

Minutes of Meeting 17 March 2026 @ 7pm
Cullen Community Centre and on Teleconference (via Zoom)

Attendees: Chair: Les Tarr (LT), Vice-Chair: Stuart Donald (SD), Treasurer: David Baxter (DB), Secretary: Chris Lawson (CL), Elaine Baxter (EB), Lynn Myles (LM), Andrew Campbell (AC), Donald Gatt (DG), Theresa Coull, (ThC)
Zoom Attendees: Tracey Coyler (TrC)
Members of the Community: 3

Item	Note	Action Points
1.	<p>Welcome, and Introductions</p> <p>LT welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p>LT advised that handover from the previous CDCC continues but advised that all matters should be resolved soon. This relates to banking issues.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Jill Sowden (JS), Colin Taylor (CT), Scottish Fire and Rescue: John Jappy (JJ), Police Scotland representative and Seafield Medical Practice representative.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of previous meetings</p> <p>20 January 2025</p> <p>Matters Arising: None</p>	<p>Approved LM Seconded SD</p>
4.	<p>Blue Light Report</p> <p><u>Scottish Fire and Rescue Services</u></p> <p>Ongoing recruitment across Moray and the Shire, seasonal safety topics will be displayed on station social media pages, ongoing preparation for joint recruitment day with other neighbouring emergency services(date TBC).</p> <p><u>Police Scotland</u></p> <p>No report received.</p> <p><u>Seafield Medical Practice</u></p> <p>No report received</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

	<p>concerns could be raised MP/MSP as the problem may be impacting on all CCs in Scotland</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>A planning officer is still to be appointed.</p>	
6.	<p>Representations at Groups</p> <p>Buckie Area Forum took place on 4 March. This was attended by LT.</p>	
7.	<p>Moray Councillors Report</p> <p>ThC reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended council meetings (including full council meeting) • Ongoing constituency work • Attended meeting on budget planning • Audit scrutiny meetings <p>DG reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended council meetings (including full council) • Ongoing constituency work • Attended meeting on budget • Attended meeting on housing <p>DG also advised on the recycling fence and if Moray Council would repair it. DG also advised that he would assist regarding the requirements the purchasing / displaying of a 'brown sign' for Cullen Sea School.</p> <p>TrC reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended council meetings (including full council meeting) • Ongoing constituency work • Attended meeting on budget planning <p>CDCC would like to thank the councillors for their continued support.</p>	

8.	<p>Deskford</p> <p>CDCC Representative: Residents of Deskford have raised issues with the state of the roads within the community. This refers to increasing potholes due to the number of larger vehicles using the roads.</p> <p>Communication Association Chair: Due to CTs absence there was nothing to report</p>	CDCC to progress
9.	<p>Resident Issues</p> <p>Cullen Library LM provided additional information regarding the ongoing issues with Cullen Library. LM has posted on social media highlighting that local residents who are not members should consider becoming a member, what the library offers, that visitor / temporary memberships are available and the need for volunteers to help, especially on a Saturday.</p> <p>Recycling Centre CL highlighted the boundary and that fly tipping continues. CDCC will write to Moray Council and ask for the boundary fence to be repaired.</p> <p>Repair of Fence – Lower Blantyre Street This has been repaired. CDCC would like to thank Moray Council for their speedy action in repairing the fence.</p> <p>Road Markings The link to contact Moray Council with issues on road markings etc. has been provided.</p> <p>Beach Lifebuoys This has been actioned by Moray Council. CDCC would like to thank DG for his assistance in this matter.</p> <p>Logie Park The application for funding has been submitted.</p> <p>Beach Path Lighting CDCC (LM) continues to progress avenues for funding.</p> <p>EV Charging Station – Seatown CDCC to progress funding opportunities and planning permission with Moray Council.</p>	<p>CDCC to look at the possibility of a flyer for Airbnb etc. in Cullen to encourage visitor memberships</p> <p>CDCC to progress</p>

