

# Cullen & Deskford Community Council

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## Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

**Date:** Tuesday, 17 November 2020

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Online conference

**Members in attendance:**

Colin Burch (Chair)

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)

Stan Slater

**Associate Member:** Bruce Edelston

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

**Outside Agencies:** Roger McMichael, Hannah Lane, Moray West Wind Farm

### 1 Opening of meeting

Colin opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. 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 are not able to attend.

### 2 Apologies

There was an apology from Stewart who hoped to join the meeting later.

### 3. Outside Agency Presentation

Roger McMichael gave an update on the current situation regarding the Moray Firth Wind Farms. The East Farm is three quarters finished and he outlined the next stages for the West Wind Farm which are:-

2021 – Planning including Public consultation in the first quarter and Planning Submissions to Councils in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

2022 – Financial Close

2023 – Construction

2024 – First power export

2025 – Fully commissioned.

He showed a map of the corridor of underground cabling through Moray and confirmed that the trench will be infilled and the land will be able to be returned to its former use.

Stan asked how the blades from the turbines would be recycled when the turbines are decommissioned. He did not want them to end up as landfill in

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Moray. Roger said that his company would continue to work with the rest of the industry to develop environmentally sound solutions to the global wind industry's challenge of blade recycling. Theresa pointed out that technology was continually advancing and it was not known what methods would be available in 2050.

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

As the minutes had only recently been finalised it was agreed to postpone acceptance until the next meeting.

#### **5. Correspondence**

CDCC had received from Moray Council (MC) a draft GDPR and Privacy policy. Steve said that he would respond to this.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

Phil advised that the total in the Funding Account was £7184.47 of which £4576.81 was the Covid Fund. The Admin Account stood at £236.31 but the grant from MC had not yet been received.

#### **7. AOCB**

Laura confirmed that she and MC were still trying to identify the owner(s) of the property next to the Chinese Takeaway.

#### **Seagull Proof Rubbish Bins**

Steve said that in addition to the locations proposed by CDCC, the Links car park and the Pet Cemetery had been suggested in response to the post on Cullen P&P.

Colin advised that Linda's Fish and Chip shop had ordered a second bin which would cost £34 to empty. It was agreed that as this was for the use of the public and the benefit of the whole town, they should be given a donation from the BIDS fund. They will make provision until the end of the year.

#### **Remembrance Day**

On a previous occasion, a donation had been made to the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows for their wreaths. Steve proposed that we repeat what had happened on the previous occasion and this was agreed.

#### **Covid 19**

Colin wished to record the appreciation of CDCC for the adherence to the rules by the people of Cullen and Deskford which had undoubtedly helped to keep Moray in the lower tier of rules.

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## **Fuel Vouchers**

Phil raised the issue of the fuel vouchers for people who had been delivering meals during the lockdown. It was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of Stewart, Phil and Colin would look at this issue. **Action: CB, SB & PL**

## **Roadworks**

Phil asked about roadworks on the A98. Donald referred to a website <https://www.roadworksscotland.org/> which gave information about roadworks.

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

Tuesday 15 December 2020 at 1900 hours.

## **11. Covid Funds**

Stewart, Phil, Colin and Stan had an extra meeting to discuss the Covid funds in the bank account and potential uses for these. It was decided that the remainder of the SSE funds would be allocated to fuel costs and the remainder of the BIDS fund would go towards bins. The other funds were to be retained meantime to await further developments with the virus.

It was also agreed to apply to Three Kings for some costs incurred to be met from their HIE fund.