

Cullen & Deskford Community Council Minutes Tuesday 21st March 2017

Memorial Hall, Cullen

In Attendance

CDCC: Tam McLellan, Barry Addison, Dennis Paterson, Phil Lovegrove, Stewart Black, Norman Marwick. Helen Bavidge (minute secretary)

Councillor Ron Shepherd

Visitors: Colin Burch, Edwin Flett

Welcome

Tam McLellan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance. He thanked Helen Bavidge for coming along to take the minutes at such short notice.

Apologies

Cllr Stewart Cree, Cllr Gary Coull

1. Representation – None

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting held on the 21st February 2017 were accepted and approved.

Proposed: Dennis Paterson Seconded: Barry Addison

3. Matters Arising from previous minutes

- Helan Bavidge has agreed to be the Minute Secretary.
- Reimbursement of wreaths: it was agreed that Barry should send a cheque to the groups that members previously agreed should be reimbursed.
- Defibrillators: Barry spoke to Charles Milne about locating one at the Seafield Hotel. Due to opening times, it would need to be located on the front of the building, because it's a listed building this could be a problem (Councillor Shephard will check). An alternative suggestion was the Toilet Block in the Square. Barry will check if the Defibrillator can be put in the Co-op on a temporary basis, and will order two batteries for the machines. Stewart will check with the Deskford Association to ask if they want a Defibrillator for their Community Hall.
- Pitness Brae Handrail: Stewart reported that materials are in place but the uprights will need to be made by a company. Barry will take measurements to get a quote, and will email the details to everyone, including David Greer, to get agreement to purchase them.



- Lintmill Play Park: Barry reported they were only waiting on the builder laying the foundations, and it was thought this would be done soon.
- Community Action Plan: This was adopted in principal, and this would see the Community Council working on several projects with Cullen Past & Present Volunteer Group.
- Coastal Erosion: Dennis reported a site meeting has been arranged with Scottish Water on Thursday at 2:00pm although they are saying Veolia are responsible for the sewage pipes, not Scottish Water. David Greer from Seafield Estates will also attend the meeting.
- Quarry Project: Tam reported he had been unable to look for possible funding for this project.
- Resignation: Phil withdrew his resignation that had been submitted at the previous meeting, and this had been accepted by Moray Council.

4. Reports

Local Councillors: Nothing to report.

Phil again raised the issue of speeding traffic as you approach Seafield Street from Aberdeen end. Councillor Shepherd was asked to look into the possibility of Signal Lights at the School Crossing on this stretch of road. Phil will liaise with Councillor Shepherd on this matter.

5. Agency Updates

None

6. **Correspondence** None:

Members were asked to bring any correspondence they think appropriate to meetings for discussion.

7. Treasurers Report

Barry provided an update on the current finances of the CC, the account balances presently stand at; Admin Account: £902.88, Fundraising Account: £4970.96. There is a float of £120 for paint etc.

8. Projects & Fundraising

- 1. Councillor Shepherd will contact Ken Kennedy to arrange for the foundations to be dug out for the Swing Barrier at the Links car park.
- 2. Barry advised everyone the money from the Common Good Fund still hasn't been transferred into the account. Councillor Shepherd will contact Nicky Gosling to ask about the delay.
- 3. Stewart and Lisa have contacted the school regarding the Dog Fouling Poster Competition, and are waiting on the school getting back with a date.
- 4. Dennis will put an item on Facebook asking people to contact the CDCC with any incidents of dog fouling problems that concerns them.
- 5. The Community Council, Cullen Past & Present Volunteer Group, Cullen Primary, and Youth Café are all working together on the Old Quarry project. Stewart has



reported that the main fence will need to be repaired/replaced sometime in the future.

6. Stewart provided a copy of the title deeds showing the quarry was transferred to the three named trustees and they are therefore the landowners. The deeds state the ground is to be used for the good of the community, but the community doesn't own the ground.

9. Community Feedback

Edwin Flett raised the issue regarding the two piles of rubbish near the recycling yard. Dennis stated he was in the process of getting someone to remove the seaweed and grass from the area.

Edwin also mentioned that the RAF were available to provide manual help for any community projects.

10. Planning & Licensing

Nothing to report.

11. Joint Community Council of Moray

Tam stated it didn't look like the concerns raised by the CDCC regarding the lack of a generic email address for the JCC had been resolved. He asked Councillor Shepherd if the JCC received an administration grant like other Community Councils. (They do) He couldn't understand why they didn't use the grant to employ a Secretary so that people could rely on emails and information being passed on the relevant parties.

12. **AOCB**

There was no further business and the meeting was closed to the public. The Community Council continued to discuss items in private.

13. Election of Chairperson/Vice Chairperson

There was no member willing to take on the role due to other commitments.

Tam McLellan agreed to take on the position until the new elections later in the year.

Chairperson:

Tam McLellan: Proposed by: Stewart Black Seconded by: Phil Lovegrove

Agreed unanimously.

Vice Chairperson

Stewart Black: Proposed by: Phil Lovegrove Seconded by: Dennis

Paterson

Agreed unanimously.

It was agreed unanimously the Minute Secretary should be paid £30



There being no further business the meeting was closed and The Date / Time / Venue of next meeting was agreed as being: Tuesday 18th April 2017, Memorial Hall, Cullen 7pm.