



Minutes of Meeting 21st October 2025 @ 7pm Cullen Community Centre and on teleconference [via Zoom]		
Attendees: Chair - Colin Burch [CB], Treasurer - Phil Lovegrove [PL], Les Tarr [LT], Colin Taylor [CT], Jill Sowden [JS], Donald Gatt [DG], John Jappy [JJ]		
Item	Note	Action Points
1.	Welcome to the last CDCC meet of this session. Review of CDCC activities during this time was offered and will be appended to the Minutes when made available.	As only two full members of the community council were present the meeting was inquorate
2.	Apologies Bruce Edelsten, Lyra Wilson, Tracy Colyer, Theresa Coull (Cllr Coull sent E-mail apologies and included a thank you to the CDCC members for their involvement during the last 4 years)	
3.	Outside Agencies Report <u>Fire and Rescue Service</u> JJ reported that there had been a successful multi agency event at Spey Bay. The stations focus was now on the upcoming Guy Fawkes celebration, although little activity normally occurs in Cullen. JJ reported that there were two recruits being processed <u>Police Scotland</u> No report received. – No points raised to take to Police Scotland	No questions to JJ
3.	Minutes of meetings of 16 th September 2025	Approved LT, Seconded CB.
4.	Matters Arising CB made note that Andrew Castles who attended the meeting should be named due to the nature of the issue he brought to the Community Council i.e. point 13d the Planning assessment request for the Sauna at the Kings	Noted
5.	Chair's Report Any points would be raised during the course of the meeting at appropriate point. Summary of the achievements of the Current 2021 – 25 session (included as an appendix 1)	Noted Summary of achievements to be appended to the final Minutes
6.	Treasurers Report PL reported that the admin account has £58.62 Spending this last month has been £0.99 for iCloud DD and £60 to TKCA for Hall use last month and this month. £79.20 for wreaths. £0.28 cash back following purchase of wreaths by debit card. The Fundraising account has £13182.08 Spending this month was £67.55 to TKCA for printing. (This should have come out of Admin fund, but not enough in the account to cover it.) £664.56 to TKCA for Cullen connected printing £79.20 to 1st Cullen Brownies for their wreaths.	Noted LT to arrange a handover session between PL and the new treasurer when one is appointed by AGM

	£50 donation to Cullen Primary School towards defibrillator costs. £2168.92, the banked monies held by CDCC for the community lunch monies, was transferred to TKCA. It should be noted that these funds will be ring-fenced. Cash monies (£374.53) held will be transferred direct to the group by the next Community lunch So, we've £10631.52 allocated and £2550.56 unallocated. Allocated made up of: • Town centre regeneration fund £1528.70 • Cullen connected £141.21 • SSE £8961.61 (resilience planning funds) LT asked if the written assurance from 3KA regarding the ringfencing of Community Lunches funds transferred had been received. CB reported that verbal assurances had been given which JS had witnessed, but as such no written assurances had been given. DG asked if there were any funds available to assist with new signage at the Harbour. CB noted that there would likely be funds available though that should be put to the next CDCC administration.	
7.	Secretary's Report Nothing to report at this time	
8.	Planning Officers Report [from briefing note] Reference 25/01250/APP Erect single storey extension to rear at 2 Victoria Crescent Cullen Buckie Moray AB56 4TT Reference 25/01207/APP Retrospective consent for re-roofing using new natural slates at West Tower Cullen House Cullen Buckie Moray AB56 4XW DG corrected the note, in respect of 25/01207/APP, a retrospective application had been received and not consented.	Meeting duly noted the comment by DG
9.	Councillors Report DG reported the following: As well as attending various briefing events held by Moray Council he had: • Attended the funeral of former councillor Laura Powell • Carried out a 100th birthday presentation • Attended a tourist event organised by Seamus Logan MP • Sink hole issue in harbour was out to contract and would be repaired by Xmas	Noted

