



Minutes of Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @ 7pm  
Cullen Community Centre and on Teleconference (via Zoom)

Attendees: Chair: Les Tarr (LT), Vice-Chair: Stuart Donald (SD), Secretary: Chris Lawson (CL), Treasurer: David Baxter (DB), Elaine Baxter (EB), Lynn Myles (LM), Andrew Campbell (AC), Colin Taylor (CT),  
Scottish Fire and Rescue: John Jappy (JJ)  
Zoom Attendees: Jill Sowden(JS)  
Members of the Community: 4 including Colin Burch (CB) ex-chair.

| Item | Note  | Action Points                                   |
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| 1.   | <p><b>Welcome, and Introductions</b></p> <p>LT welcomed all to the meeting and introduced AC, an elected member of the CDCC from Deskford.</p> <p>LT welcomed the four members of the community who attended the meeting, including the previous chair, Colin Burch (CB).</p>   |   |
| 2.   | <p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Theresa Coull, Donald Gatt, Tracey Coyler, Police Scotland representative and Seafield Medical Practice representative</p>   |   |
| 3.   | <p><b>Minutes of previous meetings</b></p> <p><b>16<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b></p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>CB provided some additional information relating to the minutes produced, this included the proposed 20mph speed limit zone and progressing the resilience plan with Moray Council resilience officer.</p> <p>The additional information was welcomed and noted.</p> | <p>Approved DB<br/>Seconded LM</p> <p>Noted</p> |
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|           | <p><b>Blue Light Report</b></p> <p><u>Scottish Fire and Rescue Services</u></p> <p>JJ provided a brief update. Two incidents were reported (Buckie / Portknockie) during the reporting period.</p> <p>JJ also advised that the sum of £1342.50 had been raised by the local Fire Brigade and will be donated to the Fire Fighters charity and a local charity.</p> <p>Recruitment for volunteer fire fighters continues.</p> <p>Representations were made to the council to ensure that adequate snow clearance would take place around the access roads to Cullen Fire Station to allow vehicles to easily access the fire station / main road.</p> <p><u>Police Scotland</u></p> <p>No report received.</p> <p><u>Seafield Medical Practice</u></p> <p>No report received</p> | <p>Noted</p> |
| <p>5.</p> | <p><b>Office Bearers Reports</b></p> <p><u>Chairperson</u></p> <p>LT referred the attendees to the link within the agenda for the Office Bearers report.</p> <p>One point highlighted was responsibility for Millenium woods. This will be done in consultation with The Three Kings who are actively involved in implementation of nature walks in the Millenium woods.</p> <p><u>Secretary</u></p> <p>See Treasurers report – Resilience Plan.</p>  |              |



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|    | <p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>DB referred the attendees to the link within the agenda for the Treasurers report.</p> <p>In addition to the work performed on the accounts side, DB and CL met with CB to progress the handover of the resilience plan equipment currently stored at Cullen Community Centre. A full inventory will be performed in April for Cullen and Deskford. Equipment listed but not purchased will be reviewed before purchasing.</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>A planning officer is still to be appointed.</p> | <p>DB /CL to progress</p> <p>CDCC to discuss and appoint.</p> |
| 6. | <p><b>Representations at Groups</b></p> <p>DB and EB attended a meeting with Ruth Liddicoat who is a 'PR Consultant" on the Ardmore wind farm project. Though there was not much to report Rith Liddicoat stressed that the purpose of the meeting is to maintain dialogue with the local community.</p>   |   |
| 7. | <p><b>Moray Councillors Report</b></p> <p>Nothing to report. All councillors provided apologies for absence.</p>   |   |
| 8. | <p><b>Deskford Community Association Chair</b></p> <p>CT highlighted that his position is to provide an update on activities / issues with the hall as the DCA chair.</p> <p>AC as the CDCC representative will highlight any issues on behalf of the community at future meetings.</p> <p>A number of successful events took place at the community hall during the reporting period.</p>   |   |



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|           | <p>CT advised that the Community hall will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Plans are being progressed to celebrate this milestone.</p> <p>Other points raised included the requirement for disabled toilets and encouraging 'new blood' to the Deskford Association Committee.</p>   |   |
| <p>9.</p> | <p><b>Resident Issues</b></p> <p><b>Cullen Library</b><br/>Proposed changes to Cullen Library.</p> <p>LT provided an overview of the latest efforts to retain the original hours. Statistical information was provided on usage and it was agreed, after intervention by JS, that the figures provided by Moray Council should be reviewed, as they are incorrect.</p> <p>Despite the proposed cut in hours, the current opening hours of the Cullen Library continue to be discussed. It was agreed, with the members of the public attending, that the current open hours do not fully benefit the community.</p> <p>A member of the community attending, also highlighted that the library should be a place to go to, not just for the collection and return of books. For example, there is a lack of facilities for Cullen youth, especially young males. It was agreed that facilities for youths in Cullen is lacking. Furthermore, consideration should be given to other areas where the library can also serve the community and local businesses.</p> <p><b>Trade Waste: Seatown</b></p> <p>Concerns raised with trade waste in Seatown and at the beach bins will be discussed with Moray Council Environment and Waste representatives.</p> | <p>LT and JS to discuss and progress.</p> <p>CDCC to discuss with the Librarian and Community on proposal for new opening hours</p> <p>CDCC to discuss with other groups and progress</p> <p>CDCC to progress</p> |



