



Minutes of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

20 June 2023

At Cullen Community and Residential Centre

Present

Bruce Edelsten (Secretary)

Les Tarr

Lyra Wilson

Stewart Wilson

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies

Councillors Theresa Coull, Donald Gatt, Tracy Colyer. Colin Burch, Phil Lovegrove, Ernest Kopp

2. Presentation by Police Constable Rachel Barclay, Local Community Officer

Constable Barclay detailed the remit of the post and the intention to interact with the public by, for example, visiting local schools and attending community lunches.

She detailed what was known about the recent outbreak of vandalism. One of the issues seemed to be the public not knowing the appropriate or best method for contacting the police.

A future revision of the minutes will contain fuller contact details. Meanwhile:

Contact details: where there is an emergency, such as danger to life, 999; the Buckie office is 01542 832222; Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

Constable Barclay agreed to investigate whether it would be possible to either generate an article for an issue of CullenConnected or supply an insert.

3. Outside Agencies Reports

Police – The May Local Policing Priorities update was received via email.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 16 May 2023 and matters arising.

Approved by Stewart Wilson, seconded by Lyra Wilson

5. Chair's Report

Subsumed within the text below

6. Treasurer's Report

Phil Lovegrove reported that the Admin account has £545.79. The Moray Council six monthly grant has been received and we spent £30 on hall use last month.

The fundraising account has £18568.14. We received £491.20 from Buckie Area Forum. The ring fenced amounts are same as last month as nothing has been spent this month (don't have figures as I'm away with very poor WiFi).

Ring fenced amounts same as last month:

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

7. Secretary's Report

Bruce responded to a query about a "Remembering Together sound walk on Cullen Beach" an event taking place on Cullen beach in August. He also responded to a query following vehicle damage to the community centre boundary wall and posted on Facebook an update to Logie Play Park.

8. Councillor's Reports

No councillors were present at the meeting.

9. Planning Officer's Report

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Alter and extend dwellinghouse at 32 South Deskford Street Cullen Buckie Moray AB564XE

10. Resilience Planning

- Support Agreement & Review: no further movement at this stage. Still need to arrange meeting with relevant Moray Council representatives.
- Funds as per Treasurers report
- Container to Deskford: still to be arranged.
- Generator testing: no information.

11. Twinning with Janville-sur-Juine

- a) Next Zoom meeting in June. Nothing actioned – probably need to inform our French compatriots of the lack of interest – other than the school's ongoing interest – technical issues notwithstanding.
- b) Common Good Fund application for reimbursement of funds has been submitted to Moray Council is awaiting a decision. CDCC is still awaiting confirmation of the application.

12. Community Lunches

- a) Current situation: Monthly on last Wednesday of the month until September or October with about 30 attendees at the most recent lunch with possibly more attending later in the year. More volunteers would reduce the workload on those currently involved who possibly risk being overloaded. Volunteers do not, necessarily, need to be Cullen based.
- b) Buckie Area Forum - Warm Winter Bundle. £491.21 received from Buckie Area Forum.

- c) Notices to advertise lunches: in CullenConnected, perhaps a street sign in the square or in the (damaged) the notice board in the square. (street signs cost money)
- d) Currently, the lunches are not being extensively used as an opportunity for citizen advice.

