

CULLEN AND DESKFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
TUESDAY 30th June 2015
Cullen Community Centre, 7.00pm

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Police Report
3. Community Warden
4. Environmental Sub group - reports and decisions
5. Community problems/questions/suggestions
6. Ward Councillors
7. Minutes - accuracy
8. Minutes - approval
9. Matters arising from previous minutes
10. Election to the Council Framework and Leaflets
11. Newsletter
12. Correspondence and emails
13. Planning and Licensing
14. Fundraising and funding applications
15. Treasurers report inc grants and profits from fundraisers
16. AOCB
17. Date of next meeting – to be discussed

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CULLEN AND DESKFORD
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH MAY, 2015**

PRESENT: Iain Rennie, Carol Wood, Steven Mill, Kevin Aitken, Tom McLellan, Bob Moon, Pauline Aitken, Police Sergeant Teresa Clark, Community Warden Andrew Mackie, Duncan Falconer

APOLOGIES: Carol intimated that she had received apologies from Councillor Ron Shepherd.

1. **Welcome** - Iain Rennie welcomed all to the Meeting and invited Sergeant Clark to give her report.

2. **Police Report** - Since the last report there have been 53 crimes, 33 still under enquiry (3 in Cullen and Deskford area one of which is still being investigated). There was an incident of shop-lifting at the Co-op in Cullen and a female has been arrested. The investigation of the vandalism at the Community Centre garden is still ongoing and the Police will be grateful for any information. There was an incident where a green Volkswagen (with four seemingly foreign occupants) was reported for dangerous driving and these men had approached school girls at a bus stop. Four people, mostly from the Keith area, have been arrested for drunk driving. Carol Wood reported that children had been reported in the press free running flat roofs and Sgt. Clark said this was an Elgin problem and asked if there were any private CCTV cameras in the area, and it transpires there are very few.

5. **Community Problems/Questions/Suggestions** - Andrew Mackie (Community Warden) will be back in the area in two weeks.

Steve Mill asked if there had been any dog fouling reports but there were none so far. Steve suggested we make up a story that one person in the area had been reported and fined, put same in the News Letter and perhaps the local papers.

There was a discussion about a spray for the pavement to discourage dog fouling and whether it might be effective as it had been in other places. It is a spray, but not a repellent spray.

4. **Street Sweeping, Past, Present and Future**

Duncan Falconer showed a video showing how Moray Council wishes to maintain a healthy environment. He described the many different bins and the different kinds of litter found in the streets and country side (this latter included fly-tipping). There are monitoring zones and MDC are anxious to stop environmental damage. The question of more bins was brought and Duncan explained that bins are rather expensive and with budget cuts it is difficult to supply many more.

Iain Rennie suggested that bins should be situated at banks, take aways, cafes and shops.

Tom McLelland reported to Duncan Falconer that the bins located around the bus shelters were sometime moved and youths had been seen rolling them around the road. According to a Moray Council officer they should be anchored to prevent this from happening. Duncan was going to check the bins after the meeting.

Kevin Aitken asked why the drains, especially in the Seatown in Cullen have not been cleared as promised after the horrific flooding towards the end of last year but Duncan could not answer.

5. **Environmental Sub Group** -

Bob Moon passed on Beverley Baxter's apologies for her absence.

Tom McLellan has resigned from the Group and said some people are not happy with the Environment Assessment (copy of which the Community Council Members had received).

The Community Council will have to decide what to do about this. Bob Moon also suggested that the report should be discussed by the Members and Iain Rennie said it would be prudent to come to some agreement before the next Meeting. Steven Mill thought the report means nothing and it was a consensus that the report was one view, with some good ideas.

There was a concern that if the Community Council decided to adopt or endorse the Report, all issues about content should be resolved prior to agreement. Tom McLellan does not wish to be associated with the report, but he did state that there would need to be a larger Environmental Group if all or any of the recommendations could be met.

Iain Rennie suggested Nick Brown be asked to change the wording. Carol will e-mail Nick stating that notes have been read and noted and also contact Tracey Rae.

Carol Wood said an Environmental Audit document could be part of our Library of information. Steve Mill suggested that the Environmental Audit should be changed to the Cullen Environmental Audit. Carol Wood also noted that the report was just about Cullen, and that we were Cullen and Deskford Community Council.

Kevin Aitken said that he has received prices for barrels and it was agreed to order five. He also has prices for a train engine (£220) and carriages (£120 each) and these will be looked at next year.

Viaduct - Iain Rennie said if we agreed that the ground should be cleared volunteers will be required and it was thought Moray Council might fit benches and Carol will contact Tracey Rae regarding this.

Lintmill Play Park - They have their own Constitution and are looking for funding.

6. **Ward Councillors** - There were none present and no reports.

7. **Minute Accuracy** - Change date to 26th April.

8. **Minutes - Approval** - Approved by Tom McLellan, seconded by Steven Mill. Carol intimated that some Members did not like the new format of the Minutes so we have reverted to the old format.

9. **Matters Arising** -

- Interim Election - Carol has written to Monica Patrick but has had no reply to date and should there still be nothing in the next week, Carol will write again.
- Barometer - The Community Council are not involved. It was agreed that the Community Council could not get involved as there were legal implications.

10. **Correspondence and e-mails**

- Carol reported that she had a phone call from the Press & Journal re the Barometer and she advised them that the Community Council has taken a neutral stance.
- An e-mail was received from Maggie Donald making a serious allegations regarding a member of staff in Moray District Council. Carol will send an e-mail to Tracey Rae re the way the Centre is used etc.
- There is a new Facebook for Scotland's Community Councils.
- Community Alarm , if anyone wants to volunteer for this please contact Tracey Rae.
- Mental Health First Aider course 15th and 16th June
- A9 Inverness to Aberdeen Public Exhibition May 2016, this can viewed on their Web site;
- Steven Mill distributed Section 6 Key Documents
- Cards for disabled, etc. for travel - Thistle Assistance Card
- Two Training Sessions in June through the JCC. If people are going let Tracey Rae know.
- Moray Community Awareness to be held in November. There will be funding available to cover costs. Nomination forms are also available.
- It has been reported that quarter of million tons of silt at Ardersier could affect tides, which could affect sailing and other water activities.

11. Planning and Licensing - Granting of Application for one small property on Seatown.

12. Fundraising -

- Cullen Football Club are going into the Highland League Clue and need £570 for a bus to go to Balintore and this was agreed.
- It was agreed to donate £200 to the Children's garden.
- It was also agreed to give £500 to the Youth Café for replacement equipment.

13. Treasurer's Report -

Kevin stated that the Bank Statement was not yet to hand.

1. Opening Balance £1.065.21 but no increments.
2. Outgoings - £22.50 for Race Night, £33.60 for Butteries,
3. £30 for Minute Taker, £47.42 to Bob Moon.
4. Current Balance £839.94.

5. Fundraising Balance - £6,188.

Gala Weekend: Xmas Lights Committee is willing to have a combined Meeting re fund raising.

Bowling Club is free on 16th of August if we go ahead with a dance during Gala Weekend.

Kevin asked if there were any suggestions for Bands.

14. **A.O.C.B.**

Iain Rennie asked who was responsible for the flag at the Town Hall and Kevin stated that he cannot get up to fix the rope. This will be looked into.

15. **Date of Next Meeting** -

Tuesday 30th June.