



Minutes of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

15 November 2022

At Cullen community and residential centre

Present

Colin Burch (Chair)

Stuart Black (Vice Chair)

Bruce Edelsten (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)

Ernest Kopp (Planning)

Councillor Theresa Coull

John Jappy, (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service)

Apologies

Councillor Tracy Colyer, Councillor Donald Gatt, Police Scotland representative

1. Welcome

Colin Burch opened the meeting at 19.00

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) Fire and Rescue services – John Jappy reported the bonfire period came and went, and the prior community engagement at Portnockie and Cullen primary schools, and posters in shops may have been why across the Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, and Moray area there was a significant reduction in incidents compared to previous years. There will be a presence at the Christmas lights switch on in the square on the 24th November. There was an article about the station in the Northern Scot, reproduced on Facebook, and an article in CullenConnected.

Brief discussion on involvement with a community larder, the outcome of which depends on funding and availability of volunteers.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 18 October 2022

Approved by Phil Lovegrove, seconded by Ernest Kopp

4. Chair's Report

Colin Burch reported on the Joint Community Councils (JCC) meeting held on Thursday 10 November including:

Moray Community Alarm Responders – agreed to invite Gillian Pirie from the Moray Community Alarm Responders to the January meeting and supply and article for the next CullenConnected.

The Police Report – including speeding and speed surveys where the JCC will be encouraged to invest in the speed surveying equipment for joint community council use.

Lord Lieutenancy – the Queen's Green Canopy (tree planting) continues until March 2023.

CCLO – held various training sessions

(Safer)Travel Forum – Safer Travel Group - Looking for CC representation on 5 December. One member from each CC is expected.

War Memorials – The Dallachy war memorial is 'owned' by the Lennox Community Council who are looking for ways to get support for maintenance. Discussion about the Deskford war memorial – such as who paid for its construction and who pays for maintenance.

Just Transition Fund – the transition from a high carbon to green energy solutions.

Cross border community council is to be encouraged and, to that end a member of Fordyce and Sandend Community Council intends joining a future CDCC meeting. Closer links with other neighbouring Moray Council Community Councils will also be pursued. Closer links are required due to more emphasis being put on Community Councils from local authorities. Good neighbourly relations can prove to be beneficial for several reasons, not least due to personal knowledge between members.

5. Treasurer's Report

Phil reported that the admin has £556.38. Spend this month has been on gift for auditor and last month's hall use. The fundraising account has £27,554.73. Only expenditure was for hygiene course for one person (so far).

The different amounts ring fenced for different projects are: £20,000 for SSE resilience, £4,000 for play park, £1,500 for ebus shelter and £800 for clean beach rewards application. So that's £26,300 ring fenced for projects

6. Secretary's report

Posted on Facebook:

- Worrying about money: link to web page.
- Resilience planning bulletin
- (House) Windows Repair and Replacement Grant Scheme
- TSI Roadshow
- CullenConnected, Edition 6, November 2022

7. Councillors' reports

Theresa Coull reported

Various committees, including housing and licencing, have been progressing. Useful meeting with Police Superintendent Graham Norton = from which there is a recommendation that every event of concern is reported, possibly via Crimestoppers (0800 555 111) as opposed to dialling 101, since the information would influence the deployment of resources.

Attended TSI road show, a 'meet the funders' event, and has been requested to meet with the Lord Lieutenant of Moray

Previously, it had been reported that the crash barrier on the bend outside the Cullen Bay Hotel would be fixed by the end of November. Councillor Coull to enquire as to progress.

8. Planning Officer's Report

22/01479/APP - Proposed replacement boundary wall Lamlash 46 Lower Blantyre Street Cullen Bucky Moray AB564RQ

9. Resilience Planning

A JCC resilience planning event is being held in Elgin on 24th November.

Ecoflow battery portable power station – for someone potentially using equipment which requires a constant power supply e.g. a breathing and respiratory ventilator. It was agreed one should be purchased soon, with an option to purchase a spare for Deskford in the future.

