

Minutes of Meeting 21 April 2026 @ 7pm
Cullen Community Centre and on Teleconference (via Zoom)

Attendees: Chair: Les Tarr (LT), Vice-Chair: Stuart Donald (SD), Treasurer: David Baxter (DB), Secretary: Chris Lawson (CL), Elaine Baxter (EB), Lynn Myles (LM), Andrew Campbell (AC), Donald Gatt (DG), Theresa Coull, (ThC), Colin Taylor (CT), John Jappy (JJ)
Zoom Attendees: Tracy Coyler (TrC)
Members of the Community: 2

Item	Note	Action Points
1.	<p>Welcome, and Introductions</p> <p>LT welcomed all to the meeting and the first meeting in Deskford for the new CDCC.</p> <p>LT welcomed Andrew Campbell as an ‘officially’ appointed member of the CDCC.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Three Kings Association Police Scotland representative and Seafield Medical Practice representative.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of previous meetings</p> <p>17 March 2026</p> <p>Matters Arising: Issue was raised by Colin Burch – narrative has been changed.</p>	<p>Approved EB Seconded AC</p>
4.	<p>Blue Light Report</p> <p><u>Scottish Fire and Rescue Services</u></p> <p>JJ provided a brief overview. One new recruit should start late April. JJ also advised of the SFRS Careers Recruitment Event on Saturday 2 May. This event is also supported by the partner agencies: HM Coastguard, Police Scotland and RNLI.</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>Office Bearers Reports</p> <p><u>Chairperson</u></p> <p>LT provided a brief update including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a £50 donation to the Cullen Calendar which is organised by the Cullen Centre Camera Club • A £350 donation to the Millenium Garden <p><u>Secretary</u></p> <p>Notices for the CDCC meeting continue to be distributed to local shops and businesses by councillors. The new format has been well received.</p> <p>A review of locations for poo bag dispensers took place earlier this month. It is expected that poo bag dispensers will be in place by the end of the month.</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>An overview of the accounts was provided by the treasurer. There are still some issues with Virgin but they are being progressed.</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>A planning officer is still to be appointed.</p>	
6.	<p>Representations at Groups</p> <p>Nothing Reported.</p>	
7.	<p>Moray Councillors Report</p> <p>The councillors provided an overview of the meetings attended during the period between the CDCC meetings. This included the usual council meetings: development planning, harbours user group, audit, licensing board, In addition to this a briefing was provided on school meals that will be provided by Moray Council.</p> <p>DG advised that the brown tourist sign requested by Cullen Sea School must be progressed through Visit Scotland. However, clarification was provided by EB on the type of sign</p>	

	<p>now required. DG will now discuss with Moray Council (Marl Atherton to be contacted).</p> <p>DG also advised that the work carried out on the sink hole in Seatown has now been completed.</p> <p>CDCC would like to thank the councillors for their continued support.</p>	
8.	<p>Deskford</p> <p>CDCC Representative: AC advised that Moray Council have now started work on the potholes in the Deskford area.</p> <p>Communication Association Chair: CT provided an overview of the events that will take place in Deskford. These events are posted on social. It was also highlighted that previous events are always well attended. Renovation work on the toilets is well advanced.</p>	
9.	<p>Resident Issues</p> <p>Logie Park</p> <p>Funding has been provided for two picnic tables and one bench. A meeting with Moray Council, at Logie Park on Friday, 24 May, will determine the locations and the timeline for them being in place.</p> <p>Cullen Library</p> <p>An update was provided LM. The issue of volunteers to assist is still being progressed.</p> <p>Recycling Centre</p> <p>The repair of boundary fence is unlikely to be funded by Moray Council. CDCC will explore options to fund the materials.</p> <p>The request for volunteers to assist in the opening and closing of the recycling centre continues.</p>	Update will be provided at next CDCC

	<p>Beach Path Lighting No update. Options for funding are still being progressed.</p> <p>EV Charging Station – Seatown Analysis of the survey is to be conducted. Indications, from the responses is that an alternative location should be looked at.</p> <p>Defibrillators Research continues on courses to ensure that they are maintained correctly continues. An update will be provide at the next meeting.</p> <p>Water signs – safety An update was provide by DG. Moray Council is looking to set up a water safety group. It is envisaged that they will have responsibility for signage.</p> <p>Trade Waste Bins The situation in Seatown continues to be monitored.</p> <p>Dog Fouling As highlighted Poo Bag dispensers will be in place by the end of the month. Better signage is still required and this will be discussed with the Moray Council Dog Warden.</p> <p>Millenium Garden Donation CDCC is in agreement to make a donation to the Millenium Gardens. The CDCC would like to thank the Millenium Garden volunteers for the excellent work that they do.</p>	<p>Analysis to be provided at next meeting</p> <p>CL to provide an update at next meeting</p>
10.	<p>Community Groups: Updates / Information</p> <p>Three Kings / CDO No Three Kings Representative</p>	

11.	<p>Projects and Initiatives</p> <p>Carried forward business</p> <p>Resilience Plan – This is a long term project and continues to be progressed.</p> <p>A98 Crossing / Traffic / Parking Concerns –</p> <p>This is being progressed throughout Moray and is a Scottish Government initiative. A public event to discuss the impact on Cullen was discussed. CDCC will discuss further with the local councillors and hope to organise such an event in the near future.</p> <p>Cullen Recycling Centre (Lock up volunteers) – This will be removed from future agendas, whilst additional volunteers are sought.</p> <p>Harbour Gala</p> <p>CDCC will be in attendance. Discussions progress on the CDCC stand and the possibility of a raffle etc.</p> <p>Autumn Bulb Planting</p> <p>Initial talks indicate backing for increasing the number of areas in Cullen where bulbs / wildflowers may be planted. CDCC will reach out to volunteer groups to progress discuss moving this idea forward and what is required.</p>	<p>CDCC to progress</p> <p>CDCC to progress</p>
12.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Community Engagement: Town Centre Improvement Fund b) Donation to support the Cullen Calendar unanimously approved. c) Beach Lifebuoys: Despite action by Moray Council – the lifebuoys have fallen off the posts due to inadequate fixings. DG advised that he would report this to Moray Council. 	<p>DG to provide an update.</p>

13.	Diary Notes a) Next CDCC Meeting: 19 May at Cullen b) Buckie Area Forum - TBC c) Cullen Harbour User Group – TBC	
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