



Minute of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council

Date: Tuesday, 16 April 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Cullen Residential and Community Centre

Members in attendance:

Colin Burch (chair)

Steve Horrocks (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove

Stan Slater

Lizabeth Williamson

Councillors: Theresa Coull

Attendees: Peter Reidford

1 Opening of meeting:

Colin opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2 Apologies

There were apologies from Stewart Black and Donald Gatt.

3 Outside Agencies Presentations

Sergeant Robert Williams apologised that nobody had been able to attend the three previous meetings. He said there had been no incidents in Cullen in March but advised that in January one person had been reported for breaching his bail conditions and in February a car had been stopped near Lintmill and the driver was reported for Road Traffic offences. Complaints regarding speeding in Seatown had resulted in several people being warned.

The Police were also dealing with a complaint about noisy cars in the vicinity of Lythe Care Home.

Problems caused by youths in Cullen Square were anticipated in the warmer weather but it was hoped that the continued progress being made by the organisers of the Youth Club based at the Cullen Community and Residential Centre (CCRC) would help to alleviate this.

Liz advised the Police that there had been problems with vehicles parking on the pavement at the former Cullen Kitchen premises but the situation had improved recently.

Phil stated that speeding on the A98 by vehicles entering Cullen from Portsoy remained a problem.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, having been proposed by Liz and seconded by Colin.



5. Matters Arising

Pedestrian Crossing

Theresa advised that she had been in contact with Ken Major of Moray Council (MC) Roads Dept., about the possibility of providing a pelican or zebra crossing. One question which he had raised was the location of such a crossing. Theresa said she would email a map which he had provided to CDCC so that a preferred location could be identified in consultation with other concerned agencies.

Hi-vis jackets

Phil advised that hi-vis jackets cost less than £5 each. It was decided that he should purchase six. These would be useful during litter picking and other events. Peter suggested that Road warning signs would also be advisable for litter picking and it was agreed to buy two such signs at an approximate cost of £60. **Action:- PL**

Dog poo

Liz reported that owners of dogs walking them in the Seatown area were not picking up the poo which their dogs had left. This was particularly prevalent on a Sunday after religious services in the area.

Theresa advised that people witnessing this should take photographs of the offenders and, if applicable, their cars and forward them to the MC Community Warden for prosecution. There was general agreement that this was a problem throughout the area and residents of other areas should be encouraged to take the same action against irresponsible dog owners. The Community Council will be monitoring this issue and seek the assistance of the public, who are the victims in this matter, by reporting offenders to the Police or the Community Warden. Colin suggested this should be publicised via social media. **Action: SH**

6. Councillors Reports

Theresa reported that interviews are taking place on Monday 22 April for the still vacant post of Head Teacher at Cullen Primary School.

7. Treasurer's Report

Phil advised that there was still £2835.23 in the Fundraising Account and the Admin. Account stood at £297.68. The Three Kings Cullen had been paid for the use of the CCRC until February 2020.

8. Correspondence

An email had been received from Dennis Paterson about a derelict house at 47 Seafeld Street which was in a dangerous condition. MC had been notified by the Councillor Donald Gatt.



An email asking for the completion of a survey on the value of the local roads network in Scotland had been completed by Stan.

An email about a Mental Health campaign to encourage men to seek help had been received. Once positive information about dates and venues was received, this would be distributed on social media.

A planning application for a licence for the Seafield Arms Hotel had also been received. This showed their intention to be serving alcohol during normal licensing hours.

An email had been received from MC about planning training for Community Councils on 17 and 23 April.

Phil said that he would be attending the conference on Energising Communities on 3 May which was notified to CDCC by email on 1 April.

9. Current Concerns

Toilets

Liz advised that Stagecoach had expressed a desire to assist with funding for the toilets in the Square and that discussions were ongoing with other potential sources of funding.

10. AOCB

Rubbish bin

Liz reported that a green rubbish bin on the grass triangle to the east of the former Cullen Kitchens did not now have a lid. She would report it via MC website. **Action:- LW**

Viaduct Drainage

She also advised that water had been lying on top of the viaduct above the Cullen Burn which would suggest that the drains were blocked. Theresa said she would report this to MC. **Action:- TC**

Cycle Track

Stan advised that he had been approached by Portsoy Community Council regarding the cycle track and the possibility of joining the Cullen section with Portsoy. Colin, Stan and Liz would progress this. **Action:- CB, SS & LW**

CCRC Coffee Mornings

Colin said that usually on the first Saturday of each month there was a coffee morning at CCRC. Each event was run by a different community group. He wanted it to be known that this was open to all community groups and not just those who were affiliated to CCRC.



North Castle Street Wall

Liz reported that the wall beside the pavement at the bottom of North Castle Street on the west side was bulging. Theresa said she thought that the land there belonged to MC but would check and advise them if it was their responsibility. **Action:- TC**

Litter Clean Up

Colin spoke about a Litter Clean Up and it was agreed that it should be arranged for Sunday 12 May starting at 0900 at the Cullen Square. Phil will have bought the hi-vis jackets by then, the road warning signs will also have been purchased and MC would be approached to supply litter-picking equipment as they had done previously. The event would be publicised via social media and it was being arranged by CDCC on the basis that if volunteers from the community did not attend, the Clean Up would NOT go ahead. The community would also be asked for suggested locations where litter was a problem. Peter said that MC could collect the bagged rubbish on 27 May from the CCRC.

Facebook Page

Colin spoke about the CDCC Facebook page. The present situation was unacceptable and he regarded a new Facebook page as a priority. It was agreed that if professional help was needed, CDCC would pay for this. Phil knew someone who should be able to help and would contact them.

Disabled Ramp to Beach

Theresa raised the issue of a Disabled Ramp giving access to the beach. She had been discussing this with MC officials who had asked where the ramp could potentially be. It was agreed it should be at the shorter set of steps which lead to the beach West of the toilet although clarification was needed about ownership of that land. She asked if MC would be expected to pay for the ramp but was advised that other funding should be available once issues of ownership of land and costings were clarified.

11. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next meeting will take place at 1900 on Tuesday 21 May 2019 at Deskford Community Centre.