

Attendees: DLCC		Attendees: Other
Caroline McLeod (CM)	<i>Acting Chair</i>	Kathleen Robertson - Councillor
Sheena Tulloch (ST)	<i>Minutes Sec.</i>	Paul McBain - Councillor
Janet Grant (JG)	<i>Treasurer</i>	
Callum Ross (CR)		

Apologies:		
Apologies were received from Jackie Davidson, Owen Taylor and Nikki Morrison		

	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Welcome CM welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Police Update & Community Safety Reports No update received.	For info
3.	Public No members of the public attended the meeting.	For info
4.	Minutes of last Meeting The draft minutes of 14 th May 2025 had previously been circulated. Proposed: CM Seconded: JG	For info
5.	a) Bank Account Progress JG reported that in spite of spending a lot of time on the telephone or attending the bank in person not much progress has been made with changing to online banking. It continues to be a frustrating process. However all three signatories have now been approved and all have sent their signatures online once more. JG is hoping to hear soon that the account can now be activated. JG CM and ST will look out for the text which will be sent giving the access code to activate the account.	JG CM ST
	b) SID funding progress Following feedback from another Community Council group, which is handing their SID units back as they were fraught with issues and problems, ST proposed that DLCC does not proceed with more applications for funding for this project. CR seconded this and it was agreed by all present. KR and PM reiterated that the £2000 ward money allocated to DLCC may be used instead for the upkeep of the local defibrillators – this had already been said at an previous meeting. All members agreed to this and the Councillors were thanked.	For info
	c) Social Media/Whatsapp update CR and NM continue to share anything relevant to the DLCC area. All members agreed that the DLCC Whatsapp group works well for communicating quickly about things.	CR NM

	d) Defib Broom of Moy No update	For info
	e) MC Changes to Internment Times/Fees update CR reported that the changes have started and are going well. It had been recognised that things had to change and a compromise was reached. There was understanding from both sides as to why changes were necessary and this had come about due to better communication and dialogue through holding meetings with all interested parties.	For info
	f) Culbin Forest Wildfire ST suggested that DLCC should write to the Forestry Commission to enquire as to whether more visible signage is needed to remind people about the dangers of using naked flames, smoking and leaving glass bottles in the forest. There are presently very few signs displayed and those few are very small. It was noted that when the film crew were there they had huge signs on display about this matter which might be more effective. It was agreed that ST should write to the Forestry Commission.	ST
	g) Review of the Scheme of Establishment – 2nd Consultation This review has closed and is coming to Committee at the end of August 2025.	For info
	h) Ideas for Defibrillator Maintenance Fundraising Events – Due to the generosity of MC's donation from the ward fund it will not be necessary to do more fundraising this year. Ideas will be sought again in the future.	For info
	i) Burnie Path Dog Fouling Update – JG reported that the new signs which had been erected by the Community Warden had been ripped down very soon after being put up. All members present were very disappointed to hear this. JG will email Donna Jamieson to inform her about this act of vandalism. JG received a response from MC about the possibility of a bin being placed at the end of the Burnie Path – this cannot happen as it is deemed to be too dangerous for the bin lorry to stop on that corner.	JG
6.	Treasurer's Report: Current total in bank: £5603.45 Reserve Fund: £4708.10 Working Fund: £895.35 The cheque for the defibrillator maintenance has now been cashed.	For info
7.	Local Councillors' Reports KR reported that although the Council has been in recess it has still been a busy time with various matters being attended to. The mop-up after the wildfires has required a lot of attention. The Moray Leisure Centre ice rink closure has raised issues, but this has been a business decision made by the board of the leisure centre and not MC. President Trump's visit caused a lot of road closures around Lossiemouth so this had to be managed. All these issues take up time and puts delays on other things. Full council will meet at the end of August 2025. Exam results will be compared with other authorities across Scotland and attainment will be reported to committee by December 2025.	For info

	VJ service – this will take place at 2pm on Friday 15 th August 2025 in St Laurence Church.	
8.	Planning Issues None	For info
9.	Correspondence Those who had read the Cullen Connected Newsletter agreed that it was a very good way of keeping everyone in the community informed of the work of the Community Council. Replacement Forres Academy – there is to be a meeting on Tuesday 19 th August 2025 in Forres Town Hall. It is due to go to planning in September 2025 with the hope to start building in May/June 2026. Objections are still being raised as to the chosen site of the new building. There is a sense of urgency to move forward with this project so that the funding is not lost. Karen Greaves has not yet given a date of when she will attend a DLCC meeting.	For info
10.	AOCB ST reported that concerns have been raised about the state of the road from Kintessack down to the Culbins, in particular the section from the Belmack burn to Culbin Cattery. The road is very narrow at this point and there is a large volume of traffic on it some of which is big and heavy. The road is beginning to subside into the ditch. KR suggested that ST should report this using the MC portal and recommend that other locals do the same. CM again expressed concern about speeding at Brodie and wonders if it would be possible to at least extend the 50mph sign further towards Feddan.	ST
12.	Date, Time and Venue of the next meeting – Wednesday 10 th September 2025 at 19.30 hrs - Dyke Church Hall	For info

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm