



**Minutes of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council**  
**15 October 2024**  
**Cullen Community and Residential Centre**

**Present:**

Colin Burch (Chair)  
Lyra Wilson (Vice Chair)  
Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)  
Bruce Edelsten (Secretary)  
Stewart Wilson (planning)  
Les Tarr  
Colin Taylor, Chair, Deskford and District Community Association  
    Jill Sowden, Community Development Officer (Cullen and Deskford)  
Councillor Theresa Coull  
Councillor Donald Gatt  
Councillor Tracy Colyer  
Ruth Liddicoat and Lucy Blake (for Vattenfall's Aultmore Windfarm proposal)

**CDCC Annual General Meeting 2024**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies  
None
3. Minutes of AGM held on 17 October 2023  
Agreed as a true record of the meeting. Approved by Colin Burch, seconded Stewart Wilson.
4. Confirmation of Office Bearers  
The following were confirmed
  - a. Chair – Colin Burch
  - b. Vice Chair – Lyra Wilson
  - c. Secretary – Bruce Edelsten
  - d. Treasurer – Phil Lovegrove
  - e. Planning – Stewart Wilson
  - f. Resilience – Stewart WilsonThe meeting approved to formalise the post of Resilience Officer and Stewart Wilson was confirmed to the post.
5. Appointment of auditors  
Phil Lovegrove reported an auditor has been appointed.
6. Confirmation of dates for 2024/25  
Traditionally 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month except July, where there is no formal meeting, and December, where the meeting may be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week. Also, meetings are usually held in Cullen except the April and November ones which are held in Deskford. The meeting confirmed this schedule to continue.

7. Any other AGM business  
There was none

8. Close of AGM  
The meeting closed at 1903

### **Regular meeting of CDCC**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies  
John Jappy, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
3. Outside Agencies Reports
  - a. Police Scotland report  
Community Councils should now expect a quarterly report.
  - b. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
John Jappy reported in absentia: It has been quiet again in the Cullen area. The original proposed dates for the open drop-in sessions for recruitment at the station have had to be changed with the new dates being advertised shortly. The focus this month will be on fireworks and bonfire safety. Historically we have never had any major problems [with fireworks] in Cullen and the surrounding area.
4. Aultmore Windfarm  
Ruth Liddicoat and Lucy Blake (for Vattenfall's Aultmore Windfarm proposal) gave an update on the project, which is in planning, and hope it goes before Moray Council planning on 17 December. Currently working on the Buckie Harbour master plan. The plan now includes an option of accessibility for on shore wind projects such as the Aultmore Windfarm.
5. Minutes of previous meeting held on 17 September 2024
  - a. Corrections
  - b. Approval  
Approved by Stewart Wilson, seconded Colin Burch
  - c. Matters arising not on agenda  
None
6. Chair's report  
Subsumed within the text
7. Treasurer's Report  
Admin account has £454.76. Outgoing last month has been £30 to DDCA for use of hall, £0.99 for iCloud storage and £74.80 for poppy wreaths.  
Fund Raising account has £12837.83. Outgoing was £67.97 for Millennium Garden bulbs. Income of £250 from TKCA as loan repayment.  
Allocated funds are £10319.15 and unallocated £2518.68

Breakdown of allocated funds is:  
£6926.61 SSE,  
£1578.61 town centre regeneration fund,

£1813.93 for community lunches.

End of financial year balances were:

Admin £454.76

Fundraising £12587.83 (allocated £10069.15, unallocated £2518.68)

8. Secretary's Report

Subsumed within text

9. Planning Officer's report

24/01397/APP | Remove and replace rear extension at 7 South Deskford Street Cullen  
Buckie Moray AB56 4XE

24/01360/APP | Change of use from former garage to cafe at Bauds Garage Buckie  
Moray AB56 4DY

CDCC to add 'no comment' comment.

Has the antique centre on Bayview Road had change of use planning application?  
(It was subsequently confirmed that change of business type does not require a change  
of use application.)

10. Councillor's reports

Theresa Coull reported there it has been the usual committees; attended the Kronach  
exchange (twinning with Banffshire – see <https://www.facebook.com/HBKTA/>), the  
Harbour Advisory Committee and a Harvest Thanksgiving at the Hall Church.

Tracy Colyer included the education committee,

Donald Gatt had attended the COSLA annual conference and convention, a skills  
workshop for the growth deal; various briefings including Scottish housing performance  
analyse, where Moray is doing quite well from a housing perspective; Grampian  
Evaluation Joint Board and members digital group. Usual ward work with constituents.

11. Community Development Officer's report / Three Kings Cullen Association – minutes

Jill Sowden reported on three of her fifteen projects

Community Survey

This is live and the date has been extended to 4 November. So far, the data has mostly  
come from women aged over 65. She has created a SurveyMonkey survey – but the free  
version only allows 25 responses, though that will give a flavour of responses

Upgrade to four of the community centre rooms including insulation, extending one  
upstairs and a drop ceiling in the one that used to be the playgroup room. There is  
funding from Moray Local Action Fund for these improvements though that is waiting for  
a building warrant. Highland and Island Enterprise looking to match the funding which  
may include funding for a heat pump.

3KAC is looking at leasing or purchasing commercial premises on the High St for a food  
hub / pantry.

12. Deskford and District Community Association – minutes

Colin Taylor talked the meeting through recent and planned events at the Deskford  
Halls including a Festive Tractor Run on 23 December 2024.

13. Current Business

- a. Resilience Planning  
Workshop undertaken by Moray Council officials at Inchberry Hall on 7 November 2024.
- b. Local Place Plans (closing date extended to Jan 2025). Jill Sowden / TKCA taking the lead. CDCC thanks Jill Sowden for leading on this as it is a time consuming piece of work.
- c. Community Lunches  
Will be fortnightly till the end of the year on Wednesday afternoons: 30 October; 13 November; 27 November; 11 December.
- d. CullenConnected  
Draft has been prepared and, hopefully, will ready for distribution within a week.
- e. Ramp to beach  
No further updates
- f. Millenium Wood  
No further updates
- g. Tarmacking of pavements in Ogilvie Park  
Now completed. Remove from agenda.
- h. SSEN Community Benefit Fund  
Colin to investigate this for CullenConnected funding
- i. Harbour Advisory Committee – 3 Oct 2024  
Heather Cameron represented CDCC at the meeting.
  - a. Notice boards banning dogs on harbour beaches  
Moray Council has no legal authority to enforce a sign, ‘banning’ dogs from the beaches, may well be against the Scottish Access Code, so notices will not be replaced.
  - b. Harbour Advisory Committee Constitution  
This is being revised, perhaps changing the name to ‘Harbour User Group’, and including paddle boarding and wild swimmers.
  - c. Dates of next meetings are 5th December 2024; 6th March 2025 and 5th June 2025 with four meetings a year.
  - d. Heather Cameron advised Moray Council that Les Tarr was the Seatown ‘Local Neighbour’ for the Committee.
- j. Correspondence from the Minister for Climate Action  
Community Councils, and others, have been invited to provide feedback to the Fuel Poverty Act of 2019 which will inform the summary of fuel poverty progress in Scotland, and in consideration to further building upon and developing new, existing and planned actions in the next reporting period 2025-27, with the subsequent periodic report in Spring 2028.
- k. Boundaries Scotland Consultations  
Boundaries Scotland has published its Further Proposals for constituency boundaries and Provisional Proposals for new region boundaries for the Scottish Parliament. It marks the start of a public consultation which runs from 26 September 2024 to 26 October 2024. CDCC doesn’t think the proposals effect Cullen and Deskford.
- l. Aultmore Wind Farm
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Harbour master plan. The plan now includes an option of accessibility for on shore wind projects such as the Aultmore Windfarm.

- b. Forest Land Scotland - Aultmore Land Management Plan – Bruce Edelsten submitted a response on behalf of CDCC noting Forest and Land Scotland and the developers, Vattenfall, are, in CDCC’s opinion, a bit dismissive about the recreational potential of the proposed development and it is CDCC’s opinion development of the recreational potential should be encouraged
- m. Cullen and Deskford Calendar.  
The Cullen Volunteer Group are not doing a Cullen calendar this year and the retail shops have been getting strong requests for this. Colin has created a draft copy of a calendar proposal, and the camera club are going to submit photographs. Colin brought along a draft calendar printed using the Community Printer and proposed CDCC put out a calendar using the Community Centre printer to raise funds for the Cullen Connected newsletter via the CDCC. It was agreed to go ahead to gauge the response.
- n. Community Council Elections 2025
- o. JCC (next meeting – 14 November 2024)
  - a. Transport Forum
  - b. Community Council funding – JCC Admin Grant subgroup
  - c. Review of Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils  
Meeting with Debra Duke on 22 October 2024 at 7pm.  
[http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_156899.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_156899.html)

#### 14. AOCB

- a. Parking for disabled badge holders in Cullen  
A member of the public queried the allocation of disabled parking spaces in Cullen.  
Other than designated places outside a residence, CDCC is not aware any on-street parking for the disabled.
- b. Christmas Tree at Community Centre  
CDCC and/or 3KAC to confirm with Seafield Estates offer of donation of Christmas Tree.  
3KAC has returned the form. CDCC noted there are other requirements as Deskford Halls have also received an application form for one and will respond themselves.
- c. Draft Forestry and Woodland Strategy  
Moray Council the draft Forestry and Woodland Strategy for consultation with the deadline for comments being 5pm on 22nd November. MC are hosting a half day event on the morning of 24th October at Horizon Scotland, Enterprise Park Forres, and would welcome attendance from Joint Community Council members. No one from CDCC will be able to make the commitment to attend.
- d. Moray West Access point 4 – reinstatement  
A member of the public queried the intention of Moray Council, as part of the Moray West Wind Farm landfall to Keith reinstatement process, to enforce the removal of some tar on a minor road which provided a handy passing place. This has been dealt with. Remove from agenda

#### 15. Dates for the calendar

22 October: meeting with Debra Duke for review of establishment.

22 October – 1.30pm: meeting William Black from Gladstone Benches



23 October - 7pm Deskford Halls management group meeting

10 November: Remembrance Day – Stewart Wilson will attend the Cullen and Deskford ceremonies on behalf of CDCC

16. Dates of next meetings

19 November 2024 at Cullen Community Centre

Tracy Colyer apologies for her absence

17 December 2024 at Cullen Community Centre

Meeting closed 21.00