



Minutes of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

18 April 2023

At the Jubilee Hall, Deskford.

Present

Colin Burch (Chair)

Bruce Edelsten (Secretary)

Ernest Kopp (Planning)

Councillor Theresa Coull

Councillor Donald Gatt

Constable McGillivray, Police Scotland

Nicola Gordon and Gillian Rose, Moray Council Self Direct Support Enabling Team

Three members of the public

1. Welcome and apologies

Colin Burch opened the meeting at 19.00 and welcomed those attending.

Apologies

Phil Lovegrove (treasurer), Colin Wood, HM Coastguard, Councillor Tracy Colyer,

2. Presentation by Nicola Gordon and Gillian Rose, Moray Council Self Direct Support (SDS) Enabling Team.

Nicola and Gillian talked the meeting through the scope of the SDS enabling team from social work assessments, the client assessment process and resourcing the provision of a service to the client.

3. Outside Agencies Reports

Police – The March Local Policing Priorities update was received via email. Constable McGillivray reported that during March there had been 16 calls in total - only one resulted in a matter dealt by the police. No antisocial behaviour reports, no RTCs reported and no serious crime.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 21 March 2023

Approved by Colin Burch, seconded by Ernest Kopp

5. Chair's Report

Subsumed within the text below

6. Treasurer's Report

Phil Lovegrove reported, via email, the admin account has £292.45. Expenditure this month was £13.13 for printer ink, £20 for table at Cullen Skink championship and £30 for use of centre for last meeting.

The Fundraising has account has £18076.94.

We've received £500 from Moray Council for 'warm hub' and £500 from Tesco for 'foodbank'. Spent £960 to Buchan Power Tools for shelving (SSE resilience). Donation of £50 to Fire Station for car wash day, £186 for items bought by Colin for the provision of meals and £257.73 for printing Cullen Connected.

That leaves ring fenced amounts:

- £4,000 for play park
- £1,500 for ebus shelter (still),
- £8,956.61 SSE resilience
- and £1185.34 Tsi.

Which leaves us with £2,434.99

7. Secretary's Report

Posted on Facebook

- Notice about Active Travel improvements on A96 in Elgin
- Poster seeking feedback about Twinning
- CullenConnected Edition 7 and What's On
- Digital Health and Care Innovation (DHI) drop in session at UIH Moray

Letters/email

- To Three Kings Association requesting copies of minutes
- Enquiry from Highland News & Media about Cullen coronation activities

8. Councillor's Reports

Theresa Coull and Donald Gatt reported things have been quite quiet with a lull over the Easter recess but now there is a flurry of activity.

Discussion on availability of funds for road works and how this relates to resurfacing York Place.

Discussion on road signage in the square.

9. Planning Officer's Report

Nothing to report.

10. Resilience Planning

- a. Support Agreement & Review. It is the view of CDCC that the support agreement has issues. CDCC does not think CDCC members should be 'personally' liable.

Colin to approach Moray Council Rhona McNicol / Debra Duke

- b. Items purchased so far includes Containers, shelving, keysafes, generators and ancillaries.
- c. Container to Deskford - Colin has informed Bruce McLaren that this will be put in place sometime soon - with the help of a couple of members of the Cullen Mens shed.
- d. Generator testing - These will be given a run in the near future.

11. Twinning with Janville-sur-Juine

- a. Participants from Cullen and Janville-sur-Juine attended a Zoom meeting on 12 April at which the feedback from the recent request for comment via CullenConnected newsletter and social was discussed. It was agreed a) more time was needed for feedback (there had only been one response), b) to seek feedback from Cullen Primary School and c) reconvene during the end of June to discuss progress.
- b. Feedback from notice in CullenConnected and Facebook. As above – apart from one response from France, basically no local response to the article in the CullenConnected newsletter or on social media
- c. Potential exploratory trip to France in September – too be confirmed.
- d. Funding - Still to submit Common Good form to MC Councillors for approving.
<http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file58387.pdf>

12. Community Lunchs

- Current situation. Weekly lunches now stopped. Average attendance was around 40 people each week. Monthly lunches (last Wednesday of the month) now in place. Community Centre hall hire now paid until October.
- Feedback has been very positive with regular attendance by some.
- Buckie Area Forum (BAF) Warm Winter Bundle funds. Colin has chased this up again. Receipts have been put to the BAF Treasurer, so await recompense from that. As a reminder, we were offered up to £500 towards this programme. We have applied for £492. This is in relation to hall hires and food preparers food certification.
- Moray Council funding. This was successful and we were awarded £500 which has been received.

13. Current Business

- a. Logie Park Play Area
No further progress. Colin understands MC is still awaiting contractors to respond to MC Officers request for a site visit.
- b. E-bus shelter
This needs to be re-assessed as to its viability. Chair to contact MC Officer to arrange a site visit.
- c. Moray Local Development Plan – 2027 review
No update
- d. CullenConnected – funding
CDCC received £2,000 from TSI wellbeing
Chair to pursue grant application from the National Lottery Communities Fund.
- e. Scottish Water and subsidence in Seafield Street
Chair reported that the location of the hole in Seafield St was lost between Scottish Water and the contractor – who turned up at Judy’s Lane, but now has a contact in the

contractors. Donald Gatt reported: I've reported this to Scottish Water, reference CAS-2164474-F7C8X CRM:036300006076, the original issue dates back to 2020.

- f. Moray council draft volunteering policy
Secretary to forward the document to voluntary organisations in Cullen.
- g. Roads – potholes in York Place
Donald Gatt reported he had had a number of complaints about this and have been in consultation with the roads department. York Place is currently on P1 for resurfacing and has been for a year, though the complication is that there are drainage works also required on that road. The Annual Works Programme found at Annual Works Programme - Moray Council has yet to be republished for 2023/24 but hopefully will be soon. As ever the issue is money and with cuts to Moray Council grant from the Scottish Government this year of 2.2%, as mentioned in the Council Tax Information Leaflet at Council Tax and Budget Information 2023 (moray.gov.uk) we are inevitably not able to do all we would like.
- h. Links Car Park - Chuckies
Chair had asked a local member of the public to spread these though, as yet, this haven't been done. Chair to contact the volunteer group.
- i. Three Kings Association – Minutes
CDCC has been assured that our request to receive copies of the minutes has been put to the Management group. CDCC received acknowledgment of the request from the 3KA secretary.
- j. File sharing – still to be investigated.

14. AOCB

- a) Application to CDCC membership from a member of the public. This has been forwarded to Debra Duke, CC Liaison Officer, for progressing. CDCC understands that it has been forwarded to relevant MC Officers for confirming.
- b) Notices at harbour – the secretary was approached by a member of the public who commented that a sign at the harbour were looking a bit tatty. Donald Gatt to investigate who is responsible for maintenance.
- c) The Coop community fund has opening up though applications have to go through the community council

15. Next meeting

16 May

20 June

Meeting closed at 20.52

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, TKCA Development Officer, Cullen Library, and posted on Facebook.