



Minutes of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council
17 January 2023
Via Zoom

Present

Colin Burch (Chair)
Bruce Edelsten (Secretary)
Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)
Ernest Kopp (Planning)

Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor Tracy Colyer, Councillor Donald Gatt
Simon Tucker: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Audrey Stewart - Fordyce and Sandend District Community Council

One member of the public

1. Welcome and apologies

Colin Burch opened the meeting at 19.00 and welcomed those attending

Apologies

Gillian Pirie – Community Alarm Responders. Her presentation will be rescheduled.
There were no other apologies.

2. Outside Agencies Reports

- a) Police – There was no police presence though their report was received via e-mail. There was nothing of specific concern to CDCC.

- b) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Simon Tucker reported the Cullen station has two new recruits, one will start training in February and the other April which will help bring the station up to strength. The station is thinking of resurrecting the 50th anniversary of the fire station which had been postponed because of Covid. The Christmas collection raised the Portnockie, Cullen and Deskford communities achieved over £1500; the majority will go to the fire fighters' charity, £254 to Keirans Legacy and about £125 to McBoyle Hall in Buckie and the Cullen Community Centre.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 13 December 2022

Approved by Phil Lovegrove, seconded by Ernest Kopp

4. Chair's Report

a) Memorial Bench

Colin Burch met with the family of Allan Murray to discuss siting of memorial bench. Proactive responses from Councillor's Coull and Gatt, and Sarah Campbell (Moray Council, Technical Officer, Open Spaces), and the Cullen Volunteer Group have helped move this forward. The family is planning a fund raising event at the golf club on Saturday 18 March.

b) NHS Grampian Winter Health Leaflet

The leaflet received via email does not lend itself to posting on Facebook. Colin Burch has asked if it is possible to get copies for distribution with the next CullenConnected.

c) Cost of Living Fund application

There has been an application to the Buckie Area Forum to add on to their super application for the area.

d) Family Fund <https://www.familyfund.org.uk/scotland>

The Family fund which can provide aid for the family of a child with special needs. The gathering agreed to make enquires to see whether there are families within the community for whom this could be relevant.

e) Young Citizen's Award

The meeting discussed and identified a potential member of the Cullen community.

5. Treasurer's Report

Phil Lovegrove reported the Admin account has £662.64. Expenditure this last month has been on mileage for Colin, printer paper and November's use of Community Centre. The Fundraising account has £17908.92. There was no expenditure in December.

Ring fenced amounts are:

- £800 for what was going to be beach award application, but we've been told we can use it for Cullen warm hub / cost of living.
- £10039 for SSE resilience fund.
- £1500 for e-bus shelter.
- £4000 for play park.

6. Secretary's Report

Posted on Facebook:

Moray Council Community Alarms, Volunteer drivers for St John Scotland, Bin Day Finder and Moray Local Area Access Forum.

7. Councillor's Reports

Donald Gatt reported: Grit Bins – there is one in Ogilvy Park. It and others have recently been topped up and another one is planned at the junction. (After the meeting a link to Moray Council's interactive grit bin map was posted on Facebook). The staycation facilities (Campervans) at Port Long Road (see below). Road markings in Cullen Square reported on an encounter and had forwarded details to Moray Council roads department for comment. Otherwise, council business is ramping up after Christmas with meetings about the budgetary process.

Tracy Collier reported: Meetings have continued, back to education and other committees that are starting up along with the regular potholes and bins.

Theresa Coull reported: Back into committees. Attended Carbon Literacy Training – about carbon footprint reduction via improved insulation, reduced car usage, etc. See:

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_132310.html and

<https://www.homeenergyscotland.org/> If anyone has any problems, Theresa Coull is willing to assist.

Full council meeting in February which will mostly be budget discussions.

8. Planning Officer's Report

22/01762/LBC

Railway Viaduct Castle Terrace Cullen Moray

Proposed installation of permanent light fittings to the ground immediately adjacent to the viaduct piers.

22/01875/APP

Address Flakeburn Deskford Buckie Moray AB56 5UT

Proposal Change of house type approved under ref 20/01708/AMC to erect a dwellinghouse.