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|     | <p><b>Recycling Centre</b></p> <p>This is highlighted in 'Projects and Initiatives'. However, it was noted that fly-tipping continues at the Cullen recycling centre.</p> <p><b>Adoption of Lane</b></p> <p>LT provided an overview of the situation: flooding of lane in Cullen. CDCC will liaise with Moray Council and Seafield Estate to ascertain who has responsibility for it.</p> <p><b>Repair of Fence</b></p> <p>The wooden fence at the bottom of Lower Blantyre Street needs to be repaired. Not repairing it could raise health and safety concerns. Responsibility of the fence ( Moray Council / Seafield Estate) needs to be confirmed before the matter can be progressed.</p>  | <p>CDCC to progress</p> <p>CDCC to progress with Moray Council / Seafield Estate.</p> |
| 10. | <p><b>Community Groups: Updates / Information</b></p> <p><b>Three Kings / CDO</b></p> <p>JS provided an update on Three Kings activities since the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cullen primary school will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Ways to celebrate this occasion continue to be discussed.</li> <li>• Yoga classes will be provided at the Community Centre. This initiative has been welcomed on Facebook and within the community.</li> <li>• Last part of funding approved. Discussions are ongoing with the contractors to ensure that it is spent within the timescale specified.</li> <li>• JS post is still awaiting funding to progress beyond March 2026. An update will be provided at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Funding for major projects has gone to the main population areas of Moray. This was disappointing for Cullen and the surrounding area.</li> </ul> |   |



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|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community plan continues to be developed and should be finalised by end of March 2026.</li> <li>The car park at the beach has had work carried out to flatten the surface. JS advised that sea defences had been proposed but costs were high.</li> </ul> <p>JS also provided advice / information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library usage statistics supplied by Moray council</li> <li>Youth clubs and issues with implementing one.</li> </ul>  |  |
| 11. | <p><b>Projects and Initiatives</b></p> <p>Carried forward business</p> <p><b>Resilience Plan</b> – This is a long term project that is currently being progressed.<br/> <i>Note: An update was provided in the Treasure’s report, with an action point for DB/CL.</i></p> <p><b>A98 Crossing / Traffic / Parking Concerns</b> – CDCC will actively engage with Moray Council and the community to ensure that proposals meet the requirements of the community,</p> <p><b>Cullen Recycling Centre (Lock up volunteers)</b> – This is an issue and it was noted that fly-tipping continues and the boundary fence to the centre is broken. The issue of security and introducing opening / closing times will be discussed further.<br/> <i>Note: CDCC will engage with Moray Council to ensure that the boundary fence is fixed and improved signage on fly-tipping and what can be deposited is provided.</i></p> | <p>DB/CL to progress</p> <p>CDCC to progress</p> <p>CDCC to progress</p> |
| 12. | <p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDCC Photograph: Photographs were taken and will be used on the website and other documents</li> <li>Sea School signage: EB highlighted that there is a lack of signage for the Sea School when entering Cullen. CDCC will liaise with Moray Council on style of signage / permission to erect a sign.</li> </ol>  | <p>CDCC to progress</p>  |



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|     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. CL highlighted that there was a lack of seating at Logie Park for parents, grandparents etc. It was agreed that there is a lack of seating and CDCC will liaise with Moray Council on how seating can be provided.</li> <li>4. CB asked if CDCC would assist in supporting the purchase of a new printer. CB provided an overview of usage / cost savings between the existing printer and a new printer. Part of the funding could come from the common good funds whilst the remainder would be from a funding request through the CORRA foundation. CDCC advised that it would be supportive of this purchase.</li> <li>5. CL advised that the Lifebuoy beyond the sauna at Cullen Beach was lying on the ground and not visible from the beach /sea. The post next to it did not appear to have any hooks to hang it on. CDCC will liaise with Moray Council to ensure that adequate numbers of lifebuoys are available around Cullen Harbour / Beach and that they are clearly visible to the public.</li> <li>6. JT advised the meeting that she had read an article on the possibility of snow affecting the area for 10 days. JJ advised that they had not received any information on this warning. It was also noted the BBC website only had warnings for rain / wind and not snow for the Moray area. CDCC will monitor.</li> </ol> | <p>CDCC to progress</p> <p>CB to progress</p>            |
| 13. | <p><b>Diary Notes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Next CDCC Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b></li> <li>b) Buckie Area Forum - TBC</li> <li>c) Harbour Board – TBC</li> </ol>  | <p>Note: Venue to be confirmed for next CDCC meeting</p> |