	As part of an Administration reshuffle DG had stepped back from being Deputy Leader of the Moray Council DG thanked outgoing CDCC members for their involvement	
10.	Cullen and Deskford Community Development Officer Report (including TKCA updates) - Building work within Community Centre ongoing with additional quotes being sought - An application had been made to the Just Transition PB Fund ~ concerns regarding the PB (Participatory Budgeting) process were discussed (lower populated communities were disadvantaged by larger populated areas) - C.H.A.T. (Cullen Helping And Thriving) – various groups attended the initial meeting and one thing being discussed was an extended Harbour Gala – meeting schedule will likely be 2 monthly - Cullen Tapestry – Derek Merson aiming to go for the world record for such a tapestry (it should be noted that CDCC have previously offered assistance with keeping the tapestry in Cullen at some future point as required) - Motorhomes stopover place – there had been issues with wind damage following recent storms, to the barriers - European Rural Parliamentarians will be visiting Cullen Community Centre tomorrow (Wednesday 22 October) - Attended Climate Conference. There is a TsiMoray film regarding the recycling process that is undertaken. This was very informative and worthy of watching - Attended the Tourism workshop in Buckie Fisherman's hall – 9 attendees, 7 of whom came from Cullen - There will be a micro bakery and woodfired pizza stand coming to the Community Centre car park twice weekly. The times will tie-in with the library opening times on Tuesday & Saturday's.	Noted by the meeting
11.	Deskford and District Community Association CT reported: - Hall repairs and renovations are ongoing - There had been a funeral tea - An engagement party has also been held in the hall - Octoberfest event had been successful - Trad Folk music sessions continuing after the success of the initial session ~ Jill Sowden offered the loan of sound equipment for future events if required - A Craft Fayre will be held on the 8th of November - Santa Tractor run event being planned for 23 December - A.G.M was lightly attended, and most of the committee were back in post	Meeting noted the points.

	- CT Thanked the outgoing CDCC for their assistance since reforming the halls group 2 years ago. - CB thanked CT on behalf of the DCDA for their involvement with the CDCC	
12.	Current Business (a) Community Council nominations LT reported that 6 nominations were known to have been submitted (b) LT reported the website continues to be well used, with since it was started there had been 4782 unique visitors (c) Community Engagement – continues to be pursued (d) CDCC Remembrance Day wreaths, held at the community centre. New administration to organise for them to be laid at Remembrance Sunday events in Cullen and Deskford on the 9th November (e) Moray new tourist strategy – attendance noted, and that representation from Cullen groups was significant at the event. (f) Moray Council Community Identified Benefits portal – launched but very underused. Encourage Cullen and Deskford groups to utilise it. The website is: www.moraycommunitybenefits.org.uk (g) C.H.A.T – dealt with under item 10. (h) Island on A98 out of Cullen to Portsoy. – issue concluded to be removed from agenda. (i) Traffic obstructions on A98 – police advised the vehicle is legally on road and cannot be addressed. DG suggested this be looked at as a possible abandonment. Remove from agenda meantime, this will be monitored (j) Cullen Primary school Defibrillator – donation of £50 made by CDCC to administration fund, remove from agenda (k) Cullen Recycling Site – it was noted that Moray Council had been advised through a resident in Cullen, that a site with mis-leading information had incorrectly defined the items that could be recycled. Moray Council had contacted the web site owners to correct the information. Call for lock up volunteers will restart now nomination period is completed. (l) Kronach Twinning – CB reported that around 160 people had signed up, and work was ongoing planning the visit. CDCC have offered support to the group. Future administration to consider continuing the support. (m) JCC – Admin Grant – there was a report going to Moray Full Council on options to increase the moneys available. NB there has been NO increase in the Moray Community Council grant since 2009. There was some discussion regards the Moray Area Forums and possible confusion / duplication of the roles.	Remove from agenda Continue to monitor Next administration Next administration to organise – remove from agenda Next administration to monitor Next administration to consider Item now closed Item now closed Item now closed, though next administration to monitor the situation Item now closed Next administration to monitor Next administration to consider continuing involvement Next administration to continue
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	(a) Transfer of Community Lunch funds noted, see comments in item 6 (b) Bike Infrastructure, to be installed at Library car parking area. Installation likely to be early in 2026. (c) Letter of support sent to Jill Sowden for including in the funding renewal application. Noted. (d) Erosion at Harbour. Noted that Moray Harbour Board are aware and the matter is under consideration. Discussion from DG at item 6 (e) Christmas Tree donation by Seafeld Estate, noted no action required by CDCC as TKCA and Deskford Halls both have received the same request. (f) Buckie Area Forum require a new application form to be submitted.	Item now closed Item now closed Item now closed Item now closed Item now closed Next administration to consider and submit form ASAP.
14.	Dates for Calendar Wednesday 22 October ~ Buckie Area Forum via Zoom Thursday 6 November ~ Meet the funders event in Elgin	
14.	Date of Next Meeting 18th November 2025 @ 7pm. This will be the first meeting of the new session/administration. It will be a combination Induction by Community Council Liaison Officer (CCLO) and AGM. CB reiterated thanks to all for their time during the 2021 -25 session Meeting closed at 2015Hrs	



