

**Cullen & Deskford Community Council  
Meeting on Thursday 20th June 2013  
Cullen Community and Residential Centre**

**MINUTES**

- Present:** Ashley Mowat (Chair)  
Malcolm Watt (Vice-Chair)  
Zillah Jamieson (Secretary/Acting Treasurer)  
John Aitken
- In Attendance:** Tom Gunn  
Nancy Steele  
Cllr Gary Coull
- Apologies:** John Robertson  
Cllr Stewart Cree  
Cllr Ron Shepherd  
Andrew Mackie  
Grampian Police (received after meeting - unable to attend due to operational requirements)

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed all attendees to our 40th meeting of the new term. Apologies were noted as above

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (16th May 2013)**

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

**3. Reports**

**3.1 Police**

**Police:** The Chair highlighted the Local Policing Report (attached as Appendix 1).

**Lighting and safety issues at the harbour:** based on correspondence from Keith Stratton (Moray Council), there would appear to be a delay in this issue. The Chair advised the meeting that there had been two further thefts at the harbour this week. The suggestion of a chain strategically positioned at the harbour - for both security and health and safety reasons - had been objected to by Cllr Shepherd - reasons unknown. Additional lighting could cost circa £1,400/£1,500, and the Harbour Association had offered to contribute to this. It is understood that one boat owner had objected to the installation of the lighting, although no representations had been made to the Harbour Association. The Harbour Association has invited Keith Stratton of Moray Council and Cllr Shepherd to their next committee meeting.

**ACTION: Ashley Mowat**

### **3.2 Community Warden**

The Community Warden Report - attached as Appendix 2 - was reviewed. The Secretary undertook to ask Andrew Mackie if he had made any progress on the suggestions made at the last meeting, namely:-

- Resite the dog poo bin currently next to the recycling point to the top right hand side of the playing fields
- Investigate, source and hopefully display Bag it and Bin It signs at relevant points.

**ACTION: Zillah Jamieson**

### **3.3 Local Councillors**

No issues were raised.

### **3.4 Treasurer**

The Secretary confirmed that the last bank statement (9th May 2013) indicated a balance of £3,418.46.

Expenditure since the last meeting included:-

- the printing of photos for the library display (£13.20)
- the contribution to the JCC promotional campaign for the forthcoming elections (£75)
- repairs to the town hall clock (£300)
- secretary expenses (£6.50)
- data protection registration (£35)
- design and printing of 2014 calendars (£1,537.00).

Calendars sales banked thus far equalled £25, along with sponsorship payments of £550, with £250 of sponsorship payments outstanding. It is understood that circa 50 calendars have been sold thus far. The Vice-Chair undertook to follow up on the outstanding sponsorship payments.

**ACTION: Malcolm Watt**

Assuming full payment of the sponsorship monies and taking the above income and expenditure into account, the balance in the bank account will stand at £2,276,76. This amount also includes £250 ring-fenced for Neighbourhood Watch.

The Secretary confirmed that she had provided the working accounts for this financial year to the Community Council Liaison Officer (Moray Council) at her request (10/06/13).

It was noted that the JCC Meeting Minute of 9th May 2013 had indicated that money can be carried forward to the new community council. It is unclear what happens to the monies in the account should there not be a new community council; the Community Council Liaison Officer believes that monies are returned to the Moray Council; however, it is unclear whether this relates to the balance remaining from the annual grants (as there are certain criteria applying to what the annual grant can be spent on). This may not apply to those funds raised by Community Council projects for local benefit.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 4. Moray Council Budget Proposals

There has been significant communication on this topic since the last meeting; details of e-mail exchanges and telephone discussions are replicated here in full to avoid inaccuracy of reporting.

