



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday, 19 February 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Cullen Residential and Community Centre

Members in attendance:

Stewart Black

Colin Burch

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove

Lizabeth Williamson

Councillors: Donald Gatt

Attendees: Bruce Edelston, Bob Harper, Peter Reidford

1 Opening of meeting:

Stewart opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2 Apologies

There was an apology from Ron Shepherd.

3 Outside Agencies Presentations

None.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted, having been proposed by Colin and seconded by Phil.

5. Matters Arising

Stewart was hopeful of finally overcoming the bureaucratic difficulties and concluding the change of name with the Scottish Ambulance Service in respect of the defibrillator in Cullen Square.

Cullen Sea School had not yet supplied a date for the meeting they had requested.

Phil confirmed that he had purchased a mobile phone for use as a point of contact for CDCC. Steve had advised Jane Martin, the Moray Council (MC) Liaison officer of the phone number. The number is 07592 462992.

6. Councillors Reports

Donald said that the final decisions on the MC budget would be taken on 27 February.



He confirmed that the brown bins would not be emptied after the end of March unless people had paid MC for a permit. Unwanted brown bins will be collected by MC.

7. Treasurer's Report

Phil advised that the Admin. Fund remained at £317.89 and there was still £3211.78 in the Fundraising account. Phil asked if he could make a block payment for the year to pay for the hire of the room in the Cullen Community & Residential Centre. This was approved.

8. Correspondence

A fact sheet had been received from Highlands Small Communities Trust regarding loans for self-builders. This would be published on social media.

Action: - SH

An email had been received from MC about several thousand trees which had been planted in the wrong place and were now available, at no charge, for anyone to collect. This had been distributed on social media by Steve.

An email about the Tesco Bags funding scheme had also been previously published on social media.

An email about a Fireworks Survey had been received from Jane Martin, MC. This should be published on social media. **Action:-SH**

An email about Youth Club equipment, which had been mistakenly sent to CDCC had been re-routed to CCRC as it was not a matter for the Community Council.

An email from MC regarding the retrieval of property from the Town Hall by any local groups with a claim to items within had been published on social media, as had a request for people to complete a survey about the Citizens Advice Bureau in Elgin with a view to saving it from closure.

Also published on social media was information about two opportunities for funding for Community Groups.

9. Clashgour Windfarm

Phil said that communities in Moray were being given the opportunity to invest 5% which would represent £10m of the total investment in Clashgour Windfarm. At this stage, Community Councils were being invited to register an Expression of Interest which did not commit them to anything. CDCC would not be investing. The Expression of Interest would be on behalf of a local group which would be formed to invest in the scheme nearer the time. It was agreed that an Expression of Interest should be lodged.



10. Current Concerns

Toilets

Bob said that Cullen Amenities group would be taking over the running of the Links Toilets. Until MC make their budget decisions on 27 February, it will not be known if the Harbour Toilets will be closed by MC and the same situation applies to the toilets in Cullen Square. Bob said that The Amenities Group could run two toilets but not three.

CDCC Facebook

It was agreed that a new Facebook page was needed because Community Council members could not sign in as CDCC and were having to use their personal Facebooks to post items. The previous Community Council, who had set up the page, had not handed over the codes needed to properly access the page. Stewart will progress this. **Action:- SB**

Defibrillator in Cullen Square

Monthly checks were needed on this. Bob said that the Amenities Group could do these if they were to take on the Square toilets.

School Crossing Patrol.

Stewart would speak to the school to find out what plans, if any, they had for providing a replacement when MC stopped this service. There was also confusion as to whether the service would stop on April 1st or at the end of the school year. Contact was needed with Direct Services to clarify this.

Action:- SB

11. AOCB

Legal Liabilities of Community Councils

A paper was made available to Community Council members about their possible legal liabilities following a judicial decision that Connel Community Council could be sued. In connection with this, it was agreed that CDCC should consider buying Hi-viz jackets. Phil would cost these. **Action:- PL**

Commemorative Seat

Phil said that he would obtain a plaque for the Miss Gillian Findlay commemorative seat. **Action:- PL**

Flowers

Bruce and Bob will pot the plants for the hanging baskets. They will collect the baskets from Dennis Paterson, clean them and keep them until needed. The Volunteer Group will be asked to put up the baskets again this year.

**Fire Safety**

The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service is offering a free Home Fire Safety Visit and free smoke alarms. This could be arranged by calling 0800 073199 or Texting 'Fire' to 80800.

Town Hall Clock

The Town Hall clock will remain in situ meantime and it is hoped that it will be loaned to the Heritage Group.

Events for Cullen

Colin suggested organising an event which would draw people to Cullen. Various ideas were put forward including History Walks, a Music Festival and a Bin Hill run. Steve said the Volunteer Group were looking at the latter. Bob suggested a carting race involving hand-made carts which could follow a route from the main road to the harbour. He would investigate this.

12. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next meeting will take place at 1900 on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at Cullen Community and Residential Centre.