



Minutes of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

17 May 2022

Via Zoom

Present

Colin Burch (Chair)

Bruce Edelsten (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)

Ernest Kopp (Planning)

Councillor Theresa Coull

Councillor Donald Gatt

Councillor Tracy Colyer

Grahame Smith (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service)

Tom Millican (Police Scotland)

Keith Davidson (Caseworker for Karen Adam MS)

Julie-Ann Drake (Friends of Cullen)

1. Welcome

Colin Burch opened the meeting at 19.00

2. Apologies

Stewart Black (Vice Chair)

3. Outside Agencies Reports

Grahame Smith (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service) reported the fire service was back out visiting the community advising on fire safety and asked if anyone new of someone or a household who would benefit to get hold of any of the fire crew or phone – see contact page: <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/contact/>, 01224 696666, Freephone 0800 0731 999, or text FIRE to 80800.

They will be attending the sea school harbour gala (31 July 2022).

There was a big wildfire in Macduff earlier in the week and the fire service has subsequently been posting advice on social media. They will be visiting camper van and motors homes to provide safety advice and there will be a recruitment drive and event in the square on 21 May.

Tom Millican, Community Police Officer, who, with Rachel Barclay is working the Buckie area and eastwards. During the past month there have been eleven calls, none were the result of crimes. He agreed to look at the possible obstruction of the pavements by some shops. Ernest Kopp queried the requirements for a speed check, specifically in the Seatown, and Tom Millican agreed to look into the deploying officers with speed guns – in the Seatown and on the A98 heading towards Portsoy. Phil Lovegrove noted that the results from a recent survey at the location, of the traffic heading towards Portsoy, 65% were exceeding the speed limit. Bruce Edelsten agreed to forward the data.

Julie-Ann Drake (Friends of Cullen) reported that, as a group, Friends of Cullen were more than happy to keep running both toilets (the beach and the square). The beach toilet's septic tank could do with being replaced with an anaerobic digester septic tank as it costs a lot of money to keep emptying the septic tank and repairing the associated plumbing. Julie-Ann agreed to investigate the potential costs of replacing the septic tank.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2022 were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Colin Burch and Ernest Kopp seconded.

5. Chair's Report

Nothing outstanding not covered in the rest of the agenda.

6. Treasurer's Report

Phil Lovegrove reported the admin account had £486.68 with no transactions during the month. Fundraising had £3155.88.

7. Secretary's report

1. Correspondence

- Applications for attachments to street furniture: Email with attachment from Transport Scotland about attaching, for example, Christmas lights, from street furniture, for example, lamp posts.
- An advert for a minutes secretary has been forwarded to Debra Duke
- Survey by Moray Council re Community Council's use of school buildings – Colin responded

2. During the past month, the following have been published on social media:

- Money for Moray voting information
- An advert by Moray Citizens Advice Bureau about a get-together for volunteers on Wednesday 1 June
- An advert for the Scottish Health Research Register and Biobank

8. Councillors' reports

Theresa Coull: Not a lot to say as an administration had not yet been formed. There would be a full council meeting on Wednesday 18 May (which confirmed a conservative minority administration).

Keith Davison: reported on Karen Adams' activities including her visits to Cullen to meet the volunteer group.

9. Resilience planning

There are two bids into the SSE Resilient Communities Fund. Deskford £15440; Cullen £19815. There is general guidance that decisions will be made in July. There have been quotes included for permanently sited generators as standby, however these were quite high, so a rethink of portable power generation has been made. This would also allow more flexibility in respect of them potentially having greater community use between power-outages.

10. Planning Officer's Report

22/00563/APP | Erection of 3 Wind Turbines (at max height 149.9m to blade tip) control building and substation and formation of access tracks (including turning heads) hardstanding temporary construction compound and associated works and infrastructure at Lurg Hill Deskford Moray

22/00583/APP | Alter existing windows to create patio doors and install stove flue at | Eden Lintmill Buckie Moray AB56 4XQ

22/00617/APP Convert store to accommodation internal alterations and extension at 20 North Deskford Street Cullen Buckie Moray AB56 4XH

22/00657/APP | Proposed alterations and extension and replacement garage at | Homelea 188 Seatown Cullen Buckie Moray AB56 4SJ

11. Current Business

- a) Harbour Toilets
Discussed above
- b) Defibrillators
Will need to work towards replacing two of them later in the Year. Sandra from Kieran's Legacy is happy to attend CDCC meet at some point to discuss how we can work with them on those. Suggested to ask them to attend August meet after our break in July
- c) Certificates of Recognition
Still waiting for a price from the printers
- d) Motor home / camper van facilities at Port Long
No new activity
- e) Speed Surveys
Two reports were received during the month. One for a traffic survey on Bayview Rd and another on Seafield Rd between the 30 and 40mph signs. See above
- f) Millennium Wood
The most recent information is that 3KA have agreed in principle to the proposal for transfer of ownership. Bruce Edelsten will be attending a 3KA meeting on 26 May to assist with any issues.
- g) Logie play park
The Money for Moray top-up funding application was successful, and that money will be used to top up the budget. The tenders have been issued and once the results in, there will be a consultation, in-person and on-line, on the different options being made available..
- h) Cullen Town Flowers
The plant plugs, and flowers ready to be planted out, should be collected, or delivered during the coming week. They will come from two suppliers. Requests for help planting out and watering are being e-mailed to those that helped in 2021.

- i) E-bus shelter
Colin has chased Yvonne Joss re this again. Unfortunately, the original working group for this are no longer involved, so looking for others to assist where possible. Re the bus shelter, the Moray West Windfarm have offered to assist by funds to the tune of £1500. So a thank you in acknowledgement to them in that respect needs to be noted.
- j) Refugees
Nothing, as yet. Agreed to remove from agenda for now.
- k) Tourist Forum
CDCC have been offered £800 from Moray West Windfarm to assist with that. Part of process requires a notice board with water sampling information.
- l) Benches
It has been suggested there needs to be a database or list of for bench ownership, siting, responsibilities, and condition etc. To be discussed
- m) Harbour Gala
The community council has been invited to have a table. Colin will be attending.
- n) Mercet Cross
Stewart Black is meeting with Hugh Cummings (Stewart and Watson) to discuss [ownership]

12. AOCB

- a) Reported sighting of Velociraptor in Cullen
CDCC and Councillor Theresa Coull had been contacted about the structure on top of The Outlet, 1 Bay View Rd. The details were forwarded to Moray Council's Principal Planning Officer for consideration.
- b) Road lining
Relining of markings in the square, disabled bays and electric vehicle charging, and at the harbour will be done by September
- c) Which roads are adopted, and which are not adopted? Moray Council does not have a web site showing which are and which not. Donald Gatt noted that in the days of Grampian Region, many non-adopted roads were maintained anyway – and there is a difference between, adopted, non-adopted, and publicly-accessible. A list of public roads can be found here http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_71536.html
- d) Social Media guidance / policy for community councils – agreed editing and adoption waits until AGM in the autumn.
- e) There is a possibility of bidding in for funds via the Co-op's Local Community Fund which opened 3 May (closes midnight 29 May 2022)
- f) CDCC has purchased a Queen's platinum jubilee flag which will be flown above the Seafield Arms.

13. Date of next meeting

21 June 2022

Meeting closed at 20.20

Distribution

First draft is circulated for comment to community councillors, as are revised drafts until no more comments are received.

The final draft will be presented for approval at the next prescribed meeting of the Community Council then, within 14 days of approval, circulated to other appropriate parties (Moray Council councillors), the Moray Council Community Council Liaison Officer, and posted on Facebook.