



Minutes of Meeting 17 February 2026 @ 7pm  
Cullen Community Centre and on Teleconference (via Zoom)

Attendees: Chair: Les Tarr (LT), Vice-Chair: Stuart Donald (SD), Secretary: Chris Lawson (CL), Lynn Myles (LM), Andrew Campbell (AC), Donald Gatt (DG), Jill Sowden (JS)  
Scottish Fire and Rescue: John Jappy (JJ)  
Zoom Attendees: Theresa Coull, (TC)  
Members of the Community: 1

Item	Note	Action Points
1.	<p><b>Welcome, and Introductions</b></p> <p>LT welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p>LT advised that handover from the previous CDCC continues but advised that all matters should be resolved soon.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>David Baxter, Elaine Baxter, Tracey Coyer, Colin Taylor, Police Scotland representative and Seafield Medical Practice representative.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of previous meetings</b></p> <p><b>20 January 2025</b></p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Note: Apologies were given as the minutes of 20 January 2026 had not been distributed to some of the permanent attendees. This will be resolved before the next meeting.</p>	<p>Approved LM Seconded SD</p>
4.	<p><b>Blue Light Report</b></p> <p><u>Scottish Fire and Rescue Services</u></p> <p>JJ provided a brief update. A recruitment campaign for volunteers continues. Discussions continue regarding an open day with other emergency organisations.</p>	<p>Noted</p>



	<p><u>Police Scotland</u></p> <p>No report received.</p> <p><u>Seafield Medical Practice</u></p> <p>No report received</p>	
5.	<p><b>Office Bearers Reports</b></p> <p><u>Chairperson</u></p> <p>LT provided a brief update which included continuing issues with the transfer of banking matters. It is envisaged that this will be resolved before the next CDCC meeting</p> <p><u>Secretary</u></p> <p>CL advised that the secretary e-mail can now be accessed. This will assist in improved communication and distribution of the agenda / minutes</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>LT provide a brief overview in DB's absence.</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>A planning officer is still to be appointed.</p>	<p>LT to advise when resolved</p> <p>CDCC to discuss</p>
6.	<p><b>Representations at Groups</b></p> <p>No representations took place during the reporting period.</p>	



<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Moray Councillors Report</b></p> <p>TC reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended council meetings</li> <li>• Ongoing constituency work</li> <li>• Attended meeting on budget</li> <li>• Attended Police Fire Rescue Committee</li> </ul> <p>DG reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended council meetings</li> <li>• Ongoing constituency work</li> <li>• Attended meeting on budget</li> <li>• Attended meeting on education</li> <li>• Attended Police Fire Rescue Committee</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that there will be a full council meeting at the end of the month. One of the main topics will be the budget for the next financial year.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Deskford</b></p> <p><b>CDCC Representative:</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Communication Association Chair:</b> Due to CTs absence there was nothing to report</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Resident Issues</b></p> <p><b>Cullen Library</b>          LT referred the attendees to the latest e-mail sent to the Cullen Library User Group highlighting the response to the latest survey concerning the proposed opening hours. The survey response showed that 15 were in support and 77 not supportive.</p> <p>The feedback has led Moray Council to change the Tuesday and Thursday opening hours (see below).</p>	



Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Closed	12-4pm	Closed	3pm-7pm	Closed	10-12pm
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The new opening hours should start from Monday 30 March 2026.

Despite this small success, CDCC will actively campaign for the overall hours to return to 12 hours.

CL highlighted that during a visit to the library on Saturday 14 March he noted how well used it was by various age groups. The library is a hub for the community requires additional volunteers to assist on Saturdays. This will be discussed with the Librarian and Library User Group.

### Recycling Centre

Fly-tipping continues to be an issue with recent photographs posted on social media highlighting this. CDCC has again advertised for volunteers to assist in the opening / closing of the access gate.

It was noted that the perimeter fence is broken and signage is not in the correct position.

From the discussion on the recycling centre, it was highlighted that there is no street lighting in the area. The lack of lighting and closing of the access gate may encourage individuals to fly-tip.

Access gate, perimeter fencing and lighting will be further discussed with the local councillors and Moray council.

Note: DG provided information on the access road and will continue researching to provide further clarification on the classification of the road leading from the harbour to the recycling centre.

### Repair of Fence – Lower Blantyre Street

This has been recorded on Moray Councils website. CL reported that Moray Council had responded within 48 hrs of the issue being reported. See below.

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**LandsAndParks** landsandparks@moray.gov.uk

Hi Chris

Thanks for contacting the council about the fence at lower Blantyre Street.

