



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday, 18 May 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Online meeting

Members in attendance:

Stewart Black (Chair)

Colin Burch

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

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. Everyone 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

Inspector Graham Worton, Police Scotland spoke about a bike marking scheme. The Police put a QR code on a bike so that if it is stolen and found, it's owner can be traced. Police are liaising with Councils in a joint effort to deal with abandoned vehicles and houses, which are often places where youths gather. Bruce asked about a scheme in Norfolk where the public have been trained to use police speed guns. Graham said he would find out if this was being done in Scotland

3. Apologies & Previous Minutes

There were apologies from Phil and Laura. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Bruce and seconded by Colin.

4. Matters Arising

Lintmill Defibrillator

Colin said we now had a price of £522.99 (incl. £87.17 VAT) to connect the defibrillator to the electricity supply. Stewart said that he would contact Seafeld Estates for permission to go ahead. **Action:- SB**

5. Councillors Reports

Theresa had been involved in the Moray Business Forum looking at ways of assisting businesses to recover from Covid. She said Moray Council (MC) had been praised for its response to the increased infection levels. Donald said that his Council work had been quiet with nothing affecting Cullen.



6. Treasurer's Report

Steve said that after paying £143.88 for the Zoom licence, the Admin Account stood at £232.93 and the Fundraising Account contained £6928.75.

7. Correspondence

Moray West Wind Farm

Stewart declared that he now had an interest in this project so would not be eligible to become involved in any matters relating to it.

Cullen Golf Club

Steve said the Golf Club had replied to CDCC saying that they had altered the angle of the security lights and hoped that would solve the problem.

Bins

An email had been received asking if the new bins could be painted and suggesting that they should not have signs saying they were only for non-recyclable items as this might discourage people from using them. Steve had replied saying that the bins weren't owned by CDCC so we couldn't paint them and their use would be monitored to see if the signs were counter-productive.

Surfers

Colin had a phone call from Kev Anderson who asked for permission to cordon off a bit of the beach car park to operate a surf school for children and adults with disabilities/conditions. They have equipment and need car park space for a van with a little area around it to get their equipment out and with access to the beach. The sessions would be in the evening. Colin had told him that we could not grant permission but it might not be required. Kev had said some people are looking at stay over options so the Community Centre would be useful to them. Colin will progress this matter. **Action:-CB**

Memorial Bench

Stewart had been approached about a bench in memory of the late James Findlay. He would update us with progress. **Action:-SB**

Signage at Links Car Park

An email had been received from David McCubbin of Cullen Voluntary Tourist Initiative who had been approached by businesses in the town who were concerned that because of the growing number of outlets in and around the beach less people are coming up into the town for food & drink which then has a knock on impact for the retailers. He asked if we could fund a sign at the beach car park to encourage beach visitors to come up into the town. It was agreed that CDCC should fund this at an approximate cost of £275. It was also suggested and agreed that a second sign be installed at the harbour. This would cost less because the £275 included the design.



8. Current Projects

Flowers for Planters

Bruce is progressing this. Stewart confirmed that he will organise the moving of the flowers and Bruce said that the 2nd week of June would be a suitable time. **Action:- BE & SB**

Wild Flower Planting

Bruce had passed the results of the survey, which favoured the north face of the viaduct and the A98 at the junction with the Keith road, to MC.

Mercat Cross

Stewart said that little progress is being made and Donald said that he would speak to MC about the best way to progress the matter. **Action:- DG**

Logie Park

MC have been in contact with the school and playgroups seeking the views of children and parents about the wishes of users and Colin will produce a post for CDCC to post on Facebook for the wider community to comment on.

Action:- CB

9. AOCB

Millennium Garden

Stan said that help was needed to maintain the garden. Steve would put a post on Cullen Past & Present asking for helpers to contact CDCC.

Action:SH

Wellbeing Survey

Colin will be continuing to progress this issue. **Action:-CB**

Rusty Harbour Sign

It was agreed that Stan would take a photograph of this and send it to MC.

Action:- SS

Next Committee

There was a need to attract residents to form a new committee in October. It was agreed that a list of achievements would be helpful but the time to start a campaign would be after the school holidays.

Cullen ATM

Colin wished to record the thanks of CDCC to all those who had been involved in the acquisition of an ATM for Cullen.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 1900 hours.