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CULLEN AND DESKFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MEETING TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

Present

Mollie Moon  
Kevin Aitken  
Judith Daymond  
Steven Mill  
Jennifer Welsh

Andrew Mackie (Community Warden)  
Tam McLelland  
Bob Moon  
Steve McKay  
Tracey Rae (Moray Council)  
Lorna Watson

Apologies from Cllrs Cree, Shepherd and Coull. Sgt T Clark, Tom Gunn, Jackie Kersley

Mollie Moon introduced Tracey Rae the Community Council Liaison Officer who she had asked to come along to the meeting to give guidance on certain procedures.

1. Police and Community warden update Andrew Mackie read the police report see attached . It was decided to put the following on our facebook site.

*Police Scotland are investigating a road traffic collision that occurred about 12.30pm on Sunday 2 November 2014 on the B9108, between the A95 Keith to Banff road and the A98, Portsoy to Cullen road. A pedal cyclist was injured and Police are keen to trace the male driver of a white van with an orange light on the rear of the vehicle. If anyone has information about this incident, they are asked to call Police Scotland on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800555111 KA*

Andrew reported one problem of a nuisance barking dog in Cullen and said he had spoken to the owners.

He informed us of an operation he is part of to stop child exploitation particularly on the internet. He will supply us with a website to include in our newsletter for parents to contact. He said parents had to be particularly vigilant.

2. Community Update There were no questions from members of the public

3. Ward councillors update No written updates and no Councillors present

4. Tracey Rae – Community Council Liaison Officer Mollie Moon asked her to outline the procedure we should follow regarding minute production.

She confirmed that minutes should be checked by chair and could have inaccuracies corrected and any smoothing of tone done before being sent out as draft to Community Councillors for comment. When this has been done and comments noted it should be sent to Tracey as a “draft” which will be published on the Moray Council Website. At the next meeting the minutes should be approved with any changes agreed. The final minutes are then sent to Tracey who will overwrite the draft version.

Co-opting new members. Subject to vacancies, Cullen and Deskford CC can have a maximum of 3 co-opted members at any one time. Co-opted members will become full members after 12 months from the date of their co-option. (Jude Daymond was co-opted in February 2014 so will become a full member in February 2015) Co-opted members have full voting rights, with the exception of voting on the co-option of Members.

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Names of any proposed new co-opted members have to be sent to all members of the Community Council 14 days before the next meeting. Voting for these proposed members may be by show of hands or a secret vote. Co-opted members must be accepted on to the Community Council by a two thirds majority of the elected Community Council Members present and voting.

The CC decided to advertise their vacant posts asking anyone interested to submit in writing why they wanted to join the CC and what they would bring to it. Adverts to be placed in Post Office and Town Hall notice board and in newsletter.

5. Note of last meeting Had to be noted as meeting was not quorate

6. Matters arising from Sept meeting

Banners – Tom Gunn provided banners – everyone approved design

Environment group - Bob Moon reported on progress. Coffee morning was agreed to raise funds for groups requirements. MM to organise.

Schools review – Cullen Primary School safe for 5 years

Remembrance Sunday – wreaths laid. Flag – suggestion that flag be put up on railings around the war memorial when taken down.

Questionnaire re Community Centre and Town Hall – Only 12 replies.

Newsletter – Cullen Bay Hotel are sponsoring the winter newsletter and Nick Brown the Spring edition.

No other matters

7. JCC meeting SM attended. Mark Palmer attended the meeting for a question and answer session.

One point Mark stressed was that the Leisure review is ongoing and facilities must be used or may be lost. He reported Stagecoach buses are being subsidised by £60,000 from the Council. Mark Palmer will provide information on what routes are being subsidised.

Keith Radio are now willing to broadcast events etc. We should contact them re anything we do.

8. Representatives to other bodies KA will attend the Cullen/Portknockie Advisory committee in Dec

9. Correspondence.

All conferences were considered too expensive and far away. JW will attend 2 of the offered workshops.

10. Progress on calendar sales JW reported that calendars are still being sold and it was agreed to do another calendar next year. She requested that all members email ideas to her with the view to have a meeting in early Jan to finalise ideas.

2 sponsors still to be contacted for money and at a stall at the Christmas lights switch on we will sell calendars.

11. Planning and licensing issues None

12. Emails update JW said she has updated the system and a new password is required to enter site. She asks if we could open and then delete emails from the generic site as it causes the strange messages we get if you go straight for delete.

13. Treasurers report Kevin distributed the final written accounts. He has noted £250 in the account for the Neighbourhood watch scheme which no longer exists. He asked if there was

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anyone he could contact to find out what this was all about. If it was a grant should this money be returned?

MM and KA attended the Christmas lights committee meeting. The £500 was gratefully received.

#### 14 Grants to community suggestions and fundraisers

A request was received by a group to fund a Christmas party for children. It was decided that it would not be appropriate to fund a party but the group could apply for help with equipment etc. It was decided that an application form should be used for all applications and clear criteria provided. JW to design one. Tracey advised it is inappropriate for Community Councils to fund other groups from their administration grant but as Cullen and Deskford CC do a substantial amount of fundraising this was acceptable but administration money should be used solely for the running costs of the Community Council and a full list can be found in the Members Handbook.

#### 15. Newsletter Due out in December – any articles or adverts to MM

16. AOCB Tracey Rae said the CC had had many challenges but were doing well. She offered to come to help us in the future.

17. Date and time of next meeting and calendar meeting It was decided to change the day to the last Tuesday of the month, the venue to be confirmed after checking availability of the Community Centre. Next meeting should be Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January