



Minutes of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

16 November 2021

Via Zoom

Present

Colin Burch (Chair)
Stewart Black (Vice Chair)
Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)
Bruce Edelsten (Secretary)
Ernest Kopp (Planning)
Tony Jannetta (Minutes)
Councillor Theresa Coull
Councillor Donald Gatt

In Attendance

Inspector Graham Worton – Police Scotland
David McCubbin – Cullen Sea School
1 member of the public

1. Welcome

Colin Burch welcomed everybody to the first proper session of Cullen Community Council

2. Apologies

Councillor Laura Powell

3. Outside Agencies Report

Inspector Graham Worton opened the meeting with a discussion on some localised anti-social behaviour and their attempts to address it through public involvement and youth engagement.

A leaflet is available to assist in confidence in reporting, clarifying how and who to contact and encouraging people to come forward to report matters. It is hoped the leaflet can be distributed with the next CullenConnected newsletter. **Colin Burch** to contact Inspector Graham re quantities.

Some discussion on the issues regarding the use of public video evidence and its pitfalls.

Neighbourhood Watch

If there is an interest, there is an offer of a dedicated officer to facilitate a scheme. Some discussion on how this would develop within Cullen.

Harbour Toilets

David McCubbin, Development Officer at Cullen Sea School (CSS), explained the position of Cullen Sea School's takeover of the Harbour facilities from Moray Council. CSS have a 20-year lease with Moray Council for the toilet building which includes the toilets, the kiosk, and the offices above. The kiosk, run by the ice cream shop, has a lease with CSS. Part of that lease has within it, when the kiosk is open, the ice cream shop is responsible for the opening of the toilets. The rest of the time the responsibility is with CSS. Written into the lease with Moray Council is harbours users. i.e., those paying harbour dues, having 24-hour access to the toilets and water and this will be achieved either via a key or a code. CSS has been having constructive dialogue with Moray Council in being able to provide that access for harbour users and hope to resolve issues soon. CSS intends the facility to open (to the public) as much as it possibly can be, though it will, as it used to be, predominately seasonal, they may also be open at weekends during the winter months.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the inaugural meeting on 19 October 2021 were accepted as a true record of the meeting

5. Treasurer's Report

Phil Lovegrove reported the Admin fund has £211.37 and Fundraising fund has £4792.93. CDCC is awaiting the audited report of last year's accounts.

A donation of £150.00 has been received by the CDCC for providing assistance to get COVID injections. It was agreed CDCC should express its thanks.

It was agreed Bruce Edelsten would be a third signature for cheques – **Phil Lovegrove** to organise.

6. Secretary's report

Bruce Edelsten reported Moray Council had been informed the CDCC constitution had been adopted by the CDCC at the inaugural meeting. However, a Moray Council Elections Officer says they require a 'wet signature' on the paperwork and the original posted in. This will be done soon.

Correspondence:

A resident of Deskford asked about the wind farm on Lurg Hill as there was a planning application for taller turbines, the MP's name and any groups involved in the matter. The response included the URLs for 'find my MP' and the Moray Council's planning portal.

7. Planning Officer's Report

A planning application has been submitted for the motor home / camper van facility at Port Long

8. Councillor's reports

Donald Gatt: More or less business as usual with committee meetings and information briefs. The next major thing will be the annual budget setting process. Some correspondence dealing with roads elsewhere in the ward, the problem being the lack of contractors and the way prices are all over the place. Next year's budgetary considerations are taking up time

Theresa Coull: There was full council on 10th November. The budgetary process will be a bit of challenge.

Remembrance Day was observed by the councillors with Laura Powell in Cullen and Theresa Coull in Deskford.

