

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CULLEN AND DESKFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON 28TH APRIL, 2015

PRESENT: Iain Rennie, Carol Wood, Steven Mill, Kevin Aitken, Tom McLellan, Bob Moon, Councillors Cree and Shepherd, Pauline Aitken, Beverley Baxter, Edwin Flett, Lorna Watson, Duncan Falconer, Stephen McKay

1. Iain Rennie welcomed all to the Meeting.
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Approved by Steven Mill and seconded by Kevin Aitken.
3. Duncan Falconer - Street Sweeping/Recycling

Duncan had come along to show a video on the Council's intentions but unfortunately the password had been changed so this could not be shown. He asked if he may come back to next Meeting and this was agreed.

Beverley Baxter (Environment Group) asked various questions regarding litter etc. and she will e-mail Duncan with her queries.

4. Community Problems/Questions/Suggestions

PC Robertson presented a fairly detailed report on various crimes (Domestic Violence, Drugs, Vandalism) Only two crimes in the Cullen and Deskford area. The Police are asking that locals be ever vigilant and report anything untoward, especially vandalism and anti-social driving.

5. Ward Councillors - Councillor Cree had nothing specific but will keep the Community Council informed should anything arise.

6. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

Tom McLellan asked what the situation was regarding the Fisherman's Barometer and Carol Wood explained.

Steps at North Deskford Street - Carol has not contacted Moray District Council as she had been laid up for two weeks. Councillor Cree will look into this.

Dog Fouling - Carol reported that she had spoken to Iain Sneddon and it was suggested naming and shaming individuals regarding dog fouling. He also suggested that the public should give the name and address of those responsible. A fine of £40 is the penalty.

6. Matters arising from previous Minutes

Gala to be extended over the week-end - this is still ongoing and will be discussed at next Meeting.

Edwin Flett stated that the Minutes regarding the Fisherman's Barometer were rather misleading now the Council are taking a neutral stand. Carol reported that she had e-mailed Mr. Donn. Councillor Cree suggested a new Harbour Memorial and this will be discussed at next Meeting.

"The Interim Election will have to be put off till after the General Election. Tracey Rae is willing to speak to anyone and will make up a leaflet for Cullen. Carol will write to the Election Team."

7. Reports and Decisions from Environment Group

Tom McLellan asked if there is a date for the finalisation.

Beverley sent a copy to the Community Council. Seat by the Bayview Hotel needs looking at or replaced.

Moray District council supplied an extra basket and this operation is now closed.

Kevin stated that £600 is going to the Group and Steven suggested we purchase troughs. Councillor Cree intimated that a Keith man (Ian Ross) makes tubs at £25 each.

The question was asked could there be signs and plants at the entrance to Cullen - this would have to go to Moray District Council. Steven suggested a large stone like the one at Portsoy.

Iain Rennie asked if the Environmental Group would look into costs.

Beverley suggested a 'Pride of the Toon' award for Cullen and perhaps put a photo in the Calendar and this was agreed in principle. She also reported that two dog bins were broken and Councillor Cress intimated that would look into this.

Tom McLellan asked if the viaduct could be cleared and a fence erected.

8. Lintmill Play Area

Carol contacted Tracey Rae and Dawn Brodie will meet with folk in Lintmill. Apparently the Play Park was beyond economic repair.

9. Correspondence and e-mails

Open Invitation regarding Marine Planning in Inverness on 18th May from 11.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. R & B wish to be included in our mailing list.

Buckie Regeneration Grant Form.

Taxi Fares are going up, but Councillor Shepherd stated that they were staying the same.

Community Engagement Group are speaking to Aligtair Kennedy.

10. Planning and Licensing - Two planning applications one to change the Bayview Hotel to a house and a change of use for the sun roof at number 3 Seafield Place.

11. Fundraising - Kevin asked if we have a Dance during the Gala Week-end - The community Council will be holding it.

Tom mentioned that the money raised at the Race Night was good but there were other four events the same evening in the village.

Calendars are still at the Printers.

12. Treasurer's Report - Kevin reported that the Bank statement was not yet to hand.

There has been an application for a Grant for Dolphin, bowser and barrels at a cost of £1,000.

Steven said the community Council are going to purchase these anyway and Carol suggested we reject the application form and ask only for money. This was agreed.

13. AOCB -

A Sofia McDonald has said that the sign at Charlie's Cave on the coastal path was inappropriate. It was thought that Aberdeenshire Council has erected this and Ms. McDonald should check with Portsoy Community Council.

There will be a Joint Community Council Meeting on 4th May and Steven Mill has agreed to attend.

Tom McLellan asked how many calendars have been printed and was told 500.

Date of Next Meeting - 26th May at 7.00 p.m.