



## **Minutes of Meeting of Cullen & Deskford Community Council**

18 October 2022

At Cullen community and residential centre

### **Present**

Colin Burch (Chair)

Stuart Black (Vice Chair)

Bruce Edelsten (Secretary)

Phil Lovegrove (Treasurer)

Ernest Kopp (Planning)

Councillor Donald Gatt

Councillor Theresa Coull

John Jappy, (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service)

One member of the public

### **CDCC Annual General Meeting**

#### **1. Welcome**

Colin Burch opened the meeting at 19.00

#### **2. Apologies**

Councillor Tracy Colyer, Police Scotland representative.

#### **3. Minutes of inaugural meeting held via Zoom on 26 October 2021**

The only business of the CDCC inaugural meeting in October 2021 has been to elect the post holders for the coming year. The minutes were adopted by the meeting.

#### **4. Election of Office Bearers**

The existing post holders were re-elected for the coming year.

#### **5. Confirmation of dates for coming year**

It was agreed to continue with meetings being scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month except December on the second Tuesday and the July one which would, normally, not take place unless necessitated by events.

#### **6. Any other AGM business**

It was noted that the community council continues to be understaffed and cannot undertake many of usual and optional functions of a community council.

Phil Lovegrove noted the JCC was recommending that no individual community councillor should spend more than £50 without prior quorate approval of other CDCC members. This was agreed.

Bruce Edelsten agreed to register for internet banking for the CDCC bank account. This will ensure that 3 CDCC members have access to the bank accounts.

Colin Burch reviewed CDCC activity during the past year. some of which carried over from last session and proceed on a continuing basis into this session.

Summary of CDCC involvements during the past year:

- Logie Playpark revamp
- Town Flowers
- Defibrillators replacement, in conjunction with Keiran's legacy
- Continuing issue of speeding
- Planning developments awareness: Seafield farm, Aultmore wind farm, Moray West wind farm
- Funding applications: Moray West wind farm, Tesco blue badge, SSE Resilient Communities fund
- Storm Arwen response
- Resilience planning
- Millennium Wood ownership
- Food vans overload at links beach
- Overhanging hedges
- Cost of living concerns

#### 7. Close of AGM meeting

No other points were raised and the meeting closed at 19.15

### **Meeting of the Community Council**

#### **1. Outside Agencies Reports**

- a) Police – There was no police presence though their report was received via e-mail. There was nothing of specific concern to CDCC.
- b) Fire and Rescue services – John Jappy reported the Fire and Rescue service continued to actively recruit, and anyone interested could visit the fire station any Monday evening 7-9pm, when training sessions were held, or visit <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/careers/current-vacancies/>  
Upcoming will be bonfire and firework activities, and the Fire and Rescue service will be posting about this on their social media channels, putting posters into local shops and visiting local primary schools.

#### **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2022 were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Colin Burch and seconded by Ernest Kopp.

### **3. Chair's Report**

Details subsumed within the minutes. Agreed that this was an agreeable way to continue. Anything of specific note will be mentioned here in the future.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Admin account has £625.46. Expenditure has been for a couple of stationery item, Deskford hall use and Remembrance Day wreaths. Fundraising account has £27,578.73, however £26,300 is ringfenced: £20,000 SSE resilience funding, £4,000 for play park, £1,500 for e-bus shelter, and £800 for clean beach rewards application, leaving £1278.73. Expenditure from this account during the month includes the defibrillators and fittings at Deskford and Cullen Square.

A new bookkeeper will audit the books this year. A thank you to Mary Wilson for her assistance with this over the previous years.

### **5. Secretary's report**

Posted on Facebook:

- Worrying about money: link to web page.
- Resilience planning bulletin

### **6. Councillors' reports**

Theresa Coull reported she had attended a marathon full council meeting, a wards meeting (mostly Keith related), VisitMoray Speyside, and usual council activities.

Donald Gatt attended town centre approval plans, various meetings of the administration group for budget development etc., will be attending the thanksgiving service for the queen in Banff, reported on the legal limbo of 47 Seafield St (on the corner downhill from the Chinese carry out), and the number of empty homes there are in Moray. Coming up – a briefing for education and leisure services, planning site visits, planning committee, performance, etc.

The crash barrier on the bend outside the Cullen Bay Hotel will be fixed in November.

### **7. Planning Officer's Report**

22/01311/APP Conversion of steading to dwelling house at Clunehill, Deskford.