Appendix 1: Summary of activities and achievements by the 2021 -25 CDCC administration

Review of works undertaken by CDCC during the 2021 – 25 session

Members / persons who have been involved during the whole session, or latterly:

Colin Burch, Lyra Wilson, Phil Lovegrove, Bruce Edelsten, Les Tarr, Jill Sowden (Cullen & Deskford Community Development Worker), Colin Taylor (Chair of Deskford Halls), John Jappy (Scottish Fire & Resue Service), Moray Councillors; Theresa Coull, Tracy Colyer, Donald Gatt.

Members / persons who have been involved during the session:

Stewart Black, Tony Janetta, Ernest Kopp, Stewart Wilson, Heather Cameron, Cllr Laura Powell

A **THANK YOU** to all of the above
for their involvement during the 2021-25 session

Projects CDCC have been involved with either solely or in partnership

- Logie Playpark upgrade
- Mercat Cross upgrade
- Moray West Windfarm
- Aultmore windfarm
- Cullen – Portknockie cycling path
- Memorial benches instal
- Cullen Recycling Centre (ongoing)
- Resilience Planning (ongoing)
- Town Centre regeneration funding
- Defibrillators – solely for the Lintmill defibrillator, in conjunction with Keirans Legacy for the Cullen Square and Deskford Halls
- Also assisting the Cullen Primary school with their ongoing maintenance costs.
- Millenium wood (ongoing)
- Cullen Town Flowers

Aspects of Community life that CDCC have been involved with:

- Road Safety Barriers repairs
- Road resurfacing & relining
- Input to Locality Planning Strategy
- Moray Local Development Plan revision
- Local Place Plan (in conjunction and with thanks to the Community Development Worker)
- Initial Campervan site efforts
- Scottish Water ‘Top-up’ tap @ the Links car park area
- Primary school’s broadband issues
- Buckie HS Support group
- Cullen Skink painting competition
- Hustings events for elections:
 - Local Authority
 - Scottish
 - UK wide
- Review and action on Planning Applications including contentious ones such as the Dinosaur on building on Bayview Road building
- Tentative enquiries regarding accessibility ramp at the Cullen beach
- Scarecrow Competitions

Information provided to the local community (in addition to the above):

- Pavement and general parking regulations
- Licensing regulations
- MC Community Responders information



CULLEN AND DESKFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Aspects of Cullen that CDCC have been involved, or assisted with:

- Cullen Community Lunches ~ started as assistance to those deemed vulnerable during the COVID period, with the 'meal-a-day strategy, which then developed into the regular Community Lunches
- Various Community Surveys such as Speeding issues in various areas including the Seatown and the A98 coming into Cullen from the East side.
- Cullen Connected newsletter (provided financial administration support to funding applications and operation)

Support offered to local groups and organisations

- Cullen Town Flowers
- Deskford Halls
- Three Kings Cullen Association
 - £ Loan of Funds to complete 'Green' initiative works
- Cullen Tourist Initiative
- Cullen against library closure group
- Twinning Groups support:
 - Janville Sur Juine
 - Kronach

Future

(requires to be continued with the agreement of the next CDCC administration)

- Future Funding of Moray CC's
- Expectations on Moray CC's
- Financial administration of Cullen Connected newsletter

Connections & involvement with various groups outside of the local area

- Moray Joint Community Councils (JCC):
- General involvement
- Community Council Funding
- Transport Forum
- Windfarms, etc.
- Moray Tourist Forum
- Buckie Area Forum
- MC Harbour Advisory Committee
- MC Corporate Draft Planning
- TsiMoray Funding events and other informative sessions
- Moray Library Group
- Moray Community Alarm Responders
- Neighbouring Community Councils interactions (including Aberdeenshire)
- Collaboration on local initiatives such as:
 - Volunteer Fair
 - Cullen CHAT
- Bringing awareness to the Community of strategies such as BT Digital Voice Engagement event
- Cullen Seaschool gala