



Cullen & Deskford Community Council
Minutes 17th Jan 2017

Memorial Hall, Cullen
Tue 17th Jan 2017. 7pm

1) In Attendance

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

Moray Council: Cllr Ron Shephard

Visitors: Colin Burch, Bob Harper

2) Apologies

Cllr Stewart Cree, Cllr Gary Coull, Norman Marwick CDCC.

3) Welcome

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

4) Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting held on the 22nd Nov & 13th Dec were accepted and approved.

Proposed: Tam McLellan

Seconded: Dennis Paterson

5) Matters Arising from previous minutes

- Ship 2 Ship Oil Transfers (Cromarty Rising Group) No new update on where things presently stand. It was noted that in addition to CDCC, The Cullen 'Sea School' have also made their support of the Cromarty rising groups opposition to the Ship 2 Ship oil transfer planning application by Cromarty Port Authority.

The CC spoke about lack of information being put out regarding the beach protest via the Joint Community Councils of Moray as there was no process to check incoming emails in the JCC inbox while members with access were on holiday.



- Laptop Computer: Phil has now secured a laptop computer for the CC, the purchase price for the laptop was £260
- The Secretary vacancy has been advertised in the Buckie Advertiser today. (the cost of the advert was £56.74) The closing date for applicants is Wed 25th Jan
- Lintmill Playpark Action Group: Barry will arrange to visit the site where the proposed seating will be situated & will Liaise with Kattie McLean from the Lintmill group about works that will need to be carried out and getting the seat ordered.

Iain has been in contact with Steve Thornton (Sign Etch, Buckie) who will make up a weather resistant plaque with the CC logo saying the seat has been donated by CDCC to be attached to the set once in place. (This is to cost £10)

6) Reports

Local Councillors: Nothing to Report.

A few points were put to Cllr Shephard from the CC as areas he might look into for us. The general condition of the toilets in the Square & The traffic island at the top of Seafield Street (See further information under 'Community Feedback')

7) Agency Updates

Police Scotland and Community Warden were not in attendance. Iain highlighted the new 'Community Report' which will come out monthly. There have been very low levels of crime within Cullen, with only one incident of note being an attempt to break into a flat at North Deskford Street.

8) Correspondence

Christopher Haywood (Community Warden) and Rachel Alban (Moray Council, Waste) have responded to an email from the CC in relation to 'Dog Fouling' It has been proposed that they would meet with us regarding this, to which they have agreed and a meeting is to be set up.

The CC spoke about the various funding opportunities that have come into the CC email inbox in the previous month. 'Resilient Communities Fund, Beatrice Partnership Fund, Scottish Government ESF Fund & Money for Moray'. It was noted that the CC could be better placed to capitalise on these opportunities that it is at present, if someone took on the task of dealing specifically with funding. (See AOCB)



Sqn Ldr Samantha Bunn, Officer Commanding Number 4 RAF Police Sqn based at RAF Lossiemouth, has contacted the CC regarding community projects which they may be able to assist in by providing free labour. It was noted that this was a good opportunity to utilise the RAF in any ongoing or future projects and that this was something we should consider taking them up on. It was decided to defer this till the next (Feb) meeting of the CC.

Meg Deasly from Docherty Consulting Ltd has responded to our contact with Vento Ludens (Lurg Hill Wind Farm) and has agreed to attend the CC at a future date to provide information on the Lurg Hill wind farm project and the possible community Benefits.

Scottish Men's Sheds and Keep Moray Beautiful have also contacted the CC in the previous month.

9) Treasurers Report

Barry Provided an update on the current finances of the CC, the account balances presently stand at; Admin Account: £1012.86, Fundraising Account: £6388.89.

Esther has been paid £60 for her two months as secretary (It was noted that this was for the taking and collation of minutes for those two months but only one month's minutes had been submitted to date)

Barry has applied for Debit Cards for the CC to make payments easier.

Following Esther's leaving the CC, it has been necessary to update the signatories on the CC accounts (Esther has been removed and Dennis has been added)

Jane Martin CC Liaison officer has been in contact regarding audited accounts for the CC, it was agreed that as the period in question had not been under the present CC tenure, the CC did not feel responsible for sorting out the accounts of the previous CC. It was agreed that this matter would be taken up with Jane.

