



**Cullen & Deskford Community Council**  
**Special Meeting, Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016**

Aldersyde 22 The Square, Cullen  
Tue 13th Dec 2016. 7pm

**1) In Attendance**

CDCC: Iain Grieve, Tam McLellan, Barry Addison, Dennis Paterson,  
Phil Lovegrove, Stewart Black, Norman Marwick.

**2) Apologies**

None

**3) Welcome**

Iain Grieve opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance.

**4) Community Council Secretary**

The resignation of Esther Bruce as CC Secretary was discussed amongst the group. Iain highlighted to everyone that he felt accusations levelled at Tam in an email received from Esther were unwarranted and he also felt that Esther had unfortunately misunderstood Tam's intentions by taking personally items raised in an email regarding the purchase of a laptop computer for the Community Council. Iain explained that himself and Tam had communicated back and forth about emails and that it was now time to draw a line under it and move on. It was agreed that the best way forward was to look for someone outside of the present community council and that an advert was to be drawn up to advertise the position in the local paper. Iain was to draft an advert and take this forward.

It was also agreed that the sum of £60 (2x£30) would be paid to Esther for Oct / Nov.

It was also agreed that Phil would take forward the task of securing a Laptop for the CC within the budget which had originally been agreed.

**5) Lintmill Playpark Action Group**

The Request by Lintmill Playpark Action Group was discussed following the submission of Income / Expenditure as requested by the CC at their meeting in Nov.



Although the information provided by the group was limited, it was agreed that the present CC had to make good in some way on the commitments the former CC had made to the Lintmill group in relation to funding.

Three options were available 1, Refuse funding. 2, provide funding as requested. 3, As the funding request was earmarked for seating within the playpark area Tam had proposed that the CC could opt to provide seating rather than a cash sum.

Option 3 was seen by the group as the best way forward, Tam had brought along some brochures from a seating manufacturer for the group to see what was available. It was agreed that CDCC would provide a 4-person all weather seat including the laying of hard standing base and the fitting of the seat. Iain will contact Katie Mclean from the lintmill group with the CC's decision. The CC will consider having a plaque fitted to the seat stating that it has been donated by the CC.

#### **6) Community Council Funding Applications**

Tam raised the issue of having a set process for groups wishing to make funding applications to the CC (This was something which had been raised before but not taken forward by the former CC) It was agreed that a set application form which all groups must complete was the best way forward and that Tam should progress this and bring it back to the CC at a future date.

#### **7) Email Policy**

Iain brought forward a proposal that the CC adopt an email policy. Iain gave copies of a proposed policy to everyone and it was decided that this could be looked at again in the January meeting once everyone had been able to look over the proposal.

#### **8) Co-option Update**

Jane Martin has informed us that the co-option of Norman Marwick had gone through successfully.

#### **9) Constitution Update**

Moria Patrick from Democratic Services has informed the CC that the amendments to the CC Constitution have been ratified.

#### **10) Ship 2 Ship Oil transfers.**



The issue of Ship 2 Ship oil transfers and the Cromarty Rising Group were raised. Iain & Barry had both attended a public meeting of the group held in Nairn and relayed to the CC the main concerns of the Cromarty Rising group and their present objectives. The CC discussed at length whether to support the group and the concerns they had raised. After a constructive discussion, it was agreed to unanimously support the Cromarty Rising group in their opposition of the proposed application for ship 2 ship oil transfers within the Cromarty / Moray firth.

Iain is to put CDCC's opposition to the ship 2 ship oil transfers and support of Cromarty rising group in writing and relay the CC's decision.

It was agreed to also make our concerns known to Moray Council.

#### **11) AOCB**

No Other points were raised.

#### **12) Close**

There being no further business the meeting was closed and the The Date / Time / Venue of next meeting was agreed as being: Tuesday 17th<sup>st</sup> January 2017, Memorial Hall, Cullen 7pm.