



Minutes of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

18 January 2022

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
Councillor Laura Powell

1. Welcome

Colin Burch opened the meeting at 19.01

2. Apologies

Inspector Graham Worton

3. Outside Agencies Report

None

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2021 were proposed by Colin Burch and seconded by Phil Lovegrove.

5. Treasurer's Report

Phil Lovegrove reported the CDCC has £179.93 in the admin account. Only expenditure this month was reimbursement of phone calls, in support of storm Arwen recovery, to Colin. Still not received MC grant! Even though accounts have been sent to Debra, and she's happy with them. Fundraising has £3749.63. Nothing spent this month.

6. Secretary's report

- a) Query about donation towards Christmas lunches and whether CDCC was doing them this year. CDCC responded:

“Cullen and Deskford Community Council do not plan to provide Christmas lunches for the elderly and vulnerable this year. Last year Cullen really came together responding to the needs of those who, because of Covid-19, were shielding, socially isolated or physically vulnerable and, with the help of your donation, it was good to end the year being able to provide the Christmas lunches.”

b) Report of smell at beach. CDCC noted:

A field above the railway cutting had recently had muck spread on it. With a south westerly wind, the smell was most noticeable on the railway line to the northeast of the field and, to a lesser extent, on the links and beach. The smell will dissipate over time or when the field gets ploughed.

Noted that Joe’s Burn is tinged with iron ochre and has been sampled many times by SEPA who will most likely check it again due to its proximity to the old Portnockie tip.

c) Query about a bench being moved. CDCC responded by phone reporting the bench had been moved by the Volunteer Group and will be reinstated.

d) Query about getting a plaque in memory of a deceased father.

Stewart Black responded with details.

Note: the most recent CullenConnected meeting discussed the option of having memorial wall in Cullen. The meeting discussed various options including a pet wall since burying pets at the pet cemetery is no longer permitted.

7. Councillors’ reports

Back to full council business since the 5th of January with meetings and budget considerations. Improving the surface and installing CCTV is being considered for Cullen’s Recycling Centre. The reported overflowing dog bin will be cleared. The faulty streetlights in Seafield Road have been repaired by SSE.

Volunteers are being sought to sit on the children’s panel – Laura Powell offered to forward details which can be put on the CDCC Facebook page.

Ernest Kopp asked if the skip provision could be improved and the recycling area better organised. To be investigated.

8. Resilience planning

This is on the agenda at the next JCC meeting

9. Planning Officer’s Report

The CDCC has received notification of a building development on Seafield Road near Seafield Farm. The area is zoned as R1 in the Local Development Plan.

10. Current Business

a) Harbour Toilets

Theresa Coull noted Moray Council had reported ‘the process is still on-going, but rest assured it is active management of the position to achieve the contracted outcome. There is a process they must follow in terms of lease compliance, and they are doing so. The most recent correspondence was on 13 December and there has been ongoing setting out of requirements since the last update.’

b) Defibrillators

There has been lots of e-mail activity while Colin Burch was registering, checking, and activating the defibrillators. At a recent incident the one in the square was not highlighted as being available online. Colin notes the three he has been working on are all active but only one, the one in the square, is coming up on the ambulance database and the ambulance database holds three: the square, the seaschool, and the golfclub. A clear message to be circulated for all Cullen and Deskford defibs to be registered with the organising system, <https://www.thecircuit.uk/> and the Scottish Ambulance Service via http://www.scottishambulance.org/About_Us/YourCommunity/pad.aspx though the ambulance database is working in partnership with the circuit.

Defibrillator pads on two units will require replacing this year. It was agreed to remove the lock on the Deskford Hall unit and replace it with a cable-tie type tag.

AED emergency defibrillator signs to be organised by Phil Lovegrove

c) Certificates of Recognition

Awaiting delivery of 'quality' paper **Colin Burch**

d) Motor home / camper van facilities at Port Long

Donald Gatt reported works have been developed with the community group (Three Kings Association) and is currently out to tender.

e) Speed Survey – A98 outside community centre.

CDCC received a detailed analysis of the traffic survey taken between 15-19 March 2017 with 2528 samples southbound and 2755 northbound which showed an 85% quartile mean speed of 38.9mph southbound and 35.0mph northbound. Thanks were conveyed for the information. Considering the recent planning application for a development in that area, an updated survey would, probably, be necessary. **Bruce Edelsten**

The drains in Seafield St by Judy's Lane are chocked.

f) Millennium Wood

This is the hands of Seafield Estates' solicitors.

g) Logie Park play area

There is a meeting on Tuesday 1 February to discuss.

h) Draft Active travel survey

Details of the 12-week public consultation period which commenced on Monday, 10th January 2022 have been put on Facebook.

i) Judy's Lane streetlights

Now fixed – to be removed from agenda

j) Town Flowers

A plan is formulating to seek volunteers, the request going into the next CullenConnected newsletter and, simultaneously, on Facebook. Stewart and Lisa Black to order the flowers.

k) E-bus shelter

Colin Burch reported he has had correspondence from Yvonne Joss (Moray Council). They are busy dealing with Scottish Government hardship funds. They sent a request in October seeking permission to carry the funding into the new financial year and don't anticipate any issues with that. They have new staff members and are hopeful to restart the project in a few weeks-time.

11. AOCB

a) Memorial Benches

Expecting the ones on order to be delivered by the end of January or the beginning of February.

- b) Lack of storage facilities for small traders / small businesses
Donald Gatt suggested individual businesses write to Moray Council with their requirements, which might help develop the requirement into the next development plan.
- c) Sea defences west of the golf club have been scoured by recent storms. **Bruce Edelsten** to forward pictures of the erosion.
- d) Details of requests for volunteers to the Moray Access Forum have been posted on Facebook.
- e) Details on Cyber Resilience training to be posted on Facebook. **Bruce Edelsten**
- f) Discussion on virtual filing cabinets, continuity when personnel change within a voluntary organisation, and video conferencing. **Bruce Edelsten** to produce an options document.
- g) Possible sharing of ideas and experience with the Fauldhouse community council in West Lothian. **Colin Burch** to pursue.
- h) Mercat Cross: On Monday 24 January Colin Burch attended a meeting with Garry Laing (G. Laing, Stonecraft Ltd)) and a few members of the Heritage group. He is going to prepare a report with outline costings and will forward that in due course. The Heritage group are happy to work into the future with taking this forward, though the CDCC are willing to assist if required.

Dates for the diary

Logie Playpark, site meeting on Tuesday 1st of February

JCC meeting on Thursday 10th of February.

12. Date of next meeting

15 February 2022

Meeting closed at 20.35

These minutes will be presented for approval 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 Community Council Liaison Officer.