



## **Minutes of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council**

13 December 2022

Via Zoom

### **Present**

Colin Burch (Chair)

Bruce Edelsten (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)

Ernest Kopp (Planning)

Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor Tracy Colyer, Councillor Donald Gatt

One member of the public

### **1. Welcome**

Colin Burch opened the meeting at 19.00. CDCC noted the resignation of Stewart Black. The chair and colleagues on the Community Council would like to thank him for his invaluable efforts with the Community Council over the years and would like to send him best wishes for the future.

### **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 Service – There was no Fire and Rescue Service presence

### **3. Minutes of meeting held on 15 November 2022**

Approved by Phil Lovegrove, seconded by Ernest Kopp

### **4. Chair's Report**

Request from a member of the public for information on getting a bench or a memorial sign.

Stewart Black referred the query to Moray Council and, unless further contact is made, no further action is required.

Buckie Area Forum (BAF) 23 November 2022. The BAF, as a direct result of CDCC requesting support for the Cullen Warm Hub programme, have contacted all other Community Councils in their area offering same support to them all. They are looking at the BAF website <https://buckie.co/> looking at splitting it into two parts. Other BAF areas are reminded that there are portions of the BAF website for local use regards what's going on in their area.

There was a Locality Plan meeting at the Buckie North Kirk on Wednesday 7 December 1000Hrs. There were no other items on the agenda other than the Buckie Hub shop. They have signed a lease for 6 months, with flexible extension options as required. The shop will be open largely around 1000-1600Hrs, though there will be flexibility with the hours open, as well as the days. Those will be volunteer dependent, as well as 'customer' use. They have purchased 1 laptop, with another 3 being donated soon. They are working in partnership with the Salvation Army, and Moray Firth Partnership in bringing this to Buckie.

Date of next BAF meeting - Wednesday 22 March 2023

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

Phil Lovegrove reported the Admin account has £791.18 and Fundraising account has £18022.92. CDCC has received the MC admin grant of £314.92.

Recent expenditure from SSE resilience fund includes:

Ecoflow and bag	£1803
Generators	£1968
Fuel containers and fuel	£190
Shipping Containers	£6000
Total	£9961
Balance from £20,000	£10039

Ring fenced amounts are:

1. SSE resilience	£10039
2. Ebus shelter	£1500
3. Clean beach awards	£800
4. Play park	£4000
Total	£16339

Colin Birch to contact Moray West Wind Farm re grant of £800 for Clean beach award as it is unlikely to be used.

CDCC acknowledged and welcomed the donation of £600 from the Rt Hon Earl of Seafield.

CDCC received a donation from Coop for £150 to help with provision of warm hub food.

3KA acknowledged donation to craft fair.

CDCC has paid £391.81 for catering equipment for the warm hub. CDCC should be able to invoice BAF for this.

Bruce Edelsten now has on-line access to the bank account.

## **6. Secretary's report**

Published on Facebook:

- Boundary Commission report of proposed constituency boundary changes
- Moray West windfarm newsletter

Also, see below, re Facebook.

Also, to be discussed off-line is a secure solution for file sharing

## **7. Councillors' reports**

Donald Gatt reported on current activity within Moray Council, which is mostly attending back-to-back meetings.

Tracy Colyer noted she, and other councillors, will be attending a Father Christmas event with presents for Ukrainian children at Elgin's Baptist church on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. She also reported how CullenConnected was well received

Theresa Coull attended the Citizen's Advice Bureau AGM – CAB are seeking volunteers; attended the resilience planning event (see below) and visited [Moray Waste Busters](#) in Forres, which employs nineteen people and has some volunteers.

Greening and planting Moray – decision making process

Theresa Coull reported that the Greening Scheme forms part of the Town Centre Improvement Plans specifically for Aberlour, Buckie, Dufftown, Forres, Keith and Lossiemouth. This was approved at Planning and Regulatory Services Committee on 25th October 2022.

Safety barrier on A98 opposite Cullen Bay Hotel – now repaired. It should be noted that this has taken too long to repair, and it was agreed CDCC should put in a letter of concern to Moray Council in respect the length of time taken for these safety critical repairs.

20MPH speed limits – Moray Council is waiting for guidance from the Scottish Government – re potential central funding for the development.

#### **8. Planning Officer's Report**

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Convert garage to living accommodation roof dormer extension and alter existing vehicular access at Coel Na Mara, 26 Queen's Drive, Cullen, Buckie, Moray, AB56 4XF.

There were no CDCC concerns.

#### **9. Resilience Planning**

Moray Council Resilience Planning event in Elgin on 24 November. There were 2 CDCC representatives at the event. There was also a representative from Fordyce & Sandend Community Council. They were there as a neighbouring CC, in an effort to have neighbourly relations with their area in the event of Community resilience information sharing /collaboration. CDCC have ordered in conjunction with the Community Centre storage units for Cullen and Deskford Jubilee Hall - delivery date unknown.

CDCC have received the Ecoflow emergency battery pack. The health centre is aware that we now have this and will make contact soon to work on best way of making this available when required. The health centre will be key to placing this with relevant persons in our area, though it will remain a part of the CDCC resilience equipment.

There needs to be Community Centre (3KA) management involvement in the Resilience Plan.

It was agreed to convene a meeting in the near future to progress this project.