9. Resilience Planning

- a) Containers have now arrived. They are flat packed and will need to be assembled.
- b) The Ecoflow battery backup pack is with the secretary.
- c) Generators – are currently at Cullen Community Centre

10. Current Business

- a. Community hub / hot meals
Is restarting on Wednesday 18 Jan at the Community Centre, again for 3-4 weeks as a trial.
- b. Crash barrier opposite Cullen Bay Hotel
In December CDCC registered its concerns with Moray Council over the length of time it took to repair the crash barrier opposite the Cullen Bay Hotel. Moray Council escalated the correspondence to a complaint but did provide a detailed explanation as to why it took so long to repair
- c. Moray Firth West Wind Farm (funding for above)
Roger McMichael (Moray West) has okayed re-diverting 'Beach award' funds to the Warm Hub programme and offered to supply a banner.
- d. Aultmore Wind Farm redesign
Aultmore Wind Farm was originally consented by Moray Council in 2014 as a 13-turbine scheme with an installed capacity of 29MW. In November 2021 a Scoping Report was submitted to the Scottish Government, and other consultees, which presented a 16-turbine redesigned scheme utilising modern and efficient turbines with a maximum tip height of up to 200m and installed site capacity of 96MW. A second set of public exhibitions will be organised in the spring to present the final design to the community and seek feedback before the planning application is submitted.
- e. Blocked drain – Lane off North Castle St.
A member of the public reported a blocked drain on a lane leading off North Castle St. This was logged with Moray Council and reported back to the member of public who responded that Moray Council had previously stated the lane was not their responsibility, and subsequently reported that drain had been cleared by said member of public and was now functioning properly.

- f. Logie Park Play Area
Sarah Campbell (Technical Officer, Moray Council) has confirmed that the works have stalled over the festive / New Year period, but when a site visit to progress things is organised, Sarah will let Colin / CDCC know.
- g. Defibrillators / fund raising
Cullen Fire and Rescue Service proposes running a car wash charity day on Saturday 18 March with some of the funds raised going towards Keirans Legacy. The Fire and Rescue service has mannequins for practicing use of defibrillators and the occasion could also be used for defibrillator training and awareness.
- h. Motor homes / camper vans / Port Long
The matter is being progressed by Seafield Estates and others and will be removed from the agenda.
- i. E-bus shelter
The money for the Cullen e-bus shelter has been allocated/committed, and Moray Council are able to extend the- deadline and now have until the end of summer 2023 to complete the works.
- j. 20mph speed limit / safer travel subgroup
There is a Joint Community Council Transport Forum meeting in Elgin Town Hall on 31 January 2023
- k. CullenConnected – next issue, funding
Funding applications currently with Lottery Communities fund and Moray Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing fund (via TsiMoray)
- l. Moray Food Plus / Tesco Community Grant / Foodbank.
The blue buttons accumulated at Buckie Tesco suggest the project could be receiving a £500 award.
- m. Presentation from the Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre (Forres)
– Rural Centre of Excellence for Digital Health and Care Innovation in the Moray Region
This is planned for the meeting in February.
- n. File sharing
The chair and secretary will coordinate testing file sharing via Apple's iCloud.

11. AOCB

- a) Cullen Seawall – Ernest Kopp reported observing increased cracks on the seawall and agreed to forward photographs of the problem.
- b) Annual Cullen Street Music Festival Market – Ernest Kopp talked the meeting through a proposal for a community event where local charities, groups, stores etc have market stands. To progress the proposal, initially he needs backing from the community council, to be able to use the community council bank account and confirmation of the insurance situation.
- c) Cone in Seafield Street beside Medici Ley – probably a Scottish Water issue due to a collapse of an area previously repaired. Colin Burch to pursue.

12. Dates for the calendar

24 Jan 2023 Buckie Area Forum
31 Jan 2023 Transport Forum
9 Feb 2023 Joint Community Council

13. Next meeting

21 February 2023

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, Cullen Library, and posted on Facebook.