of switching to that system.

Action:- SH, CB, BE

10. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 20 October 2020 at 1900 hours