9. Current Business

- a) Lintmill Defibrillator
CDCC is waiting for the electrician, Andrew Murray, to schedule in the wiring of it into the mains electricity supply.
- b) Certificates of recognition
Agreed to get the certificates printed.
- c) Electric Vehicle Charging Points
Colin Burch spoke to Jo Burton, technical support officer, who says they do not usually do road markings in the winter months as it may be too cold but, while it remains mild, this may be done sooner.
- d) Motor home / camper van facilities at Port Long
While the funding may yet not have been confirmed, a planning application, 21/01273/APP, has been submitted for 'Install 15 overnight campervan/motorhome stances including surface water drainage electrical ducting and chambers erect storage shed and chemical toilet disposal point and install access barrier at...'
- e) Active Travel – JCC working group yet to reconvene
- f) Safer Travel– JCC working group yet to reconvene
- g) Speed Survey – A98 outside community centre. **Bruce Edelsten** to enquire with MC how to progress this
- h) Wildflower area -the proposed area, on the north side of the viaduct, posed significant logistic and safety issues. It has been suggested to the lead in MC that the second option, the north side of the A98 junction with the B9018, might be more appropriate, but have not heard back.
- i) Millennium Wood – The former gravel pit south of the school playing field and west of Findlater Drive was 'disponed' in favour of three residents of Cullen as trustees and was landscaped and planted out as the Millennium Wood. If Cullen wishes to make better use of the area – school outdoor nursery, community orchard, etc., then the ownership needs sorting out and a project to develop the area started. Probably best pursued off-line with, first, an options paper. **Bruce Edelsten** to progress this.
- j) Scotland Loves Local Fund - Joint application by Heritage group, Christmas lights, Golf club & Toilet group). Unfortunately, UNSUCCESSFUL on all points. There will be other opportunities as a part of the overall £10Million multi-year funding
- k) Logie Park Play Area - consultation closes 19th November – details on posters and CDCC Facebook page and it was agreed to re-promote the information on Facebook (action **Bruce Edelsten**). Meeting to discuss response sometime week commencing 22 November.
- l) Poppy Wreaths - Deskford & Cullen Remembrance services were covered by CDCC (Cullen 0930Hrs, Phil; Deskford 1200Hrs, Stewart). It was agreed to offer to contribute to the wreath costs for uniformed organisations. **Colin Burch** to make contact.
- m) Cullen Recycling Centre – Queried the potential for CCTV to help prevent improper fly tipping at the site, Donald Gatt stated this was too expensive in relation to the cost of council staff clearing the fly tipping. An improvement to the surface, especially near the cardboard container, was requested by Phil to prevent large puddles forming – **Donald Gatt** to progress.
- n) Common Good Fund – Waiting for a new set of accounts.
- o) Cullen Community Survey – CDCC will need to do this at some point in the near future in conjunction with Community Support Unit, both by paper and electronic.
- p) Cullen town flowers. The flowers are ordered in January or February. Ideally, a group within Cullen could take on the running of this project as Cullen Allotments, who pot out

the plugs and bring on the flowers, does not have the resources to take it beyond that point.

- q) Harbour Advisory Committee - **Ernest Kopp** agreed to attend these meetings and to feedback to CDCC.
- r) Mercat cross – ownership issues need sorting out before any remedial and maintenance work can thought about. This is being progressed.
- s) Moray West Wind Farm – Stewart had attended a presentation at Fordyce on Moray West which will not have any financial community benefit. This, Lurg Hill, and other wind farms, can be dealt with under planning.

10. AOCB

- a) Twinning with Janville-Sur-Juine
A taster session, 'A Taste of France' is proposed for 25 November and was agreed CDCC would contribute to the costs once the appropriate paperwork has been submitted. **Colin Burch** to find the grant form.

- b) It was agreed the current session should acknowledge the contribution made by members, and associate members, to the community council in the previous session:
Lizabeth Williamson
Steve Horrocks
Stan Slater
Thank you to them for their valued contributions.

- c) Christmas Tree – for the community centre – has been ordered.

11. Date of next meeting

14 December 2021

Meeting closed at 20.45

These minutes will be presented for approved at the next prescribed meeting of the Community Council then, within 14 days of approval, circulated to Community Council members, other appropriate parties, and the Moray Council's Liaison Officer for Community Councils.