22/01318/APP Alter and extend dwellinghouse at 223 Seatown Cullen AB564SL

22/01324/AAP Section 42 Application to modify Condition 1 of planning permission 19/00908/AAP to abend the expectation period from 30 September 2022 to 30 September 2025 at Lurg Hill Deskford Moray

22/01392/APP and 22/01393/LBC Alter and extend dwellinghouse at 119 Seatown, Cullen, Buckie, Moray AB56 4SN

None of the above raised any particular concerns to CDCC members present.

### **8. Resilience Planning**

A Moray community resilience planning bulletin was received on 27 September and posted on Facebook. There is a JCC Resilience working group meet on Thursday 24 November at Elgin Town Hall. It may be that some purchases may be made prior to then. That will be dependent on storage facilities at the CCRC. Agreed to forward Cullen's draft resilience plan to Fire and Rescue services.

### **9. Current Business**

- a) Flag Poles  
Confirmed that CDCC do not have responsibility for any Cullen or Deskford flagpoles. CDCC has a reasonable working relationship with the Seaford hotel as well as owners of the now deconsecrated Deskford church. The war memorial at Deskford is on private property though access to the memorial will be accepted by current owners.  
Secretary to e-mail the commonwealth war graves enquiring about the Deskford memorial.
- b) Remembrance Day arrangements  
Stewart Black will be attending the Deskford one, and A.N Other CDCC member will attend the Cullen one.
- c) Community hub / hot meals  
Colin and Ernest attended a Kirk Session meeting on Thursday 29 September. Outcome from that meeting is that the Church and CDCC will work together, aiming to provide a warm hub / hot meal in the Hall church once a week during the winter months hopefully starting mid-late November.
- d) Logie Park play area  
Works started at clearing the Logie Playpark area of items that will be removed prior to the revamp. Items that will be remaining, as well as benches and bins that are currently onsite will be removed during works. They will be reinstalled on completion of the playpark.
- e) Defibrillators  
New defibrillators have been fitted in Cullen and Deskford. The alarm on the boxes can only be cancelled with the use of a fob. Kieran's legacy will retain one of the fobs for when they check on the defibrillator and it was agreed to leave the Cullen one with the box. The Deskford fob is currently within the hall.
- f) Motor homes / camper vans / Port Long  
Proposal for Moray Council transfers the funds to Cullen and Cullen does an 'in house' build.  
**Donald Gatt** to ask Moray Council for an update.
- g) Cullen Town Flowers  
Stuart Black has purchased pansies and violas, which were ordered along with bulbs. There will be an article in the next CullenConnected seeking volunteers to lead / manage the town flowers after the allotment association has potted out and brought plugs on to being ready to be planted out.
- h) Millenium Wood  
No further developments
- i) Tourist Forum  
Meeting in Seaford Arms Hotel on 28 September – minutes circulated. Colin Burch & Ernest Kopp, representing CDCC, attended. Representatives from other Cullen Community groups and businesses also attended.
- j) 20mph speed limit / speeding subgroup  
Transport forum meeting on 20 October in Urquhart
- k) CullenConnected – newsletter article(s)  
There will be a request soon for articles from all signed-up groups and businesses in Cullen. We again will use this for updating on what we are doing, as well as informing our community that the CDCC have spaces for people to help out.
- l) Moray Food Plus / Tesco Community Grant / Foodbank  
A food bank project application has been accepted by the Tesco Community Grants Scheme. This will operate between October 2022 and January 2023. Cullen and Deskford residents are encouraged to use their blue tokens to support this, and for volunteers to help with the project
- m) E-bus shelter  
Colin Burch has again attempted to contact Yvonne Joss with no return at time of writing. Colin Burch to include councillors in next query.

#### **10. AOCB**

A member of the public raised a query about a Seafield St. street bollard having been made removable. Update – post meeting: After investigation, CDCC felt pursuing this was unlikely to achieve anything.

#### **11. Date of next scheduled meetings**

15 November 2022 at Cullen Community Centre

13 December 2022 at Cullen Community Centre

Dates for the diary

Sunday 23 October 1500Hrs - Thanksgiving service to Queen Elizabeth at Banff

Thursday 10 November 1900Hrs - JCC meet at Elgin Town Hall

Sunday 13 November - Remembrance Day

Wednesday 16 November = Moray draft corporate plan, Elgin town hall

Thursday 24 November 1000Hrs - JCC resilience planning meeting at Elgin Town Hall

Meeting closed at 20.28

Distribution

First draft is circulated for comment to community councillors, as are revised drafts until no more comments are received.

The final draft will be presented for approval at the next prescribed meeting of the Community Council then, within 14 days of approval, circulated to other appropriate parties (Moray Council councillors), the Moray Council Community Council Liaison Officer, Cullen Library, and posted on Facebook.