



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday, 15 December 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

The meeting was opened and all were thanked 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 were no apologies.

3. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

Stan said that the minute of the **October** meeting should be amended to say that he would be liaising with Moray Council (MC) Museum Services about the missing painting. That apart, the minute was correct and acceptance was proposed by Bruce and seconded by Phil. There were no matters arising.

The **November** minute was approved, having been proposed by Phil and seconded by Bruce.

Phil said that he had checked the accounts back to 2017 and could find no record of a payment having been made to the Guides. Laura said she would find out from the Guide leader what the wreaths had cost this year. Steve proposed that the Guides should be reimbursed the full cost of the wreaths and Stewart seconded this.

Stewart said that the reimbursement of fuel costs would be revisited as the SSE fund would be fully subscribed with the Christmas meal costs.



4. Correspondence

An email had been received about the state in which the preparatory work for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station in Cullen Square had been left with 4 bolts sticking up. This had been dealt with temporarily by putting a cone over them and Colin had forwarded the matter to the installers.

5. Treasurer's Report

Phil advised that the total in the Funding Account was £6631.13 of which £4025.81 was the Covid Fund. The Admin Account now stood at £552.55 and Phil confirmed that the grant from MC had been received.

6. AOCB

Fencing beside Campbell House

Both Donald and Steve confirmed that this had been repaired by MC.

Parking on Seafield Street

Phil said that cars were parking on the west side of Seafield Street at the corner of Seafield Place. This was outwith the parking areas which were marked in white paint and could cause a hazard as northbound traffic had to move nearer to the southbound side of the road. Donald said that this was a matter for the Police and people seeing this could take a photograph of the vehicles and report it to Police Scotland.

Police Scotland

Stewart spoke about Police Scotland being unable to "attend" Zoom meetings. Steve advised that Inspector Mike McKenzie had told him that they used Microsoft Teams but it was only available for use by Inspectors and above so if he was not on duty he could not arrange for someone else to "attend". It was agreed that this was not a satisfactory situation and further consideration about the technology available may provide a solution.

Recycling Yard

Stewart said that the problems at the recycling yard had been resolved but said that if everyone flattened cardboard boxes, the situation would improve. Steve said that he would put a post on Facebook about this. **Action:- SH**

Cross stitch

Derek Merson is producing a cross stitch as a thank you to the NHS and the Cullen Community. He hopes it will be financially beneficial charity wise when it is finished. Concern was expressed about the item going out of Cullen. Stewart and Colin said they would contact Derek. **Action: CB, SB.**



Butcher Packs

It was agreed that CDCC would help financially with these as Social Services had identified two families in our area who would qualify. It was confirmed that neither CDCC nor Anderson Butchers in Buckie know the identity of the recipients.

BIDS Fund

Stewart said that clarification on the money for the previous round was needed and what has actually been approved for the second round.

Defibrillators

Stewart said that the proposed Lintmill defibrillator was being progressed and Colin confirmed that the Cullen and Deskford ones were now fully functional again, Bruce McLaren being responsible for the one in Deskford.

Links car park area

Stewart confirmed that the problems identified recently with ground disturbance had been or were being rectified and the broken fencing would be dealt with in the New Year. MC Lands and Parks were made aware of the state of the car park itself and the local supervisor was going to check it.

Reidhaven Street Common Good Properties

There was a discussion about the sale of these properties and it was agreed that those who had concerns about the matter should form a sub group and put any questions to MC.

Community Council Christmas Meals

Colin advised that 13 meals produced locally will be delivered.

Clearing of Gullies

Donald encouraged people to take photos of gullies in their area which needed to be cleared and send them to MC.

Businesses struggling with Covid 19

Theresa said that any businesses which were struggling as a result of the virus could contact her and she would contact the Moray Resilience Forum who may be able to offer help.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 1900 hours.