



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday, 20 October 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, Laura Powell

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 no apologies.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting on 15 March was proposed by Phil and seconded by Steve.

4. Matters Arising

Defibrillator

Phil had purchased security tags. He will liaise with Colin about removing the faulty lock and replacing it with a tag. In the event that the defibrillator is needed, the tag is easily snapped thus allowing access to it. Once the lock has been removed a Facebook entry will be made about it. **Action: PL & CB**

Common Good Fund

Stewart confirmed that this matter is still ongoing.

Pitness Brae Bench

Steve advised that the lady will make a final decision about the kind and size of bench this week.



Caravan/Motorhome Site

Stan said a bid for finance had not yet been submitted because more information was required. The bid included a wheelchair ramp to the beach.

5. Correspondence

Second Homes in Cullen

Stewart advised that he had had correspondence with a resident of Cullen who was concerned about the number of houses being purchased as second homes which the correspondent said was pushing up house prices making them difficult to afford. A discussion ensued about affordable housing.

Rebar on Cullen Beach

Stewart advised that Colin Bell of Moray Council (MC) is dealing with this.

Bins in Cullen Square

An email had been received about possible misuse of the bins in Cullen Square by a local business person. Theresa advised that the Waste Management Department of MC were dealing with this

Seagull Proof Rubbish Bins

Colin spoke about the problems caused by seagulls removing chip wrappers etc. from the litter bins in Cullen and adding to the litter problem. Funding is available to purchase bins which are designed to prevent this. Stewart and Colin will progress this matter. Donald added a cautionary note that a big bin at Portknockie harbour intended for use by harbour users is being used by residents for domestic rubbish. **Action:- SB & CB**

Development Worker

Colin said that Michelle Goode, the TSIMoray development worker unfortunately has to stop work at the end of the week due to lack of any more funding. It was acknowledged that she had made a major contribution to community work in the area and her efforts were greatly appreciated by CDCC.

Letter from Lord Lieutenant

A letter of commendation had been received by CDCC from the Lord Lieutenant relating to the help provided within the community during the lockdown. Colin said that although certain individuals had also received a letter, its contents acknowledged the assistance and contribution of all those volunteers who had helped.

Unused Funding

It was agreed that due to the unknown duration of the pandemic, the unused funding should be retained in case it was needed for future assistance to the



community. Colin would liaise with Dennis Paterson to assess any current needs for assistance. **Action:- CB**

6. AOCB

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Colin said that these were currently being installed in Cullen Square and would be ready for use by the end of November. They will be included on the National Database.

Remembrance Day

There was a discussion about this but no firm decisions could be made until the Scottish Government rules were known nearer the time (8 November).

Logie Park Playpark

Stewart confirmed that this matter was still ongoing although progress had been hindered by the pandemic.

Logie Park Cycle Track

Stan spoke said that the Volunteer Group were intending returning the cycle track to its previous state as it was not being used. It was confirmed that CDCC would instigate a short public consultation to get community views for this. CDCC would also contact relevant departments at MC for their views.

Cycling Without Age

Stan spoke about this item. It is a scheme whereby social isolation amongst elderly people in a community is reduced by taking them out on specially designed bicycles called trishaws to enable them to experience again the joy of cycling but with someone else doing the pedalling. Stan said that funding would be available and that he would progress the matter. **Action:- SS**

Website <https://cyclingwithoutage.scot>

Heritage Group

Colin said that he had recently bought an antique stone hot water bottle produced by D Gair of Cullen. His wish to present it to the Heritage Group was approved with CDCC reimbursing Colin for the purchase cost.

Missing painting

Stan spoke about a painting of Cullen Harbour which he said MC had mislaid. He would liaise with the Heritage Group about the matter. **Action:- SS**

Unused Funding

A further meeting is to be arranged to discuss this.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 17 November 2020 at 1900 hours