#### **10. Current Business**

##### **a) Community hub / hot meals**

The Buckie Area Forum (BAF) have agreed to refund costs of this up to £500, and as a result of CDCC request, have made similar offers to other Community Councils in their area (the Buckie High School catchment area). The warm hubs (Buckie, Cullen, and Portsoy) are underway, though they haven't, as yet, been really well attended - . Two volunteers have undertaken Food Hygiene and Safety certification and the Hall church have been authorised

by Environmental Health for food preparation for these warm hubs. There are new volunteers helping out, so a thank you to them. This will continue as arranged until Wednesday 14 December 2022 and will be reassessed then. There have been various discussions taken place in respect of why people are not attending, and it may be to the perception that it is for people who are 'in need', so it is charitable. That is not the intention, though the group have concerns in respect of the venue, and the name playing a part in that perception. The group are considering renaming after the Christmas / New Year period and are requesting the Community Centre assist with the programme as a venue.

Note a recent BAF e-mail suggesting CDCC should apply through BAF to the Cost-of-Living Community Anchor Fund. The funder wants to support activity that provides support to those most affected to deal with the immediate impacts of cost-of-living challenges.

Types of activities they might expect to see may include:

- Food access or provision
- Support with fuel/energy challenges
- Vital transport access
- Warm clothing, blankets, electric blankets
- Access to small appliances that complement the above

An application will need to be submitted via BAF before the end of the year.

Potential ideas include funding for Buckie Highschool Breakfast Club and complimenting the resilience planning list

b) Logie Park Play Area

Works are underway. No update, as yet, to the progress. Colin has written to MC contact seeking information on the official progress status. There is an on-site meeting being sought for Tuesday 13 December between MC officials and the installers. Colin has offered to be in attendance when it is arranged.

Note - Since the CDCC meeting, there has been communication from Moray Council who have been informed by the supplier that, due to the weather, the installation team for Cullen is behind schedule with the project and is now likely to start sometime early 2023.

c) Defibrillators / fund raising

No further move, though we need to consider something early in 2023.

d) Motor homes / camper vans / Port Long

No new developments.

Note - Since the CDCC meeting, confirmation that this is now in-hand between TKCA and Seafeld Estate. No further involvement by CDCC.

e) Cullen Town Flowers

Flower plugs have not been ordered and no volunteers have come forward to assist with planting out and watering. There are various half barrels in the streets and, if they are not going to be used, they will need to be removed somehow. Meanwhile, Colin Burch to investigate whether any of the local businesses would be interested in adopting any tubs.

f) Millenium Wood. No news. Agreed to remove from agenda.

g) E-bus shelter

Colin has written to MC official (Yvonne Joss) in an attempt to move this forward, seeking a definitive move forward with the project in 2023, haven't received any feedback.

h) 20mph speed limit / safer travel subgroup – see above, re councillor's reports

i) CullenConnected – next issue, funding

To fund this into the future, Colin has applied to the National Lottery Communities fund. Confirmation is expected in early February 2023.

TSIMoray has identified a potential additional source of funding, the Moray Mental Health & Wellbeing fund. Closing date 10.00 Monday 9 January 2023 and award confirmation also expected in early February 2023

[https://www.tsimoray.org.uk/files/ugd/cf6b47\\_82c0673383844db5a7adfb2a34014ec0.pdf](https://www.tsimoray.org.uk/files/ugd/cf6b47_82c0673383844db5a7adfb2a34014ec0.pdf)

- j) Moray Food Plus / Tesco Community Grant / Foodbank  
Request for people to support the scheme if shopping in Buckie Tesco. End period is January 2023.
- k) Scottish Water Top Up  
Now with the Moray Council (MC) & Scottish Water (SW) officials to decide. CDCC were asked for suggestions as to where we thought a water top-up would be beneficial. CDCC suggestions are the Town Square, Harbour area, and the links. Only one option will be installed, and that largely is between SW & MC. Things they will consider are water supply, potential use to alleviate water stagnancy as well as planning considerations
- l) CDCC Facebook pages  
CDCC is now Admin of the "Cullen and Deskford Community Council" Facebook Group and the "Cullen & Deskford Community Council" Facebook Page (note the "&"). The former has been made private and has been hidden so only existing members will be able to see the group and post to it. The latter is probably more appropriate for CDCC use, but it may be appropriate to hang onto the former – just in case. Details on how to remove the group were circulated earlier

## **11. AOCB**

- a) Gritting Bins - Cathay Terrace and Olgivie Park.  
There had had been one in Olgivie Park, but this had been removed and not replaced by Moray Council. The one on Cathay Terrace is nearly empty. Donald Gatt will pursue this.
- b) Community Market / Event – Ernest Kopp is investigating potential funding via the Coop and enquired as to which bank account should be used.
- c) CDCC Business Cards – it was agreed to organise business cards for members use when attending various events.
- d) Moray Rural Centre of Excellence for Digital Health and Care Innovation  
<https://www.strath.ac.uk/whystrathclyde/news/2022/moraycentreofexcellence/>  
And [here](#) (pdf)  
Colin Burch was contacted by Melanie Hodge who is looking for Moray groups to become involved with their project which is a part of the Moray Growth Deal and have agreed to attend the February meeting.

## **12. Dates for the calendar**

9 Jan 2022 – closing date for community health wellbeing fund.  
(Potential Cullen Connected funding opportunity).

## **13. Next meetings**

17 January 2023 at Cullen Community Centre (Gillian Pirie from Community Alarms will be attending)  
21 February 2023

Meeting closed at 20.10

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.