As per hint from SSE the portable power station being considered is:

<https://uk.ecoflow.com/products/delta-max-portable-power-station?variant=42808164745408>

It was noted the Cullen fire engine requires to be trickle charged to maintain power to the various on-board equipment. During Storm Arwen crew had to run the engine regularly to recharge the equipment. The current Scottish Fire & Rescue Service of Scotland (SFRoS), Cullen resilience plan, should the power go off for an extended period, is to relocate to Buckie.

10. Current Business

- a) Community hub / hot meals
Warm Hubs in Cullen (WHiC). Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.00 – 14.00 at the Man's Shed; a warm place and snacks available and, on Wednesdays 12.00 -14.00 at Hall Church, then weekly afterwards until mid-December. Continuation will be dependent on uptake and volunteers to operate the service.
- b) Logie Park Play Area
Works underway, recently removing old equipment.
- c) Defibrillators / fund raising
Defibrillators all in-place. Awareness / fundraising event will be early in new year.
- d) Motor homes / camper vans / Port Long
No further update.
- e) Cullen Town Flowers
Article seeking volunteers in CullenConnected. CDCC can also contact those who responded to the questionnaire from earlier this year.
- f) Millenium Wood
No further update
- g) E-bus shelter
No move since last month. Other priorities have taken precedence.
- h) Moray 20mph speed limit / safer travel subgroup (7 Nov)

Ernest Kopp reported that the meeting acknowledged it needed more data and would investigate how this could be achieved. Also, to be investigated is how Aberdeenshire and Highland Councils managed to develop 20mph zones in various towns and villages.

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/highlands-islands/5011819/highland-council-20mph-speed-limits-next-summer-pilot/>

Councillor Coull noted there has been a request to the Moray Transport Manager for data but, as yet, there has not been a response. And the Scottish Government's 20mph initiative seems to have gone quiet.

i) CullenConnected

Bumper newssheet distributed round Cullen 12/13 November though there are some still to be delivered. Enclosures included 'Worrying About Money', 'Moray Citizens Advice Bureau' leaflets as well as a 'What's On' sheet.

11. AOCB

a) Scottish Water Top Up

"As part of our wider strategic campaign 'Your Water, Your Life' Scottish Water has committed to install outdoor water bottle filling stations across Scotland to encourage and promote the use of refillable bottles which customers can fill up with one of the country's best-loved products - our nation's tap water." Three suggested areas: Town Square, Cullen Harbour area, and Links were put to Scottish Water for consideration. It should be noted that Scottish Water plan only to put one water Top-up in the Cullen area. The ultimate decision will be theirs. <https://www.yourwateryourlife.co.uk/whats-new/>

b) Safety Barrier outside Cullen Bay Hotel

Still needing to be repaired and is supposed be done by end of November. (see above – Councillor's reports)

c) Greening and planting Moray town centres – where various towns in Moray have been awarded £5,000 for greening those towns, e.g., town flowers. Councillor May to enquire as to the decision-making process for this funding.

d) Community Centre Christmas Fair – it was agreed to offer a donation.

e) Boundary Commission – public consultation of proposed changes to be publicised via Facebook.

f) It was reported that the old "Cullen and Deskford Community Council" Facebook Group cannot be closed which means people can still post to it despite notices saying it closed. The current "Cullen & Deskford Community Council" Facebook Page works as expected. To prevent confusion, and potentially missing messages, removing the old Group or otherwise making it unavailable it is to be investigated.

12. Dates for the calendar

Wednesday 16 November 18.30: MC Draft Corporate planning event @ Elgin Town Hall

Thursday 17 November 09.00: Meet the funders event @ Elgin Town Hall

Thursday 17 November 15.00: Just Transition Participatory Budgeting event @ Elgin Town Hall

Wednesday 23 November 19.00: Buckie Area Forum meeting via Zoom

Thursday 24 November 10.00: JCC resilience planning meeting at Elgin Town Hall

WHiC (Warm Hubs in Cullen) for trial period of around 5 weeks.

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10.00-14.00 @ The Mens shed.

Wednesdays 12.00-14.00 Warm meal as well as variety of things to do at Hall Church

13. Next meetings

13 December 2022 at Cullen Community Centre

17 January 2023 at Cullen Community Centre

(Potentially, a future meeting could be held in the Mens Shed)

Meeting closed at 20.13

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.