#### **Library:**

**EIA:** The Chair requested information from the Equalities Officer at Moray Council (24/05/13) on whether library users are being included in those invited to complete the EIA questionnaire, and how this is being achieved. In the absence of a response, he wrote again (31/05/13) as follows: "I appreciate you have a very difficult task in hand and therefore have my sympathy, but I remain concerned on the apparent lack of public clarity concerning the rigour and fairness of the process, sample sizes, and the analytical methodology to be used, and hope that in due course this will all be available for public scrutiny. I look for reassurance on all of these. I have copied an earlier e-mail I sent to Ian Todd (along with his response) and would be very grateful for your comments in general, as well as more details of how the EIA is to be inclusive of all library users in Cullen in the case of the proposed library closure, and the wider community in the case of the proposed toilet closures."

Don Toonen's response (31/05/13) indicated as follows: "The Moray Council undertook a general consultation on the budget in 2012 in order to inform the budget setting process. The feedback from the consultation informed the debate on the budget. This has resulted in proposals, a great number of which were subjected to an equality impact assessment.

With regards to the libraries, the initial analysis highlighted the need for a more specific consultation in order to inform the Moray Council on

- the impact of the proposals on groups protected by the Equality Act 2010
- mitigating actions that can be taken to minimise or eliminate those impacts.

This information must be informed by those people who belong to those groups specifically and it is not appropriate to consult in a general way. This consultation differs from the previous one in that it is not a consultation on how people feel in general about the proposals, but how they affect various groups such as people with a disability, the elderly, etc. The outcomes from this specific consultation then informs any potential mitigating action which could be taken by the council to address the issues raised. It is for the specific groups to tell us how we can still meet their needs.

In relation to the specific consultation about the libraries to inform the EIA, I would welcome any suggestions from you about community groups in Cullen which represent any of the groups protected under the Equality Act 2010 such as disabled, religion, etc."

The Chair's response (31/05/13) indicated: "I am aware of the general principles of the EIA, but was looking for details of its implementation, subsequent analysis and final application. As you will have appreciated from previous correspondence, and through knowledge of the demographics of our community an ever increasing percentage, approaching the majority, lies with in the definition of elderly, a group specifically identified in the 2010 Equality Act. Many of these are library users and for those accessibility of the library services in Buckie, if this is the default position, will be very difficult and for some impossible. I suggest that you make your impact questionnaire available for all current library users as a matter of urgency, and that you make the task of the CSU staff easier and more transparent by letting each library know when

they intend visiting in the period from the 4th to 14th of June. How else will you get the unbiased information that the EIA is presumably seeking to elicit?

My understanding is that a similar EIA exercise is required for proposed toilet closures. I ask again how is this to be organised?"

Don Toonen's response (31/05/13) indicated: " I can assure you that the age profile of Moray and the needs of various age groups are part of the overall analysis, as are the needs of disabled people, people with special communication needs and people whose first language isn't English. The possible impact of the welfare reforms is also part of the analysis. The dates of the library visits have been communicated to library staff and can also be accessed on the Moray Council website. The implementation, selection of stakeholder groups, analysis will form part of the final report to committee and the full EIA will be made public, as required under the Equality Act 2010.

In addition, the Chair wrote to Ian Todd, Community Support Unit (29/05/13) as follows: "I write to you in your capacity as manager of the Community Support Services in Moray looking for both information and practical community support. As you know Cullen library is one of the 7 scheduled for possible closure, the decision hinging on the results of the current EIA. We discovered yesterday that your Service is to visit Cullen Library sometime between the 4th and 14th of June presumably to consult with library users and acquire data to inform the EIA. I understand that your team is charged with some responsibility for collecting information on the impact of library closure on potentially disadvantaged groups, including the elderly. I am concerned that library staff, in common with those elsewhere, have not been informed of the timing of the visits, and have been instructed NOT to advertise this exercise by way of posters. This, if true, sadly implies a deliberate decision (rather than an omission) to reduce public awareness and participation. The library facilities and services, current and projected, are very important to the predominantly elderly population of Cullen and district who will be seriously deprived of library provision if there are to be no library facilities in Moray east of Buckie (population approx, 4,000). I understand one of the roles of your Unit is to improve and facilitate co-operation and good consultation within Moray and I seek re-assurance that the current EIA process sits happily within that remit."