I can get our Open Space team at Buckie depot to repair the fence to make it safer again.

Thanks for taking the time to highlight this to us

Grant Speed

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Open Space Operations Officer | Environment & Commercial Services

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CDCC will monitor progress.

**Road Markings**

This relates to the signage / road markings relating to the one way system approaching the square from Grant Street.

CDCC will visit the area and subject to findings will report to Moray Council through their website.

**Logie Park**

CDCC ran a poll on the purchase of benches / picnic tables for Logie Park. In the short timeframe it was active, 49 positive responses were received along with one negative response.

During discussions it was highlighted that the access to Logie Park is inadequate for those with disabilities, especially wheelchair users.

CDCC will apply for funding to purchase benches / picnic tables and raise with Moray Council the lack of proper access to the park for those with disabilities.

This initiative is supported by our local councillors – Thank You!

**Beach Path Lighting**

CDCC continues to support this initiative and will discuss further with our local councillors.

During discussions LM highlighted the lack of pavement from the Cullen Footbridge to the tarmac car park. Despite the other car park

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	<p>being levelled, it is still considered a challenge for those with disabilities and wheelchair users to get to the beach area.</p> <p>CDCC will raise this with Moray Council.</p> <p>In addition to this, ramp access to the beach was discussed. There used to be a ramp but the construction of a new ramp to access the beach would be cost prohibited on the information provided at the meeting.</p> <p><b>EV Charging Station – Seatown</b> A local resident has highlighted the lack of an EV charger in Seatown to facilitate those visiting this area.</p> <p>CDCC will review requirements and following from that will discuss with Moray Council.</p>	<p>CDCC to progress</p> <p>CDCC to progress</p>
<p>10.</p>	<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>• Funding for the position is unlikely to be received to allow the position to continue from April. Discussions continue on funding for the future.</li> <li>• An application has been submitted for 2 x Hypotonic stacking herb / vegetable towers</li> <li>• Discussion continue about the refurbishment of bus shelters, notice boards, signage etc. in Cullen. An application for funding either through Common Good Funding or Town Centre Renewal will be considered.</li> <li>• Community plan draft continues – to be finalised before end of March.</li> </ul> <p>JS highlighted an important initiative that will be progressed for the Harbour Gala – Water Safety. After the tragic loss of holiday makers in the South of England, awareness of the dangers that the sea present need to be at the forefront of everybody staying at / visiting Cullen.</p>	



	<p>CL highlighted the issue of Lifebuoys that was brought up at the previous meeting. Both councillors attending agreed that this was a Health and Safety issue and requires addressing.</p> <p>This excellent initiative will see many groups working together to get the message across.</p> <p>The CDCC fully supports this initiative and will assist as much as possible.</p> <p>For information:</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZdced_1pus">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZdced_1pus</a></p>	<p>CDCC to support this initiative</p>
<p>11.</p>	<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.</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 ongoing issue and it was noted that fly-tipping continues and the boundary fence is broken. The issue of security and introducing opening / closing times continues to be discussed further.</p>	<p>DB/CL to progress</p> <p>CDCC to progress</p> <p>CDCC to progress</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CDCC Logo – drafts continue to be discussed.</li> <li>2. Community engagement: CDCC acknowledge the need to ensure that proposals put forward for funding are supported by the community. CDCC will actively encourage residents to have their say / opinion through various means such as: social media, polls, attending meetings. Community engagement and consultation is vital for initiatives to be successful.</li> </ol>	<p>CDCC to progress</p> <p>CDCC to progress</p>



	<p>Other notes of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) JS highlighted that other communities release a Christmas song video where each shop / business / school participates, which assists in boosting the local economy around Christmas. CDCC fully supports this and will work with the other groups to progress.</li><li>b) The Cullen Connected newsletter application to the Tsi Moray Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Fund 2025 has been successful. This was an application for funds of £2000 for the printing of the newsletter as well as a thank you event to the volunteers. Thanks was given to CDCC for financial administration and support of the newsletter.</li><li>c) There is currently an application to the Corra Foundation under consideration (via CDCC), as well as an application to the Kings Fund via the TKCA for a replacement printer.</li></ul>	
13.	<p><b>Diary Notes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) <b>Next CDCC Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b></li><li>b) Buckie Area Forum - TBC</li><li>c) Harbour Board – TBC</li></ul> <p><b>Note: Date for CDCC meeting at Deskford Community Hall is 21 April 2026</b></p>	