



## **Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council**

**Date:** Tuesday 21 September 2021

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Online meeting

**Members in attendance:**

Colin Burch (Chair)

Stewart Black

Bruce Edelsten

Steve Horrocks

Phil Lovegrove

**Associate Member:** Stan Slater

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

### **1 Opening of meeting & Apologies**

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**

### **3. Attendance of Member of Public**

A member of public who had previously emailed CDCC about a planning application made by him spoke about the matter. He had been advised in a reply to his email that CDCC were not willing to become involved in such a matter. He asked if this meant that CDCC were not in support of regeneration of the area. He was assured that this was not the case. He also said that if CDCC did not support his planning application, it would be seen in a bad light. Steve assured him that during the 4 years of the current Committee's term of office, there had been dozens of applications which had not been specifically supported by CDCC but accepted by Moray Council (MC). The member of public then left the meeting.

### **4. Apologies & Previous Minutes**

There were no apologies. There had been an error in the minutes which showed the Admin Account at £263.72 whereas it was £363.73. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Colin and seconded by Phil.

### **5. Matters Arising**

#### **Lintmill Defibrillator**

Colin said that this was now on order.



### **Speeding in North and South Castle Street**

Bruce thanked Laura for providing a reply from MC Roads which said that the last survey had taken place in 2019 with average speeds north and southbound below the speed limit. This did not mean that there were no vehicles speeding but if a resident was concerned about the speed of traffic they could provide relevant information to Police Scotland.

### **Certificates of Recognition**

This was still being progressed

## **6. Councillors Reports**

Donald said that there had been a gradual start to reverting to normality by MC staff. He said that there may be a purchaser for the derelict building at 47 Seafield Street. CDCC had received an email asking about who owned the property but when Stewart had called the number there was no answer.

Laura said the Scottish Government is in favour of making derelict buildings habitable again and grants may be available

Theresa said that there are still start-up grants available for new businesses.

All three thanked the committee for their efforts during their term of office.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Phil advised that the Admin Account contained £290.12 and the Fundraising Account stood at £5785.67

## **8. Correspondence**

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

Colin had a reply from Kevin Price, MC apologising for the delay which was due to other works and breakdowns and saying that he would keep pushing.

### **Queens Jubilee**

An email from the Lord Lieutenant had asked CDCC to start making plans for the Queen's Jubilee in June 2022 and to encourage other groups to do so too. This was a matter which would have to be left for the next committee.

## **9. Harbour Toilets**

Theresa had received a reply from MC about the harbour toilets. MC said that the water supply had been switched off because someone had left the tap running all night. Stan pointed out that a percussion tap which requires constant pressure on it for water to flow would easily resolve that problem. MC's reply referred to access to the toilets for the public and said the provision should be seasonal. It was pointed out that this was incorrect. When



CDCC had decided to have MC running the harbour toilets, they insisted that the toilets be open all year round.

MC's reply said that the toilets were for harbour users, i.e. berth holders and not anyone using the harbour area, i.e. the public. This was also incorrect. Theresa said she was still trying to find out about the agreement between the Sea School and MC. The question of which toilet MC should be running in Cullen in keeping with their policy of operating one toilet in each town would also have to be answered. **Action:-TC**

**9. AOCB**

**CDCC Involvement in Other Groups**

Bruce said that he was a member of the Active Travel Group and the Safer Travel Group both of which would be put on hold until the new session of CDCC.

**Wild Flower Area**

Bruce said he would progress this matter with the people who had voted for the A98 embankment and ask them how they thought seeds could best be sown safely on a steep embankment.

**Scotland Loves Local Fund**

Colin said that there was a composite bid for funding for the Cullen area by the Heritage Group who are leading the bid, the Golf Club, the Christmas Lights Group and the Friends of Cullen who want a changing room at beach.

**Closure of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 2045 hrs