Ian Todd's response (30/05/2013) indicated: "Thank you for your correspondence. The CSU are involved in the facilitation of the EIA process.

As I understand it, EIA stakeholders are being identified and targeted using a wide range of methods such as equality focus groups and those stakeholders who have library memberships rather than inviting all community members to comment." Ian Todd went on to refer the Chair to the Equalities Officer.

The Chair was then advised (31/05/13) of a press release issued on 30/05/13, indicating that the equality impact assessments aim to establish how specific groups – such as the elderly, parents with young children, those with a disability and people living in remote rural areas – might be affected by the withdrawal of their local library service. The findings will then be taken into consideration in reaching a final decision on the libraries and the mobile service. Questionnaires have been sent out to stakeholder groups and are also available at the libraries in question and on the mobile library vans. Library users are asked to fill in the questionnaire and post it in the drop-off boxes located within the libraries where they will be collected. The results will then be presented to elected members to help them make a final decision. Staff from the council's community support unit would be available in Cullen Library to provide assistance filling in the questionnaire: Tuesday 4th June 4; and Thursday 6th June from 2pm to 5pm.

The Chair and Secretary organised for posters to be displayed around Cullen, and details were e-mailed to all those on database lists held by the Secretary (01/06/13).

**Discussion with Don Toonen, Equal Opportunities Officer:** The Secretary confirmed having held a discussion with Don Toonen (06/06/13) as a result of which it emerged that questionnaires should not be passed on to those outside of those identified by Moray Council; Don Toonen was unable to give details of the groups targeted, and undertook to send the Secretary a list - this had been received on the day of the meeting, and would be sent to all Community Councillors immediately after the meeting; the list comprises "Moray-generic" organisations, and did not include organisations specific to Cullen; list attached as Appendix 3.

Following this discussion, the Chair wrote again to Don Toonen (06/06/13) as follows:- "I refer you to previous e-mails on the above topics. I fully accept that your task is well nigh impossible in the time available and I am grateful for your early responses to some of my queries on the library closure EIA exercise. I still have major anxieties that there is sufficient time to complete the library EIA in a form that will have credibility with our communities as well as fairness to all the specific groups who require to be consulted. In common with many others, I look forward in due course to seeing your final report, as promised, which must now have a major caveat bearing in mind that that we are now expecting some further guidance from Holyrood on the definition of "adequacy" of library provision.

As you know, I have also asked for details of the toilet closure EIA exercise on two occasions but sadly got no relevant details. I had assumed that your time was totally taken up with the library closure EIA and had not pressed you further. I was therefore surprised to hear today that this particular EIA has been completed and a report is now apparently with our three elected councillors, to whom I have copied this and our previous correspondence. I am intrigued to hear how the various groups in our community were identified and consulted with. As far as we know there have been no attempts to consult in Cullen on this question, apart from the public meeting attended by all 3 Councillors. As I am sure you know there have been CAT interests expressed on both seasonal toilets in Cullen, and the details of this EIA report will be of considerable relevance to deciding how these CAT interests are to proceed. I assume that this EIA report will also be available for public scrutiny?

In my view it is crucial as part of an open and democratic process that our communities are kept informed on both of these topics and are given a reasonable and fair chance to be consulted on specific proposals.

I look forward to your early reply as well as comments from our elected councillors."

A response is still awaited.

**Library Questionnaire:** it was noted that the Library Consultation Questionnaire indicates that Personal Information is optional; it is difficult to see how a survey without this Personal Information can be evaluated in relation to the groups covered by the Equality Act; it was also noted that there are 9 groups covered under the Equality Act, as follows:- Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion and Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation; not all of these groups are covered by the questionnaire. It is understood that over 1,000 questionnaires have been completed from Cullen, and that analysis has now commenced.

