



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday, 16 March 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Online meeting

Members in attendance:

Stewart Black (Chair)

Colin Burch

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)

Bruce Edelston

Associate Member: Stan Slater

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. The recording will be deleted once the minutes are finalised.

2. Outside Agency Presentation

None. Police Scotland had been invited to attend.

3. Previous Minutes

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Stewart and seconded by Phil.

4. Matters Arising

Colin had contacted the Co-op to see if they needed assistance with their pop-up shop but they did not. Stewart had not yet had chance to see the harbour bin and the Lintmill Defibrillator would be discussed later.

5. Councillors Reports

Theresa confirmed that the budget had been finalised. Laura is on the Moray Council (MC) Child Protection Committee which is looking at ways of keeping families together when there had been domestic abuse caused by the father. Donald said he had received an email from Colin Bell of Moray Council (MC) saying they have been successful in getting £50,000 for improvements to Logie Park play equipment. Stewart said that MC wanted community involvement in deciding what equipment would be provided. MC also wanted to raise more money through participatory budgeting for the likes of outdoor gym equipment. Dawn Brodie or members of the Communities Liaison team would assist with this and the likelihood is that there would be a need for some CDCC involvement in getting interested people to come forward.



6. Treasurer's Report

Phil reported that the Admin Account was the same as last month, £376.81 and the Fundraising Account, which included £4645.22 of Covid Funding, contained £9110.75. Colin said that the money from the first BID funding money had now been spent apart from £83 which will be given to the Volunteer Group towards seats bases.

7. Correspondence

An email from a lady who had purchased a house in Deskford was forwarded to MC Planning Dept.

The Friends of Cullen had made an application for funding to CDCC. As both Stan and Stewart are members of that organisation, it was agreed that Colin, Phil and Steve would discuss and decide on the request. **Action:- CB,PL, SH**

Jane Martin, MC Community Council Liaison Officer had asked if members of CDCC could attend a Zoom meeting with other Community Councils about Resilience plans for Communities because CDCC had produced a draft version of such a plan and could help encourage other Councils to do the same. Colin and Stewart would attend.

8. AOCB

Lintmill Defibrillator

Colin said a meeting with the electrician was imminent. Stewart spoke about potential funding for the extra money needed. **Action:-CB**

Mercat Cross

Stewart said that progress is being made with MC but that a condition report was needed. He would continue to progress the matter. **Action:- SB**

Moray Wellbeing Survey

Colin said that although it appeared that not everyone had got a form, a large number of forms had been returned and Moray Wellbeing will collate and assess the information.

Meals

Colin advised that only one person was still receiving a meal and that would cease at the end of the month.

Electric Car Charger

Stewart advised that the charger in the square was still not finished. Colin said he would pursue this. **Action :-CB**



Speeding Survey

It was agreed that the locations which needed a survey carried out were Seatown and the A98 entering Cullen from the south. Seatown should be arranged for the third week in July and the A98 for September. Colin said he would attend to this. **Action:-CB**

Bruce had attended a meeting on 9 March with other Community Councils at which he had heard that some Councils had been shown how to use Police speed guns so that they could show whether there was a problem in particular areas. More meetings were planned and Bruce would update us.

A98 Road

Phil spoke about the poor state of the road surface in some places and confirmed that he had reported this to MC about a month ago. He also said that the road sweeper drove up the main road to the Community Centre entrance, turned there and then drove back into Cullen. He asked if it could turn at the Keith road junction sweeping as it went. Theresa said she would investigate this. **Action:-TC**

Links Car Park

Stewart advised that some wooden rails and posts are broken and need to be repaired or replaced. He said he could do the work but would need some help. Stan will see if the Volunteer Group can assist. Stewart also said that the unsurfaced area of the car park would be improved if hardcore was laid on it. Colin proposed that CDCC agree to fund these improvements up to maximum of £600 and this was agreed. **Action:-SB**

Harbour

Stewart said the beach at the harbour area was covered with seaweed and rubbish. He would find out whether removing it was the responsibility of the Three Harbours Group or the Harbour Master. **Action:-SB**

Vandalism

Stewart said that the gate at the east end of the viaduct path has been vandalised. He will see if he can repair it. **Action:-SB**

Motorhome Site

Stewart asked questions as to the timescale of this. Stan replied that it was hoped that public consultation would be from 26 March for 10 days. MC then has to apply to the Scottish Government backed fund for money. The exact date the fund open hasn't been published yet however it is hoped that the Chemical Disposal Point will be installed at an early stage with the actual sites themselves progressing at a later date in the year as they may require planning permission.



Portlong Road

The road surface is again in a poor state. It was pointed out that a lot of the vehicles using it went to the MC recycling plant. Donald said that he has been trying to get MC to adopt the road but says there are a lot of unadopted roads in Moray and the Roads Department were reluctant to set a precedent.

Scottish Parliament Elections

Colin raised the issue of a hustings event for these elections similar to what had been arranged for the Council elections. He had discussed the matter with Bruce in relation to an online event but it was agreed that this would not be possible because of the pandemic.

8. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 20 April 2021 at 1900 hours.