13. Current Business

- a. Logie Park Play Area
Following an on-site meeting on Tuesday 30th May to discuss siting of the equipment, Proludic Ltd subsequently produced a plan of the proposed layout which was posted on Facebook for community information. Installation started w/c 12 June and, as of the 18th June, was part completed. CDCC had hoped the area round the existing play tower could be graded / levelled without Moray Council involvement, which would take time. This has not, yet, happened and Moray Council have been informed.
- b. E-bus shelter
No further forward. The funding is there (though not enough to fund the project as originally envisaged), and it may not be easily diverted, hence keenness of Moray Council to continue with the project in some form. Colin Burch to maintain contact with Moray Council to progress.
- c. Moray Local Development Plan – 2027 review
This is linked to the Moray Council Local Place Plans. Requirement for Community Councils to have input, particularly prior to public meetings though there is no news on roadshows.
- d. CullenConnected
A request for articles has been issued. It is anticipated the edition will be printed and distributed by end of June.
- e. Links Car Park - Chuckies
Colin spread the chuckies leaving a small mound left any future holes that require filling.
- f. Three Kings Association (Cullen Community Centre) – request for copies of minutes
Minutes from the 1st June 2023 meeting were received and circulated within the CDCC.
- g. File sharing
This has been written up and circulated to CDCC members. Small technical issue: the iCloud does not do “journalling” for Office format documents though it does for Apple Sheets, Pages etc., so the facility is best used as a repository rather than a working storage area. Journalling means one can revert to a previous version of a document if something goes wrong while editing the current version. To be removed from the agenda.
- h. Mercat Cross
Councillor Donald Gatt reported:
“After a prompt of information originating from Stan Slater, received via Stewart Black, I conducted a trawl of the Burgh of Cullen Council Minutes Book from 1871 through to 1873 and submitted my findings with photographs of the relevant entries from the minutes book to the legal department of Moray Council. After the legal department deliberated a while I received the following notification, the highlighting is mine.

'Thank you for providing us with the Cullen Town Council Minutes. It is our view that the Cullen Town Cross is a moveable asset belonging to the Council and therefore, the Council will be responsible for its maintenance.'

I also received the following.

'Thank you for your email. I understand that the Cross will now be added to the Council's Asset Register to keep a record of our ownership. I will also arrange to send copies of the Minutes to our Estates team who can upload the copies onto our electronic titles system.' “

Donald Gatt included copies of the photographs mentioned.

- i. Charitable lighthouse donation to Cullen.
This is being donated by Linda & Eddie of 'Linda's chip shop'. An outline planning application for siting the lighthouse on the piece of land adjacent to the viaduct, other side of the A98 from the Medici-Ley, has been submitted and is awaiting a determination.
- j. "20s Plenty" signs. Les agreed to distribute the signs round the Seatown.
- k. Network bandwidth at Cullen Primary School

As things stand, there has been no response to the request for information about available bandwidth, either via the primary school or through Tracy Colyer. While waiting for this information, Les offered to investigate Capita's SLA for GLOW <https://glowconnect.org.uk/about-glow/>

- l. Community Councils in Scotland- 50th anniversary.
The Moray Council Joint Community Council (JCC) are thinking of marking this anniversary. CDCC did not think there was sufficient justification to spend public funds on an event which would not be of any great significance to the public.

14. Community Councillors - roles and responsibilities.

CDCC agreed to meet informally on 18 July to discuss their roles and responsibilities, and how the various volunteer groups within Cullen can better communicate and interact. Les agreed to take the ideas away and come back with proposals.

15. AOCB

- a. Town Centre notice board.
Colin to pursue getting this repaired.
- b. CDCC thanks the Millennium Garden Volunteer Group for their work with the town flowers.
- c. The Pet Cemetery group are looking to put an application in to the Co-op Community fund for a bench but require a 'constituted' groups bank account as a portal for funds. CDCC agreed it was acceptable for the CDCC bank account be available for this.
- d. Scottish Water Top-up tap launch. There will be a formal 'launch' of the tap on Friday 23 June). Colin hopes to attend.

e. Harbour Toilets

During the recent spell of excellent weather, the Cullen Harbour beaches have been frequently and extensively used by visitors. Some had passed comment on Facebook questioning why the harbour toilets are closed and various theories have been posted. Bruce Edelsten has requested from Moray Council whether it would be possible to detail the lease conditions pertaining to the availability of the toilets to the public. There will be a Harbour Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday 22 June where, hopefully, this information will be made available so a definitive response to the queries can be posted on Facebook.

16. Date for the Calendar

Friday 23 June – Official ‘opening’ of Water Top-up Tap at Cullen Links

17. Next meetings

18 July – Cullen Community and Residential Centre

15 August - Cullen Community and Residential Centre

Meeting closed at 20.30

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.