**Definition of Adequate Provision:** A communication was received from the Save Burghead Library Campaign and the wider Moray library campaign that the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) had indicated that, following Moray Council's "swingeing cuts" to the library service, the Scottish Government and SLIC realised that a definition of an "adequate" statutory service was needed in terms of number of libraries, as well as quality of service - the 1887 base legislation and supplementary library and local government legislation does not provide the definition of "adequate". The accessibility to services complements the Public Library Quality Improvement Matrix (PLQIM) which examines the quality of library services. Robert Gordon University were recently commissioned to evaluate the PLQIM process, and SLIC has requested that they undertake an additional piece of work to look at the definition of "adequate". The work on the definition has started. Therefore, if the library closures go ahead, Moray Council could be in the position of having to re-open some or all libraries when the new definition is available. In addition, there will be a report available in the autumn on the economic benefit of libraries and their return on investment e.g. through enabling communities to access quality information, ICT training and enhancing their health and wellbeing.

#### **Toilets:**

**Concerns ref paedophilia:** Following the discussion at the last meeting, the Secretary contacted Grampian Police to establish the facts regarding a report that a convicted paedophile is currently residing in Cullen. The Police representative would not confirm nor deny whether this is the case, but stated that there is no increased risk in Cullen over and above the standard level of risk in any community. The representative assured the Secretary that any increased risk to the community would be addressed as appropriate.

**Letter from Environmental Services:** The Secretary confirmed receipt of a letter from Environmental Services (06/06/13) - as per Appendix 4. This was circulated to all Community Councillors (07/06/13) with a request for comments. It should be noted that a decision on the toilet closures will be taken at a meeting on 3rd July 2013. Following discussion, it was agreed to forward to Stephen Cooper a copy of the e-mail sent to both the CAT team and locally elected Councillors on 28th March 2013.

**ACTION: Zillah Jamieson**

**Discussion with Don Toonen, Equal Opportunities Officer:** As indicated above, the Chair has asked for information on more than one occasion on the methodology for the impact assessment on the toilets; this information has not been forthcoming. The Secretary confirmed having held a discussion with Don Toonen (06/06/13) as a result of which the following points emerged:-

- the Equality Impact Assessment on the toilets has been completed, and the information has been given to the locally elected councillors
- this assessment has been undertaken based on information available nationally on the impact of toilet closures on the relevant groups e.g. elderly, disabled, children etc; this nationally based information came about as the result of a parliamentary enquiry; the assessment has also taken into account views from citizens and community councils (although no approach has been made to the community council by Moray Council); it is unclear whether the information presented and the subsequent discussion at the public meeting has been taken into account
- the assessment has been based on more general information - rather than specifics to Cullen or the surrounding area; the comment was made by Don Toonen that "the implications are clear"
- the assessment has been completed without reference to anyone in Cullen (apart from those concerned citizens who e-mailed at the time)

- the assessment has been completed based on no knowledge of the user profile of the toilets, including visitors; no approaches have been made to tourism-based businesses in the town regarding visitor profiles
- the assessment has not taken into account the vulnerability of children with specific regard to paedophilia
- the officers have "not been given much time" to complete the assessment
- the Secretary requested a copy of the assessment, but this was denied.

A further discussion between the Secretary and Don Toonen (20/06/13) indicated that there had been no requirement for a consultation (as per the Library EIA) as the impacts on the disabled, elderly and young children were very clear.

## 5. Cullen & Deskford 2014 Calendar

1000 calendars were delivered during the week commencing 20th May 2013, and into the shops in time for the bank holiday weekend.

The Chair confirmed that free copies had been sent to each winner and to the judge; sponsors had yet to receive their copy.

**ACTION: Malcolm Watt**

The library display was completed on Tuesday 28th May 2013.

## 6. Planning

### 6.1 Aultmore Wind Farm

There was nothing further to report.

**ACTION: John Robertson/John Aitken**

## 7. A.O.C.B.

**7.1 New Members:** there was nothing further to report.

**7.2 2013 Community Council Elections:** The £75 contribution to the JCC work had been acknowledged. The JCC Sub-group has designed a leaflet for use in promoting community councils in the run-up to the community council elections later this year. Each community council will receive 35 leaflets for circulation to their members. This was never intended to be used to reach entire communities, and it was anticipated that each community council would then photocopy more leaflets for their own use, as and when required. The £75 contribution is being used primarily for advertising purposes, and would not cover the cost of printing thousands of leaflets for leaflet drops. The JCC Sub-group is also producing posters; it is understood that we will receive 12 (+ an electronic version should we wish to produce more).

