

Minutes of Meeting 19 May 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), Andrew Campbell (AC), Donald Gatt (DG), Theresa Coull, (ThC), Colin Taylor (CT).

Karen Greaves BEM (KG), CEO Moray Council  
Debra Duke (DD), Community Council Liaison Officer

Zoom Attendees: Tracy Coyler (TrC)

Members of the Community: 0

Item	Note	Action Points
1.	<p><b>Welcome, and Introductions</b></p> <p>LT warmly welcomed all to the meeting. LT highlighted that CDCC were delighted to have Karen Greaves and Debra Duke attend the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Lynn Myles (LM) John Jappy (JJ), Scottish Fire and Rescue Sarah Murray (SM), Three Kings Police Scotland representative and Seafield Medical Practice representative.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of previous meetings</b></p> <p><b>21 April 2026</b></p> <p>No Matters Arising</p>	<p>Approved EB Seconded DB</p>
4.	<p><b>Blue Light Report</b></p> <p><u>Scottish Fire and Rescue Services</u></p> <p>CL provided an update that he received from JJ. The successful open / recruitment day raised £249.00, through the sale of pancakes / tea, which was donated to the Feeling Blue Charity, Buckie. Recruitment is ongoing and seasonal safety messages will be displayed on the station social media pages.</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 on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The order for the bench and tables (2) for Logie Park has been placed with Moray Council. Subject to funding CDCC may purchase an additional bench rather than an accessibility table. However, discussion continue on whether additional funding can be accessed for the accessibility table.</li> <li>• The poll relating to the No35 bus route generated 70 responses. The analysis has been posted on the CDCC website. Other Community Councils impacted by the No35 route will use the CDCC questions, so that the answers from all polls can be combined to provide a full overview of the concerns / issues.</li> <li>• LT provided a brief overview from the JCC meeting that he attended. One concern highlighted by Scottish Police was the illegal use of certain e-bikes on public roads.</li> <li>• Improvements to the local bus stops had been previously discussed with Three Kings and this will progressed with the appointment of SM.</li> <li>• The resilience plan will be progressed. DD provided an update on resilience plans in Moray, and how to work with other community councils. KG provided an insight into the workings of the resilience plan and highlighted what was required to successfully implement it. CDCC will discuss further potential resources required and a network of volunteers.</li> <li>• Volunteers to assist in the opening and closing of the gates and Cullen recycling centre is being progressed.</li> </ul> <p><u>Secretary</u></p> <p>CL highlighted the positive unsolicited feedback from members of the community which related to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• positive engagement with the community through polls</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an active CDCC where important issues are being addressed e.g. No35 bus, 20mph speed limit and Logie park</li> <li>• The introduction of poo bag dispensers throughout Cullen. Additional poo bag dispensers will be provided for the Millenium Garden and Community Centre, in addition to Deskford and Lintmill.</li> <li>• Informative minutes from CDCC meetings</li> <li>• Meeting Notices which are distributed throughout businesses in Cullen. CDCC meeting notices will also include important events to providing additional coverage and support to those events highlighted.</li> </ul> <p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>DB provided an overview of the accounts and balances. Some clarity is still required on one transaction from the previous CDCC.</p> <p>DD highlighted the various costs involved with running the CDCC and how they may impact on the budget / grants provided. These issue will be discussed further amongst the members of the CDCC, to progress costs being reduced. Currently the expenditure for this year is estimated to be £155 greater than the budget provided.</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>A planning officer is still to be appointed.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Representations at Groups</b></p> <p>Nothing Reported.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Moray Councillors Report</b></p> <p>The councillors provided a brief overview of the meetings they attended: Full Council, Local Development Plan, Fire and Rescue, Elections and the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh at Keith.</p> <p>The councillors highlighted the up and coming Tennant Forum, which has also been noted on the CDCC media pages.</p> <p>DG advised that he has received complaints regarding dog fouling in Cullen and Portknockie. CL highlighted that he had seen a reduction in dog fouling around the beach / harbour</p>	

	<p>area since the introduction of the poo bag dispensers. This will be monitored by all, and if required additional dispensers will be purchased.</p> <p><b>CDCC would like to thank the councillors for their continued support.</b></p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Deskford</b></p> <p><b>CDCC Representative:</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Communication Association Chair:</b> CT provided progress report on the Hall renovations. Accessible toilet is completed. Ladies toilets are to be refurbished.</p> <p>CT also highlighted various events which have been posted on social media including the Deskford Heritage evening and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Resident Issues</b></p> <p><b>Logie Park</b> Covered in Chairman's update.</p> <p><b>Cullen Library</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Recycling Centre</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Beach Path Lighting</b> No update. Options for funding are still being progressed.</p> <p><b>EV Charging Station – Seatown</b> EB provided an overview. Feedback from the poll was mostly negative for a charging point in Seatown. However, various location options are being looked</p> <p><b>Defibrillators</b> LT provided an update. Discussions continue with Keirans Legacy to replace pads and batteries.</p> <p><b>Water signs – safety</b></p>	

	<p>EB provided an update and will meet with representatives from the Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) to discuss additional signage for the beach / sea wall area.</p> <p><b>Trade Waste Bins</b> The situation in Seatown continues to be monitored.</p> <p><b>Dog Fouling</b> Though signage is still inadequate it has been noticed that the poo bag dispensers are being used in the prime locations.</p> <p><b>Old Church Road</b> Concerns were raised about the traffic congestion in the school area. Further discussions will take place regarding this issue and it can be reduced.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Community Groups: Updates / Information</b></p> <p><b>Three Kings / CDO</b></p> <p>No Three Kings Representative attended the meeting.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Projects and Initiatives</b></p> <p>Carried forward business</p> <p><b>Resilience Plan</b> – This is a long term project and continues to be progressed. An audit of the equipment currently held will be carried out before the next CDCC meeting.</p> <p><b>A98 Crossing / Traffic / Parking Concerns –</b></p> <p>This is being progressed throughout Moray and is a Scottish Government initiative. A public event to discuss the impact on Cullen was further discussed.</p> <p><b>Harbour Gala</b></p> <p>CDCC will be in attendance. Discussions progress on the CDCC stand and the possibility of a raffle etc.</p> <p><b>Autumn Bulb Planting</b></p> <p>This initiative will be discussed with other volunteer groups and members of the community before Autumn, so that a ‘planting’ plan can be put in place.</p>	<p>DB/CL to update at next meeting</p> <p>Decision to be provided at next meeting whether to hold a public meeting or not.</p>

		CDCC to progress
12.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>1) Approval of expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poo bag dispensers: formally approved</li> <li>• Harbour Gala signage for CDCC: formally approved</li> </ul> <p>2) To ensure that all CDCC assets are properly insured CDCC raised the 'lack' of an asset register from the previous CDCC. DD advised that she would check previous reports / correspondence in relation to assets / insurance and if available will provide it to the current CDCC. KG asked if this could be treated as a matter of priority.</p> <p>At the end of the meeting KG commended the CDCC on the work that has been done and being progressed in the short timescale that the new members have been in office and the positive feedback from the community.</p> <p>CDCC thanked KG and DD for attending the meeting and hoped that they would consider attending future events and meetings.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Diary Notes</b></p> <p>a) Next CDCC Meeting: 16 June at Cullen  b) Buckie Area Forum - TBC  c) Cullen Harbour User Group – TBC</p>	