



## Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

**Date:** Tuesday 16 June 2021

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Online meeting

**Members in attendance:**

Colin Burch (Chair)

Bruce Edelston

Steve Horrocks

Phil Lovegrove

**Associate Member:** Stan Slater

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

### 1 Opening of meeting

The meeting was opened by Colin who thanked everyone for attending. 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.

### 3. Apologies & Previous Minutes

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

### 4. Matters Arising

#### Lintmill Defibrillator

Colin said that Stewart had been looking at different defibrillators including one which checked itself. **Action:- SB**

#### Mercat Cross

Donald said that he was making little progress with this. The issue revolved around funding and Steve asked if it was a matter which might attract a grant. Donald said that it probably would and suggested that Jane Martin, Moray Council (MC), would be the best person to advise on this. It was agreed that Steve would email her about it. **Action:- SH**

#### Millennium Garden

Bruce said that six people had volunteered to help and one had access to a trailer which would take the garden waste to the recycling plant. Donald said that he had arranged for a brown bin to be supplied and emptied by MC.



#### **Flowers for Planters**

Bruce said that he and Stewart will be filling the planters at the Allotment Association this week. The difficulty is getting the filled planters to their locations. Two people had volunteered to water them. **Action:- BE & SB**

#### **Wild Flower Planting**

Bruce said that MC had decided that the seeds should be sown on the north face of the viaduct. Bruce could see difficulties because of the steepness of the land and would contact those who had suggested the location to seek their views on how the seeds could be sown there. **Action:- BE**

#### **Rusty Harbour Sign**

Stan had taken photographs of this. Theresa said that if he sent them to her, she would pass them onto MC. **Action:- SS & TC**

### **5. Councillors Reports**

Donald said he would pass the request for marking the parking bays in Seafield Street to the Roads Department. Unfortunately, due to other work pressures in that department, the bollards to replace the damaged ones in Seatown were not yet complete. He spoke of Morayshire's Royal Navy ship HMS Spey, an Offshore Patrol Vessel which had recently come into service. He had earlier advised that his attempt to have Portlong Road adopted by MC had been outvoted.

Theresa and Laura had been involved in committee work including looking at ways of impacting on child poverty.

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

Phil advised that the Admin Account contained £548.72 and the Fundraising Account stood at £6848.95.

### **7. Correspondence**

#### **The Queens Green Canopy**

An email from the Lord Lieutenant about planting more trees was discussed. It was agreed that there was little scope for more trees in Cullen.

#### **Core Path Network**

Bruce had contacted Aberdeenshire Council recently about the need for the path from Logie Farm to the shore to be strimmed as it was overgrown. Their reply had said that Findlater and Sandend were in Moray! He would pursue this matter. **Action:- BE**



8. **Current Projects**

**Logie Park**

Colin will speak to Sarah & Laura at MC about how to get the survey out to the community. Alan Beresford, Banffshire Advertiser is keen to do an article about the project. **Action:- CB**

**Memorial Seat for Ron Shepherd**

Stewart had advised that permission was awaited for a request to put the seat outside the old Town Hall.

**Town Centre Business Signs**

Colin said that David McCubbin now had both signs which would advise visitors to the beach and the harbour area of shops in the town centre and he would be erecting them

**Additional Bins**

A problem with emptying of the new bins by MC had now been resolved and Andrew Castles would open the lid of the Links bin to make it easier to use. Laura had visited the area on Sunday and it had been fairly clean.

9. **AOCB**

**Parking in Cullen Square**

Stan said that signing in the square advising that additional parking was available at the Community Centre would help to alleviate parking problems at busy times. There was less space because of the Electric Vehicle Charging Points. He would speak to David McCubbin about signage. **Action:-SS**

**Road Safety Group**

Bruce had attended a meeting of this group on 10 June along with other Community Councils and chaired by the police. It concluded that more data was required about the problems of speeding in Moray. For Cullen that would be forthcoming in autumn. Bruce would try to attend the next meeting in July.

**Campervans**

Theresa had been contacted by people who had stayed in Cullen in their campervan and had been very complimentary about the town and its amenities. They had wanted to pay for their stay but had been unable to do so. Stan said there was a sign beside the Pet Cemetery which gave a Paypal address for people to make a donation to the Volunteer Group.

**New Community Councils**

Bruce said he would attend meetings regarding the next Community Councils.



**School Car Park**

Phil said that the school car park was supposed to have been refurbished when the new nursery had been built. It was still the same. Colin said he would contact the school. **Action:- CB**

**Twining with French town**

Stan said that this matter was progressing well and that David McCubbin had commissioned the making of a video about Cullen.

**10. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that there should be a break from meetings in July unless there was a specific need. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 17 August.