Each community council also has the choice of using the Doric or the English version of the leaflet. Each community council is of course free to design their own leaflet if they so wish.

A copy of the Cullen & Deskford Community Council door-to-door leaflet produced for the 2009 elections was also discussed. It was agreed that we would revise this leaflet for door-to-door delivery in Cullen and Deskford, and not request the leaflets/posters from the JCC.

Other promotional activities to be undertaken are to include: full details in the Discover Cullen e-Newsletter; circulation of details to all the database e-mail lists; comments on the website; and hopefully an article in the Banffshire Advertiser, Northern Scot and Banffshire Journal.

The Northern Scot has been added to the circulation list for our Minutes, in response to their request.

**7.3 Certificates of Achievement:** this item was carried forward to the July meeting.

**7.4. Tree Felling - Grant Street Drive, Cullen:** The Secretary confirmed having circulated a communication from Will Anderson, Forestry Director of the Seafield Estate (27/05/13 - and acknowledged to Will Anderson 27/05/13) in relation to work which is being planned for the area of woodland between the Grant Street Gates and Old Cullen. The incidence of Dutch Elm Disease in the area has, unfortunately, been increasing in the recent past. The Estate has been reacting to the death of Elm for a number of years and has been removing in excess of 50 trees per annum throughout the policies. On the understanding that the continuing death of Elm is inevitable, the decision has been taken to proactively fell the Elm component within certain areas of the Policy Woodland. This is to enable cost effective harvesting of timber, minimise ongoing disruption to residents of Cullen House and Old Cullen and provide opportunities for the creation of a younger age class that will, hopefully, ensure continuous cover within the woodland. A total of 223 trees have been marked. It is estimated that they constitute around 15% of the area. The Estate commissioned a Bat survey in 2012 which found no significant use of trees by Bats but laid down procedures which will be followed in any operations. Subject to the issue of a Felling Licence, the work is planned for winter 2013/14. Relevant plans and the notification letter from the Forestry Commission Scotland were included in the communication. It is the Estate's intention to replace the Elm with a mixture of Oak, Beech, Lime and Sweet Chestnut. It was agreed that we should not raise any objections to this activity.

**7.5 How you can get involved with NHS Grampian:** The Secretary confirmed having received documentation on this topic.

**7.6 Review of the Moray Council Community Council Scheme - Final Consultation on the revised proposed scheme:** The Secretary confirmed having received this documentation; comments require to be submitted by 5th July 2013. The revisions made as a result of the initial public consultation include:-

- reinstatement of the youth membership scheme minimum age of 16 to 18 (rather than the suggested 14 to 16) and the full membership minimum age to 18 - both as per the current scheme (to avoid Community Councils having to implement child protection policies and associated Protecting Vulnerable Groups legislation).
- Removal of the limit of 2 youth members - the number being nominated now being at the discretion of each Community Council.
- Co-opted members: the wording of the relevant section has been revised to clarify that when a co-opted member becomes a full member (after 12 months), the member does not continue to count towards the co-opted membership quota; also, when calculating "a third" of the membership, this is taken to the nearest whole number in the event there is a fraction.
- Further boundary changes have been proposed - none of which affect Cullen & Deskford Community Council.
- Some other minor formatting changes have been made.

- Changes to the model constitution: there is revised wording regarding the transfer of assets and liabilities held by Community Councils should they be dissolved, as follows: "... all assets remaining, subject to the approval of the Local Authority, after the satisfaction of any proper debts or liabilities shall transfer to the Local Authority who shall handle the assets as they deem appropriate, including the option to hold same in trust for a future Community Council representing that area."

