



CULLEN & DESKFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes Tuesday 20th June 2017

Memorial Hall, Cullen 7pm

In Attendance

CDCC; Stewart Black, Dennis Paterson, Barry Addison, Norman Marwick, Helen Bavidge (Minute Secretary)

Councillors Donald Gatt, Theresa Coull

Visitors: Meg Deasley & Matthew Haughton (Lurghill Wind Farm): Brenda Wood & Jim McKay (Cullen Heritage Group): Edwin Flett & Chris Flett: Colin Birch: Andrew Gray (Moray Council).

1). Welcome

Stewart Black opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance.

Apologies

Cllr Ron Shepherd, Tam McLellan, Phil Lovegrove.

2). External Agencies

Meg Deasley, representing Lurg Hill Wind Farm, gave an overview of the forthcoming planning application to Moray Council for 5 wind turbines. A hard copy and an electronic copy of the submission will be available to view in the library along with a copy that will be presented to the CDCC. If the planning application, which has been 3 years in the making, is successful, a fund will be set up for local groups and CDCC to apply for funding.

Brenda Wood & Jim McKay representing Cullen Deskford and Portknockie Heritage Group thanked the CDCC for the opportunity to give a presentation regarding their bid for Community Asset Transfer of the lower ground floor of the Town Hall for a Heritage Centre, something they saw as a positive for Cullen. Andrew Gray representing Moray Council, advised on the asset transfer process, explaining that the final decision would rest with Court based on the pros and cons affecting the Cullen Community. Part of this is a public consultation within the Community, and the views of other user groups of the Memorial Hall. Andrew Gray added that the Scottish Government were changing the rules regarding asset transfers, but this change would not be implemented until the end of June 2017 at the earliest, adding that he would be willing to attend a further meeting to explain any changes if required. The CDCC gave a positive response to a further meeting.

Barry Addison stated that he thought the CAT was a good idea and asked if Moray Council would help find new premises for any displaced groups at the same rate as the Memorial Hall is charged. Andrew Gray explained that this would be up to individual groups. He went on to say that the Court makes the decision on the CAT based on the presentations made by all concerned parties and have the power to decide that the party benefiting from the CAT could have to pay towards upgrading another facility in order to accommodate displaced groups.

Norman Marwick and Edwin Flett asked if it was possible for the Heritage to build a new premises. Brenda Wood explained that, although they had looked at this possibility, no ground was available in Cullen, although they had tried to rent the old bakery. Colin Birch asked if the Heritage Group have enough cash for any repairs if the CAT terms required this. Jim replied that as the group was a registered charity, avenues for funding would be available.

3) Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of 16th May 2017 were accepted and approved.

Proposed by Barry Addison

Seconded by Norman Marwick

4) Matters arising from previous minutes

Toilets – The issues surrounding the toilets have now been resolved since the locking of the toilets between 8 & 9pm each evening.

Defibrillator – Tam McLellan only has one quote for installation, from George Macrae, Portsoy. Fred Phillip and Andrew Murray have also been asked to quote. Stewart Black has asked Moray Council to state their preferred method of installation, and the reply received was that as long as it met the current building regulations, they would be happy with it. For the installation of the defibrillator unit a new consumer unit will be required.

5) Treasurers Report

Barry Addison provided an update on the current finances of CDCC. The balances stand at – Admin A/C £921.97 which includes the biannual grant from Moray Council of £318.59 and £332.10 from a Millennium Fund Grant that was never fully paid out previously. It was agreed that the Millennium Grant would be transferred to the CDCC Fundraising Account. Balance in the Fundraising Account - £4337.07

6) Projects and Fundraising

Following discussion, it was agreed to follow up on the plan to provide plaques for the barrels, and that they recognise CDCC and CPPVG, Poseidon and Seafield Estates with the final format to be decided upon. (Dennis to check with Poseidon). These can be paid from the Admin account following discussion with Moray Council..

Defibrillator: Deskford now has their defibrillator., and is waiting on price for installation. Tam McLellan has the Cullen Defibrillator.

Links Barrier: This has been galvanised and is still in Elgin, but should be delivered either this week or next.

Pitiness Handrail: Same as above.

Coastal Erosion: Dennis Paterson reported that Veolia Catchment had visited the site and stated that they didn't think that the gravity sewer, that runs in close proximity to the coastal erosion, was in any immediate danger. However, they were willing to offer £5,000 as a goodwill gesture towards any prevention works carried out. Barry Addison suggested that Dennis contact Seafeld Estates and get their response.

7) Planning and Licensing

Nothing to report.

8) AOCB

Edwin and Chris Flett brought up the issue of berth marking at the harbour. Following discussion it was agreed that CDCC would email the Head of Direct Services Steven Cooper explaining the concerns and suggesting that there may need to be a change to harbour rules.

Following on from this Stewart Black brought up the issue of discarded lobster pots on the beach, and the fact any displaced pots are not identifiable to any owner. Edwin replied that tagging of pots had been tried but did not prove to be successful. The Harbour Master informed Stewart that the wooden sleeper on the Flukie Quay at the mouth of the harbour is due to be replaced soon. Stewart was also informed that Moray Council are employing structural engineers to inspect the damage to the North pier later this year and provide a report on progress and repairs.

Kronach Youth Orchestra has asked if we could promote their visit and to assist with funding for costs. It was agreed to cover the Town Hall costs of £105.00.

Joint Community Council has asked for a contribution of £75 to help provide advertising and posters for upcoming Community Council elections. It was agreed to support and pay this.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed.