



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday 17 August 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Online meeting

Members in attendance:

Colin Burch (Chair)

Stewart Black

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 although Police Scotland had been invited.

3. Apologies & Previous Minutes

There were no apologies. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Phil and seconded by Bruce.

4. Matters Arising

Mercat Cross

Stewart said that the problem related to ownership of the cross. Seafield Estates said they have no current interest in the Cross. They did have when it was in the old village but control since then would have been in the hands of the Town Council and its successors. Moray Council (MC) was still unable to confirm that they did. Until this clarification of ownership was done, no progress could be made with the repair work which is needed. Stewart would continue his efforts. **Action:-SB**

Logie Farm Path

Stuart Riddoch had seen the minutes of our June meeting and cut the grass on the path. His action was greatly appreciated.

5. Councillors Reports

Due to the summer recess, this was a fairly quiet time for the Councillors. Donald had received a complaint about people with campervans allegedly



emptying their waste into the sea but this apart there was nothing specific to Cullen and Deskford.

6. Treasurer's Report

Phil advised that the Admin Account contained £263.72 and the Fundraising Account stood at £6446.14.

7. Correspondence

Misuse of bins

An email had been received about a fish business depositing waste in a public bin at the harbour. The information had been forwarded to MC.

Great British Beach Clean

Visit Moray had emailed about this event which takes place in September. Steve would forward their email to David McCubbin at the Sea School who is arranging beach cleans.

Harbour Toilets

Comments had been posted on Cullen Past & Present Facebook about the limited opening hours of these toilets. When MC decided two years ago that they would only operate one toilet facility in each town in Moray, CDCC had decided, on the basis of information that a bid by the Sea School to take over the running of the harbour toilets was unlikely to be accepted by MC, that they wanted MC to run the harbour toilets as other groups were willing to take over the toilets at the Links and Cullen Square. Ultimately, the Sea School did take over the harbour toilets but had apparently limited the use of the toilets to harbour users and that now, the premises beside the toilets had been sub-let to a business who were charging people £1 to use the toilets. Theresa said she would find out about the agreement between the Sea School and MC and the question of which toilet MC should be running in keeping with their policy of operating one in each town and if any of the money in the budget for a public toilet in each town could be allocated to Cullen to cover the costs.

Action:-TC

Speeding Traffic in South Castle Street

A resident of the street had emailed regarding speeding traffic. This was part of a wider issue of speeding in Moray which the Road Safety Group being attended by Bruce was looking at. Laura had also passed the information to MC Roads Department.

Planning Matter

An email about a house planning matter in Seatown had been received asking for CDCC's support for the plans which had been submitted to MC. There was a discussion about whether CDCC should become involved in such a matter. Stewart had contacted MC who said that "the application is still pending and



hasn't been refused." Given the short timescale left in office and problems which had arisen following a similar request it was decided that CDCC should not become involved. Steve would reply to the email. **Action:-SH**

8. **Current Projects** **Benches**

Stewart outlined the current situation with the three memorial benches which he would like to install before the end of the CDCC term of office at the end of September. It was proving difficult to get a decision about the position of one and another needed MC permission which had been given verbally.

Lintmill Defibrillator

It was decided to buy the model which will cost about £2,500. Stewart said that a public appeal may help to recoup some of the cost. He said that he, Phil and Colin would progress the matter. **Action:-SB, CB & PL**

Recognition of Community Contributions

It was agreed to compile a list of those people who had made a major contribution to the Cullen & Deskford communities during the term of office of the present committee and present them with a certificate to recognise that and thank them for their achievement.

9. **AOCB** **New Community Councils**

Bruce had been attending meetings regarding the next Community Councils and said the Notice asking for candidates would be issued on 23 August. Candidates can lodge nomination papers from 24 August until the closing date, Thursday 30 September at 1600. If the candidates are uncontested, the new Community Council will be established that day and start their term of office on Monday 4 October. A website www.moray.gov.uk/communitycouncils gives more information.

September Speed checks in Cullen

Bruce said that he would confirm that the September speed checks in Cullen are still going ahead when he attends the next meeting of this group on Thursday. **Action:-BE**

Harbour improvements

Stan referred to plans for renovation work at the harbour. He had concerns about the methods being used and said he would contact MC Planning Dept. about them. **Action:-SS**

A98 Accident

Phil said another car had struck and damaged the wall of the field beside the A98 between the Keith turn off and the Community Centre. This is a regular



occurrence and he is concerned that a pedestrian might be severely injured or killed. There was a discussion about an AMCO safety barrier being fitted there. Colin said he would speak to MC Roads Dept. **Action:-CB**

10. Date of next meeting

The date of the next and final meeting of this Community Council will be Tuesday 21 September at the Community Centre, Cullen