Following discussion, it was agreed that we should respond to this consultation in relation to the last para above - Changes to the model constitution. The wording should read: ".....to the Local Authority who shall hold same in trust for a future Community Council representing that area."

**ACTION: Zillah Jamieson**

**7.7 Letter from Cullen Primary School P7:** The Chair read out a letter he had received from the P7 pupils, thanking the Community Council for their donation to the Abernethy trip, and enclosing photos of their litter picking endeavours. The Chair undertook to respond.

**ACTION: Ashley Mowat**

**7.8 Cullen Common Good Fund:** The Chair advised the meeting that the recent accounts obtained for the Cullen Common Good Fund indicated that £8,869 was transferred into the Cullen Common Good revenue reserves as it was not used within the 2 year period from when it became distributable. At the meeting's request, Cllr Coull undertook to establish the basis for this 2-year rule policy, and also to ascertain why this "underspend" had not been highlighted at the time.

**ACTION: Cllr Coull**

## **8. ITEMS FOR NOTING/DISCUSSION BY EXCEPTION**

**8.1 Cullen Medical Centre:** It was agreed that the Chair should write to the Medical Centre to request an update.

**ACTION: Ashley Mowat**

**8.2 Cullen Community and Residential Centre - potential Asset Transfer:** Work is in hand to obtain funding for the feasibility study/ community consultation/business plan.

**ACTION: Zillah Jamieson**

**8.3 Cullen Harbour Association Report:** The Vice-Chair advised that both funders (Moray FLAG and Coastal Communities Fund) had invited the 3 Harbours Association to move to Stage 2 of the funding application process for the sailing school project.

See also comments under item 3.1.

The Secretary requested details of the Summer Festival event - for leaflet and poster purposes.

## **8.4 ITEMS AWAITING ACTION/CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

### **AWAITING ACTION:**

**8.4.1 Lawtie Trust:** The Trust is to be reviewed in 2014. The P & J reported (05/06/13) that Moray Council has overhauled its £4 million trust fund portfolio to try to make it more efficient. The number of trust funds has been cut from 124 to 57.

**8.4.2 Community Website:** Investigation on traffic statistics from Google Analytics remains an outstanding action; this will be reported on at the July meeting.

There are currently 106 subscribers to the Newsletter; newsletters are sent out regularly, with the prime objective of driving traffic to the website.

**ACTION: Zillah Jamieson**

**8.4.3 Logie Head Path:** The Secretary confirmed having contacted Eleanor Munro of Aberdeenshire Council (22/05/13) who indicated that work is in hand to sort the landslip, repair the path, cut the grass and clear the area around the well.

**ACTION: Zillah Jamieson**

**8.4.4 Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund:** The application form has now been received - the Chair undertook to submit an application. It has been confirmed that Moray Council own both the Cullen and Deskford War Memorials, and that the Moray Council contact is Ken Kennedy of the Lands and Parks Department.

**ACTION: Ashley Mowat**

**8.4.5 Seafield Arms Hotel, Cullen:** The Secretary confirmed having written again to the Planning Enforcement Department of Moray Council (22/05/13) - a full one month after we were assured that a meeting would be held to discuss this matter. A response from Stuart Dale, Planning Officer, Enforcement, was received (03/06/13) as follows: "Amanda and I have had the meeting with Craig Wilson and our line manager Neal MacPherson and your concerns were discussed at length. Although you agreed (in your last email) that the owners could justifiably board up the windows of the property for security purposes you were of the opinion that this should only apply to the rear of the building.

From a planning perspective the boarding up of the windows has less to do with the security of the building and more to do with the overall long term protection of the Listed Building and therefore protection at both the front and rear of the building were equally important. It is accepted that the current appearance of the building with the windows boarded up may have a detrimental impact on the conservation area but it was considered that the protection of the building in the long term outweighed this.

We also discussed the expediency of taking planning enforcement action in this matter which is a discretionary tool available to all planning authorities in Scotland and it was considered that formal enforcement action was not appropriate in this particular case.

