

Draft Minutes
CULLEN AND DESKFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING TUESDAY 24th February, 2015

Present ; Mollie Moon, Kevin Aitken, Steven Mills, Judith Daymond, Iain Rennie, Tam McLellan, Bob Moon, Tom Gunn, Councillor Ron Shepherd, Councillor Stewart Cree, Morag Clark (Police), Iain Sneddon (Community Warden) Pauline Aitken, Beverley Baxter, Lorna Watson, Carol Wood, Edwin Flett, Nick Brown

1. Mollie Moon welcomed all to the Meeting and reported that Tracey Rae had sent a letter confirming the appointment of Iain Rennie and Tam McLellan to the Community Council.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting - Approved by Judith Daymond and seconded by Tom McLellan.
3. Police Constable Clark reported that there had been 51 crimes in the area but only two of these were in Cullen one of which remains undetected i.e. theft of a motor cycle from Binview Road and anyone with information should contact the Police.
Community Warden- Iain Snedden has been 'posting' leaflets into households re dog fouling and will enquire into getting more of these for us to deliver with the newsletter. 500 cost £40 but he may be able to get them in individual 100s free of charge. There is to be a campaign in the Banffshire Advertiser and Northern Scott in March/April. Mollie Moon suggested this information be put in the News Letter.
Iain also reported that there had been incidents where two Cullen Primary School children have been climbing on low flat roofs. One of these has been identified as a child who has been involved in fire-raising.
4. Community Problems - There are none.
5. Ward Councillors - The blocked gully and downspout has been fixed.
6. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes - Mollie reported that Keith Radio had been very helpful in advertising the Coffee Morning and will be used again.
Grant Application Form - A criteria will have to be set for this and opinions were sought. The application form presented by MM was approved for use. Grants will be kept in the community and perhaps should be given out in January and June.

Iain Rennie reported that he had spoken to Seafield Estates re Castle Hill and it was thought that a stile would be the easy options and it hoping to see the factor soon for further discussions.

Councillor Cree informed the Meeting that there will be a 'Join the Dots' Meeting in the Town Hall in Elgin on 19th March when funding of £20,000 will be given out. Mollie Moon and Tom Gunn will attend the meeting.
7. Co-option of Members - Carol Wood indicated that she wishes to be co-opted and was proposed by Kevin Aitken and seconded by Tom Gunn. Unanimous vote of yes. She will take on the role of Secretary. At this point Mollie suggested it be a good idea if Co-opted Members have a training session which would be held in Cullen. Suitable dates were sought. Tracey will arrange.
8. Environment Assessment - Nick Brown gave a talk on what could be done to improve the environment In Cullen especially to give a good first impression to visitors and encourage them to visit different parts of the village and area. Nick is happy to help in any way and his report can be melded to suit Cullen and Deskford and suggested an early discussion with Seafield Estates and enquire also if Moray District Council can help with advice etc. and to

this end Councillor Cree agreed to look into this. Nick advised that funding could be got from the Lottery and individual Trusts.

At this stage the Meeting was advised that the bridge over the burn mentioned in the report, will be rebuilt in the original place

9. Community Centre and Town Hall - There is a review of charges going on at the moment and it was suggested that Groups should be encouraged to use the facilities much more.

10. Reports -

JCC - Steven Mills attended the Meeting and said that there was nothing much to report from the Budget Meeting but there should be no serious cuts this year and Council Tax will be frozen again.

Buckie Forum - Nothing much was said about Cullen and it was suggested that someone should attend the next Meeting. Regeneration money may be available and large tents are available for our use.

Calendar Meeting - This was attended by Tam McLellan, Mollie Moon and Kevin and Pauline Aitken and it was decided to have a bit of doric and Alison Skinner has agreed to do the necessary for a free advert.

Pauline will make up a 'Guessometer'. All entries for this and photos should be received by 14th March, 2015. Steven Mills suggested that the 'hanger' be changed.

Environmental Group - Bob Moon gave his report and Tam McLellan had contacted Tracey Rae as to how to go forward. He proposed and it was accepted that a sub-group of the CC be formed and the Environmental Group would have the £600 already raised from the coffee morning from the Fundraising Account for plants and flowers etc. They should purchase and reclaim money from treasurer.

It was also suggested that a Meeting be arranged with the Heritage Group and at that time advise them that nothing could be really finalised re Castle Hill due to Seafield estates, Historic Scotland need to be involved.

11. Correspondence - Leisure Harbours Consultation - Edwin Flett had attended the Meeting and advised that a questionnaire has gone out to boat owners but apparently this is not exactly true. Mollie Moon will reply advising that the Community Council do not have enough information or expertise to complete the questionnaire but that the harbour is important to all.

Waste Management Legislation Advisors will be invited to April Meeting.

Leaflets received from SSE Scottish Hydro will be distributed mostly in the Deskford area.

12. Planning and Licensing - Iain Rennie was an architect and he agreed to look after this for the CC.

13. Fundraising - Steven Mills has a Race Night in the Grant Arms Hotel on 28th March and has requested that he has assistance in selling tickets for the seven races.

Tam McLellan suggested a sub-committee be formed for such events. MM suggested he organise this.

14. Treasurer's Report - Kevin gave his report and suggested that £4,000 be transferred to Fundraising account. Two new signatures are required for the Bank following the resignation of two Council Members. Steven Mill and Tam McLellan were appointed. MM to process necessary form. The amount raised by the 2015 calendar will be known shortly.

15 AOCB. The 2015 Calendars still say Community Council Meetings take place on a Thursday but it was agreed to continue having the Meetings on Tuesdays.

The generic -mail address needs to be updated - cullendeskfordcc@gmx.co.uk. After discussion it was agreed to outsource the up keep of the generic email. KA to follow up.

Vice-Chair Vacancy - Mollie Moon proposed Iain Rennie and this was seconded by Tam McLellan. Accepted.

16. Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 31st March at 7.00 p.m. Cullen Community Centre