	<p>Defibrillators CDCC to progress with volunteers to check the equipment. This will be done in consultation with Keirans Legacy</p> <p>Water signs – safety It has been observed that there is a lack of water hazard signs at Cullen Beach, Harbour and Motorhome car park. CDCC will review signage and liaise with Moray Council for additional signs in prominent locations.</p> <p>Trade Waste Bins Local residents have highlighted the issue with general waste bins being full of waste that should be placed in household bins. This may be a result of those staying in Airbnb / vacation accommodation. CDCC will liaise with Moray Council on trade waste bins, ensuring that those who should have trade waste bins, are advised to apply for them.</p> <p>Dog Fouling Local residents and businesses have highlighted the amount of dog poo within the beach area. This is a result of dog owners being irresponsible. CDCC (LM) has liaised with the Moray Council dog warden to look at the possibility of additional signage. CDCC has also agreed to purchase poo bag dispensers for Cullen to try and reduce the problem. These should be in situ by end of March.</p>	
10.	<p>Community Groups: Updates / Information</p> <p>Three Kings / CDO</p> <p>JS was absent from the meeting so no update was provided.</p> <p>This would have been JS last meeting. CDCC would like to thank Jill for her commitment, hard work and local knowledge in her role at the Three Kings. She will be sadly missed!</p>	
11.	<p>Projects and Initiatives</p> <p>Carried forward business</p> <p>Resilience Plan – This is a long term project and continues to be progressed.</p> <p>A98 Crossing / Traffic / Parking Concerns – CDCC will actively engage with Moray Council and the community to</p>	

	<p>ensure that proposals meet the requirements of the community,</p> <p>Cullen Recycling Centre (Lock up volunteers) – This is an ongoing issue. It was noted that fly-tipping continues and the boundary fence is broken. The issue of security and introducing opening / closing times continues to be discussed further.</p>	
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CDCC Logo – positive feedback has been received from the local businesses. CDCC voted to accept the new logo which will be used for all documents etc. 2. Community engagement: CDCC continues to actively encourage residents to have their say / opinion through various means such as: social media, polls, attending meetings. Community engagement and consultation is vital for initiatives to be successful. 3. Donald Gatt: Cullen Common Good – History of Cullen Harbour sign. DG advised that funding has been sought. CDCC fully support this initiative to have a new sign. 4. Mr Burch (member of the public for this item) enquired whether CDCC would host and fund a Hustings event. Though he had received prior notification that CDCC would not support this, he asked for a vote and for it to be officially recorded. The 5 CDCC members entitled to vote, voted 5 against the motion for a Hustings and 0 for the event. It was explained that the CDCC has other priorities and resources were limited. 5. Mr Burch (associated with Cullen Connected) advised that he was seeking funding for a new printer and that applications had been submitted for funding. Two points arose from the discussion. <p>It was noted that to increase the funding through the Corra Foundation application that Mr Burch required either the CDCC to take ownership of the application or he was assigned ‘associate membership’ status for the purpose of the application. On the first point he was advised that the application was from Cullen</p>	

	<p>Connected and not CDCC. Therefore, the ownership of the application was Cullen Connected. On the second point he was advised that under the guidance issued on Associate Members, this proposal did not meet the criteria. The CDCC highlighted that integrity would be questioned, if the CDCC awarded associate memberships on a one of basis just to increase funding for an application not considered a priority by CDCC.</p> <p>In discussions, CDCC questioned the need for the application to be submitted at this point, considering new information brought forward by the CDCC at the meeting, noted that the warranty on the existing printer was still valid until July 2027. This information had been withheld at previous discussions.</p> <p>CDCC would like to highlight that it is fully supportive of the newsletter produced by Cullen Connected and that it provides important information for the community and those visiting through it being available online and in rented properties.</p>	
13.	<p>Diary Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Next CDCC Meeting: 21 April 2026 at Deskfordb) Buckie Area Forum - TBCc) Cullen Harbour User Group – TBC	