As I mentioned in my previous email to you there are a number of Listed Buildings within Moray that have been abandoned and are in a poor state of repair and it was considered that our priorities should lie in addressing the problems associated with these buildings rather than one that has at this moment in time adequate protection from the elements.

I appreciate that you may be disappointed with this decision but full consideration has been given to your concerns and it was decided that no further action is to be taken at this time. However if the condition of the building was to deteriorate in the future then a new investigation would be opened."

As a result of this response, no further action can be taken on this matter.

## **CONFIRMATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

**8.4.6 Cullen Town Hall Clock Repairs:** The work has now been completed.

### **8.5 Planning - Weekly List**

The following application appeared in the Weekly List of 10th May 2013:-

- Single storey extension to existing dwelling at Woodside Croft, Drybridge

The following application appeared in the Weekly List of 17th May 2013:-

- Remove old rotten wooden sign and replace with new folded aluminium sign of same size - Post Office, Seafield Street, Cullen.

The following application appeared in the Weekly List of 7th June 2013:-

- Erect house on site at Townhead, Drybridge, Buckie
- Erect garage at 1 Burnside, Lintmill
- Proposed extension at 6 Findlater Circle, Cullen.

These were not considered to be of community interest.

## **9. Date, time and place of next meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed for 18th July 2013, commencing at 7 p.m. in the Cullen Community and Residential Centre (TV Lounge).

**LOCAL POLICING REPORT  
CULLEN AND DESKFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**CULLEN and DESKFORD**

- Between 14 and 20 May, an attempt was made to break into a garage on Portlong Road, Cullen and the bolts on the door tampered with.
- Between 26 and 29 May, a storage container was stolen from the grounds of a vacant property on Reidhaven Street, Cullen.
- Overnight on 31 May, the bonnet of a car was scratched whilst parked on Reidhaven Street, Cullen. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to a potential suspect.
- On 3 June, a male was reported for driving dangerously on the A98 Portsoy to Cullen Road.
- Between 4 and 5 June, diesel was stolen from a tank at Cullen Golf Club.

**SUMMER DRINK DRIVE INITIATIVE**

A CRACKDOWN on drink and drug driving in Aberdeenshire and Moray was launched on 1 June 2013. The initiative forms part of Police Scotland's summer campaign, which runs from 1 June 2013 until 1 July 2013. Despite the fact that drink and drug driving is socially unacceptable, there is still a minority of people who continue to take risks. These people believe that what they are doing is a low-risk activity, but the potential outcomes for their actions could result in them harming themselves or others in a collision. To help combat this problem we need to work hand in hand with the community of Aberdeenshire and Moray and anyone with information relating to drink or drug driving are encouraged to contact Police Scotland on 101 or, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 to remain anonymous.

**CRIMESTOPPERS**

If anyone has any information relating to controlled drugs or drug dealing, please call the Police Scotland on 101. Alternatively, contact can be made with Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Crimestoppers allow information to be passed in relation to any crime or criminal activity anonymously. They can also be contacted via the website at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

**PARENTLINE SCOTLAND**

ParentLine Scotland is a free helpline (08000 28 22 33) and email service [parentlinescotland@children1st.org.uk](mailto:parentlinescotland@children1st.org.uk) for anyone with concern about a child. [www.parentlinescotland.org.uk](http://www.parentlinescotland.org.uk)

**POLICE SCOTLAND**

The Police Scotland are keen to highlight their use of social media and advise the public that our latest news can be found at [www.scotland.police.uk](http://www.scotland.police.uk) and using the <http://www.twitter.com/policescotland> or <http://www.facebook.com/policescotland>

## MORAY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMUNITY WARDEN REPORT

The information included on this document covers the period from last community council meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013 to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013 for the Cullen and Deskford area only.

### Local Interest Information

- There has been 1 anti-social behaviour incidents reported for the attention of the community warden. This was a neighbour dispute and issues have been resolved.

