



Minutes of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council
21 February 2023
At Cullen Community and Residential Centre

Present

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

Councillor Donald Gatt
Simon Tucker - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Marie Simpson & Linda Shore of the Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre (Forres)

1. Welcome and apologies

Colin Burch opened the meeting at 19.00 and welcomed those attending

Apologies

Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor Tracy Colyer

2. Presentation from Marie Simpson & Linda Shore of the [Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre \(Forres\)](#) – Rural Centre of Excellence for Digital Health and Care Innovation in the Moray Region – (DHI)

Presentation covered the background, current developments, and future intentions of digital health within the community with the centre seeking citizen participation to help move the project forward. The meeting suggested ways DHI could engage with Cullen residents. There is to be a wider launch event at UHI Moray on 8 March. Further information on that can be found on the [DHI-Scotland](#) website.

3. Outside Agencies Reports

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

Simon Tucker, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service reported:
Recruitment

New recruit successfully completed initial 2-week course and has now joined crew at Cullen Station. 2nd recruit currently going through recruitment process. Awaiting kit fit and then

initial course dates. 3rd recruit has just applied to Cullen and is starting process. This will bring the crew up to 9.

Fundraising

Donations presented to Keirans Legacy and Portknockie Community.

Charity Car Wash on 18 March 2023 at the Cullen Fire Station 10.00 – 15.00 with Gordonstoun Fire Section coming to support event, partners and families organising teas and coffees; CPR demo/ interactive session to be run alongside car wash with support from Keirans Legacy.

Advertised on social media. Posters to be distributed at end of February, road signage to go up week preceding the event.

Social engagement

Cullen appliance attending Seafield Estates Primary School engagement (looking at rural careers etc) event on 24th March. Planning starting for annual Easter Egg Hunt in Cullen and Portknockie. More to follow. Similar format to last year with What3words and Orienteering punches. Trying to engage with younger demographic, exploring setting up an Instagram account and possibly TikTok, to spread Community Education campaigns.

Open day to celebrate the delayed 50th birthday event of Cullen Fire Station on 12 August 2023 with attendance of Police Service, Scottish Ambulance Service and Coastguard and with free stalls to community groups.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 17 January 2023

Approved by Phil Lovegrove, seconded by Ernest Kopp

5. Chair's Report

Cone in Seafield Street beside Medici Ley – probably a Scottish Water issue due to a collapse of an area previously repaired. Colin Burch contacted Scottish Water who, after being talked through pinpointing the location, subsequently turned up at the wrong place. Repair now rescheduled.

Other matters covered below.

6. Treasurer's Report

Phil Lovegrove reported the Admin account has £385.58. Expenditure this month has been £11.71 for business cards, £250 for accommodation charges for the community lunch, and £15.35 for printing. The Fundraising account has £19743.33. Expenditure has been £43.20 for food hygiene courses and £122.39 for keysafes for resilience containers.

We've received £2000 from Tsi Moray which is for Cullen Connected program.

Other ringfenced amounts are:

- £1500 for ebus shelter.
- £4000 for Logie play park.
- £9916.61 SSE resilience fund

7. Secretary's Report

The Secretary attended a virtual seminar on Community Map Scotland project which is an extension of a Parish Online mapping project for England and Wales. <https://www.parish-online.co.uk/projects/community-map-scotland> run by <https://www.geosphere.com/> who would like to make some money by charging an annual fee for access to their software. While the community council could make some use of the facility – mapping benches (because many

of them are dedicated to someone and the family of someone can get upset if they get moved or removed) for example, the community council does not have the funds for the recurring annual licence fees, and serious mapping is carried out at the county level.

Posted on Facebook, notices about:

- Grit bin map for Cullen
- Cullen to Portnockie viaduct Sustrans resurfacing project
- Moray Energy Efficiency Scheme (EES:ABS)
- Moray Community Planning Partnerships
- Videos from Janville-sur Juine New Year's message
- Next CullenConnected

Not dealt with: Call for Ideas – Moray Local Plan 2027 Review - Shaping the Future of Moray.

Further information can be found at http://moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_146723.html

8. Councillor's Reports

Cullen Seawall – Donald Gatt had forwarded a report from Will Burnish which suggested the sea wall will last a few years yet. Donald Gatt had been attending planning: pre-determination hearing about proposed maltings at Rothes; tenants' forum; budgetary scrutiny meetings.

9. Planning Officer's Report

23/00070/APP - Erect dwellinghouse and detached garage on Site at Crannoch-hill Wood Cullen Moray

10. Resilience Planning

a. Current status

Colin met with MC resilience members. Need to move this forward and let them know of progress. They assured us that other CC's are in a similar position.

The storage units have been delivered and the Cullen one is now in place. The Deskford needs to be delivered and assembled but that is unlikely until the end of March. The containers need to be wired for lighting and any electrical appliances that require to be trickle charged.

b. Ecoflow battery backup pack – Currently with Bruce Edelsten

c. The two generators are at the Cullen Community Centre. Both were run for 10 mins a couple of weeks ago, but routine maintenance will have to be scheduled.

11. Visitors from Janville-sur-Juine: 24 Feb – 3 Mar

Program very much subject to last minute amendments – and the weather. All arranged at short notice. It was agreed to submit the paperwork for an application to the Common Good Fund to cover some of the costs.

12. Community Hub

• Hot Meals

There are being well attended, averaging at around 35-40 persons weekly. Now have four volunteers with food hygiene certification. Looking to continue weekly until beginning of April, then monthly during Spring / Summer into Autumn. Look to reinstate weekly after then. This is all volunteer dependent and a BIG thank you to all of them for making this a success to help those most vulnerable in our community. A thank you to the TKCA for working with the group with the use of the kitchen & dining area at the Community Centre.

• Warm Winter Bundle - No feedback as yet.

- Warm Spaces – grant application. Application form now received and will look at viability of applying to the fund.
- Moray Food Plus / Tesco Community Grant / Foodbank - £500 awarded as of 20 February. Need to look at confirming and potential minor changing due to time since application was initially made.

13. Current Business

- Town Flowers**
The Millennium Garden Volunteer Group have volunteered to manage the town flowers in the square and on the Medici-Ley with funding assistance from CDCC.
- Sea-Changers Coastal Fountain Fund – water fountain**
Colin Burch forwarded to Ernest Kopp the application form to apply for (another) fountain. CDCC has not heard from Scottish water about the one they have proposed installing at the beach links area.
- Logie Park Play Area** - No further movement as yet. Awaiting word from MC reps regards when scheduled site visit is arranged. Main problem has been availability of contractors.
- Defibrillator awareness / fund raising / Fire & Rescue Service Car Wash – 18 March 2023 at Cullen Fire Station.**
- E-bus shelter**
No further movement. CDCC needs to organise a meeting with Yvonne Joss (in-person preferred, though likely to be via Zoom initially) to discuss ways forward. It is likely that the whole scheme has changed since its inception, and as such CDCC needs to explore what is viable. Even with a capital budget, the running costs and administrative overheads need to be considered. The running costs would include:
 - Electrical supply
 - Broadband supply
 - Maintenance of firmware and software
 - Cleaning
 - Managing and updating the data (for adverts and for Cullen specific information)
- 20mph speed limit / safer travel subgroup**
- CullenConnected**
Next issue: poster and emails issued seeking contributions, with some contributions already received. Funding has been confirmed from Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing fund that is administered by TsiMoray. This will fund the newsletter for two years. Lottery funding still to be confirmed. Confirmation expected soon. If awarded this will fund the Cullen Connected ‘wider’ programme - other than solely the newsletter.
- File sharing – still to be investigated.**
- Business Cards - Done - E-mail confirmation that are in the post. No date of expected arrival**
- Coronation Big Lunch – CDCC does not have the resources to commit to this and could detract from the Christmas Lights event planned for the previous weekend. If any Cullen group are intending doing something CDCC can provide moral support. Also see item m. as below for further info on what is required to be considered in relation to Licensing requirements.**
- Pavement Parking**
Parking a vehicle on a pavement (footway) will be illegal and subject to a fine when the legislation is implemented at the end of 2023 (See email from Debra Duke 6 February) and Communities are asked if there are any streets in your area where vehicles

regularly park on the footway and the width of the carriageway is so narrow that parking on the carriageway instead of the footway would mean that a fire engine, or other emergency vehicle, would not be able to get past. Responses by 14 March. A poster will be prepared for Facebook and there may also be an article in CullenConnected.

- l. Moray Council Community Responders
Due to Gillian Pirie not managing to attend the last CDCC meeting via Zoom, the Cullen B.A.L.L. group are inviting her to their meeting on 16 March 2023
- m. Cullen and Deskford CC licensing presentation.
Joanne Larsen, Licensing Standards Officer (Licensing & Regulatory), Governance, Strategy & Performance, will be attending the CDCC meeting on 21 March to discuss licensing requirements both in general and for the Kings Coronation. Agreed to write to relevant groups with invitation to attend.

14. AOCB

None

15. Dates for the calendar

- a) 25 February – 3 March Janville-Sur-Juine delegation visit
- b) 22 March – Buckie Area Forum

16. Next meeting

21 March 2023

Meeting closed at 20.40

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.