10) Projects & Fundraising

There was nothing to report at present regarding fundraising. However, the activities of the previous CC in relation to fundraising was discussed. A few ideas were put on the table as things we may wish to consider and there was some general discussion in relation to venues and possible events. There was a consensus that we would



need to look at fundraising soon and it was agreed to bring this up again at the next meeting of the CC.

11) Community Feedback

The following matters have been raised by members of the community:

Speeding in Seafield Street. Although previously spoken about we did raise this subject again. Cllr Shephard highlighted again that a survey had been done by the roads dept. following previous concerns. The possibility of moving the 30mph signs further out was discussed as one possible option.

The traffic island at the top of town which is missing its Lit Bollard and has temp Signage on it was discussed & It was agreed that we should contact Moray Council to raise our concerns Cllr Shephard will also consider look into this.

The closing of the Bank of Scotland in Cullen which leaves the town without a cash machine was raised and discussed. It is believed that the Co-op may intend installing a cash machine at their store and may Stevie at the Mini Market. It was agreed not to take this matter any further in the meantime.

The Concerns regarding the Coastal Paths after the heavy battering they had received in the recent stormy weather were discussed in some detail (in particular the path past the pet cemetery) Dennis highlighted that Scottish Water have already been out to look at this in relation to the sewage pipe that runs under it. It was agreed that we would contact Seafield Estates, SEPA & Scottish Water in relation to this and raise our concerns with them.

12) Planning & Licensing

Nothing to report.

13) Joint Community Council of Moray

Next Meeting of the JCC is to be held on the 9th Feb 7pm, In the Council Chambers.

14) AOCB

The CC discussed briefly Tam's email to members about the possibility of having an associate member to the CC in relation to funding, (Stan Slater was one possibility) Iain also raised the possibility of having a Funding Coordinator who would take responsibility for keep abreast and considering possible sources of funding & that



this might fit well with Tam's initial suggestion, with some sort of joint working to spread the workload. It was agreed to have this on the agenda again in Feb.

It was agreed that Dennis will look in on the CC Facebook Page and update it with relevant info as it comes to hand.

The Grass Area under the viaduct was raised again and the CC discussed the various implications in restricting vehicular access to this area were considered. It was agreed that the Fair would need to be consulted, although there was doubts about them renewing their lease when this expired. Ron has agreed to contact Lands & Parks at Moray Council and arrange to have this looked into.

The Various groups involved in the Remembrance Sunday were discussed, it has already been agreed that the CC will reimburse the groups involved (Guides, Brownies & Rainbows & Cullen Youth Cafe) £30 towards the outlay for wreaths, as a way of acknowledging their contribution to the day's ceremony. Dennis will confirm the groups involved and Ian is to contact Buckie Paper to see if some sort of article can be put in the paper to highlight this being done.

Norman has offered the CC a defibrillator which could be located somewhere around the town. (The CC would need to replace that battery and it is believed this would cost around £200) Dennis has also highlighted the Scottish Fire Service at Cullen Community Fire Station has contacted Past & Present group about gauging support for CPR training and the possibility of a Defibrillator located somewhere in the town. Barry will talk to Fire Station (John Smith) and this will be raised again next month when Norman is present to give more details to us on the implications of maintaining and servicing a defibrillator and possible ongoing costs to the CC.

The CC discussed the Community Grant Application Form that Tam has kindly worked on updating for us. This will provide a standardised way for anyone wishing to receive funding from the CC to make an application. I was agreed unanimously to accept this as the CC's preferred way of dealing will all applications for funding.

The Email use policy proposed by Iain at the meeting in December was discussed again and there were no objections to this being introduced as CC's email & email account use policy.

Whitehills Community Action Plan was discussed (Tam had brought this to the attention of the CC via email earlier in the week) Whitehills and District CC have a very comprehensive web site and community Plan and Tam has suggested that this may be something we should consider using as a model for a community plan of our



own. It was agreed that it would be good to allow everyone time to go and have a look at this online and we would bring this back to the next meeting of the CC.

Concerns regarding the damaged handrail on the Pitness path from the harbour were discussed and it was noted that Seafield Estates had been contacted regarding responsibility for repairs. Seafield's Estates reply was that the path and handrail had been transferred to the town council before it was devolved and therefore would now come under Moray Council. Cllr Shepard said that responsibility of the upkeep of the path was never the councils and that Seafield Estates should make the necessary repairs.

Close

There being no further business the meeting was closed and The Date / Time / Venue of next meeting was agreed as being: Tuesday 21st Feb 2017, Memorial Hall, Cullen 7pm.