### Dog Fouling

- There have been 0 incidents created for persons reporting dog fouling to Moray Council.
- There have been 0 complaints made directly to the community warden reporting dog fouling.
- The community warden has issued 1 FPN in Buckie
- Hotspot areas targeted for patrols to deter dog fouling are

Seatown  
Seafield Place  
Playing Fields  
Mercat Cross  
Beach

### Litter/Fly Tipping

- There have been 0 incidents created related to litter.
- Community warden has issued a warning to 1 individual for a litter offence at Burn of Cullen.

### Initiatives

- The junior warden scheme has been organised for the Keith area and the scheme is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013.
- The dog poo quiz has been distributed to Cullen Primary school. There has been no completed quizzes returned and the community warden has requested a meeting with the headteacher but has not yet received an appointment.
- The community warden is in discussion with the local Tesco store for funding to circulate the dog poo quiz within the local newspaper

### Other

- The community warden has been tasked with updating the notice board on Cullen beach weekly and will carry out regular checks of the beach area for litter and dog fouling.

### Feedback to issues raised from previous CC meetings

The community warden continues to work alongside a number of partner agencies to tackle a number of anti-social issues within the Cullen and Deskford area.

Contact details: Andrew Mackie 07800 670 662 .Email Andrew.mackie@moray.gov.uk

Antisocial Behaviour Office 01343 563322 . Email antisocialbehaviour@moray.gov.uk  
Moray Council Call Centre 0300 123 4566 Or Online Antisocial Behaviour Reporting Form accessed through The Moray Council website.

### List of Consultees - Libraries

- Moray Disability Forum
- Moray Citizens Panel
- Access Panel
- North East Sensory Services
- Moray Mental Health
- Autism Group
- Carers Forum
- Moray Council Older People Day Care Services
- Learning & Disability Forum
- Older Peoples Day Service Citizen Forum
- Older Person's Reference Group
- Quarriers
- Telehealth Care Involvement Group
- Patient Public Forum
- BALL Groups
- Lunch Clubs
- Moray Handyperson Services
- Moray Council Home care services
- ESOL learners
- Stonewall
- North East Transgender Group
- Job centre plus / Employment Support Services / Skills Development Scotland
- Essential Skills Learners
- Community Learning & Development Youth Work
- North of Scotland Home Education
- Advocacy North East Moray
- Step By Step in Moray
- SCMA
- Pre-school provision
- Primary School provision
- Secondary School provision
- Parent Forums
- Families who accessed the Summer Reading Challenge in 2012
- Private Home Care Centres
- Rothes Strength & Balance Group
- Sheltered Housing Complexes
- Service Users of the 2 Mobile Library vans
- Site visits to the identified libraries over 2 slots.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**Stephen Cooper**  
**Head of Direct Services**

4 June 2013

The Council needs to make savings of £30M over the next 4 years and therefore needs to find ways to reduce costs. As part of this exercise it is proposing to close toilets, with the Council funding the equivalent of one public toilet in each locality.

The toilets that are proposed to be closed and an indicative annual cost for each in your Community Council area are shown below:

<b>Toilet</b>	<b>Current Costs £</b>	<b>Expression of interest received from community group to take on the management of the toilet</b>
<b>Cullen Harbour</b>	<b>1350</b>	<b>Cullen Harbour Association – unclear on use.</b>
<b>Cullen West Beach</b>	<b>1850</b>	<b>Cullen Golf Club – Public Toilet.</b>
<b><i>Note: These are the costs based on an average over the last 2 years and include rates, water charges, property repairs &amp; maintenance, electric and supplies, where applicable.</i></b>		

The Council would be interested in the views of community councils/associations where they see an opportunity to retain the opening of toilets while maintaining the principle of the Council retaining the cost of one toilet per locality and would welcome any ideas that the community council/association has.

The decision on closures of toilets will be made at a Council meeting on the 3 July 2013 with a proposal to close the identified toilets at the end of August 2013 following the summer peak season.

If the community does not wish to take on the management/costs of the facility, the building will be declared surplus by the Council and may subsequently be sold, demolished or transferred to a community group for alternative use.

If you wish to discuss this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



**HEAD OF DIRECT SERVICES**