

**Cullen & Deskford Community Council
Meeting on Thursday 24th June 2010
7.00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Cullen Town Hall**

MINUTES

- Present:** Ashley Mowat (Chair)
Malcolm Watt (Vice-Chair)
Joyce Henderson (Treasurer)
Zillah Jamieson (Secretary)
Jim Mackay
- In Attendance:** PC Richard Russell
PC Wayne Young
Gillian Bailey (Community Support, Moray Council)
Andy Jamieson (Safer Communities, Moray Council)
- Apologies:** Emma Hay
Lyn MacDonald
Sasha Reid
John Robertson
Adrian Sandison
Tabitha Smith
Cllr Gary Coull
Cllr Stewart Cree
Cllr Ron Shepherd

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the 8th meeting of the Cullen & Deskford Community Council (second term).

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (27th May 2010)

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

3. Reports

3.1 Police:

Police: Enquiries into the vandalism at the Golf Club are on-going. PC Russell commended all residents to make use of Crimestoppers which exists for the gathering of information/intelligence. PC Russell also reported that patrols were being undertaken in certain areas of Cullen in an attempt to combat under-age drinking - especially at weekends.

A template of the Local Policing Report was handed out, the objective of which is to build closer links with individual communities - covering what is happening in the area and special operations being undertaken. It was agreed that this report should be distributed to Libraries, Medical Centres, added to Community Council minutes and be on the website (when launched).

The Secretary reported that Inspector Spark had phoned her following the last meeting to confirm that the police are committed to attending every meeting; unfortunately, with external events impinging, this is not always possible. On this basis, he is suggesting a "continuity" meeting with PC Russell at least one week before each monthly meeting to ensure that all relevant matters are raised. It was agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair would meet with PC Russell when convenient.

ACTION: Ashley Mowat/Malcolm Watt

Mobile police surgery/use of police office: PC Mairi Page had indicated via e-mail (21st June 2010) that she was in the process of organising further dates over the summer months. The mobile police surgery on 11th May 2010 was disappointing with only 1/2 visitors.

Action: PC Russell/PC Mairi Page

Neighbourhood Watch (Cullen and Deskford): PC Russell confirmed the difficulties being faced in identifying previous co-ordinators (even resorting to knocking on doors in those streets where a Neighbourhood Watch sign was in existence). He indicated that monthly bulletins from the Crime Reduction Unit should be going out to these co-ordinators. It was suggested that the Police may be able to have a presence at the Summer Festival (with the approval of the Cullen Voluntary Tourist Initiative). The Secretary to provide the relevant contact details.

ACTION: PC Russell/ John Robertson/Adrian Sandison/Zillah Jamieson

3.2 Local Councillors

No Councillors were present. All members agreed that their absence was very disappointing - for the 2nd meeting running. It was agreed that the Chair/Secretary should write to all 3 Councillors (copied to the Convenor, Cllr George McIntyre) indicating the members' disappointment, particularly since the Moray Council and Grampian Police were being particularly supportive. An offer should be made to change the date of the meeting if this would enable attendance.

ACTION: Ashley Mowat/Zillah Jamieson

3.3 Treasurer

Beacon Account: The Treasurer was very pleased to report that, eventually, the Beacon Account had been opened successfully, and that the current funds of £3,424 would be transferred across forthwith. (This sum does not include the £300 promised from Buckie Rotary.)

Bank Balance: Given the other funds being held in trust, the balance available amounts to £2,083.01.

Renewal of Data Protection Registration: this would be renewed (with the renewal costs of £35 having already been reimbursed through the grant from the Moray Council).

ACTION: Zillah Jamieson

3.4 Events Diary: Draft Events Diary attached as Appendix 1.

4. Safer Communities

Andy Jamieson presented a very useful summary of the work of the Safer Communities Unit (précis contained in Appendix 2). The Chair thanked Andy for his attendance and a very comprehensive and useful review of the unit's activities.

5. Young Members

Young Talent Evening: no update was available given the absence of the Young Members. The Chair undertook to e-mail all 3 to determine whether they intend to organise an event in August prior to their departure for university. Joe Mowat and Billy Findlay remain committed to help.

ACTION: Ashley Mowat

Publicity Campaign in Buckie High: No update was available; the Chair undertook to find out if this campaign was undertaken.

ACTION: Ashley Mowat

6. Community Plan

6.1 Harbour Committee Report:

List of requirements for the 3 Harbours/Letter to the First Minister:

Malcolm Watt indicated that a response had been received from the Scottish Government (Stewart Stevenson); this would be discussed at the forthcoming 3 Harbours Committee meeting and more information will be available at the next meeting of the Community Council.

ACTION: Malcolm Watt

6.2 Town Hall Report:

Communications with Town Hall Committee: The Secretary confirmed having written to the Chair of the Town Hall Committee (18th June 2010), as per Appendix 3.

Town Hall Flag: It was agreed that the flag would be raised on Wednesday 30th June 2010 (subject to all parties being available).

ACTION: Joyce Henderson

6.3 Events 2010

Event	Date	Status
Senior Golf Tournament	16th/17th June 2010	Being organised by Golf Club; CC Secretary updated accommodation listing - complete; it was understood that the format next year would be changed to a one-day tournament
The 11th Moray Great Bike Ride	Postponed until September	Event postponed primarily due to lack of entries overall, although it was noted that the majority of entrants had signed up for the Cullen/Buckie sector - therefore there is evidence of potential success
Young Talent Night	TBC	Chair to obtain update on progress

Cars and Tractors Day	TBC	Secretary of Heritage Group and Dennis Bowie committed to assisting with event. Date in August to be confirmed (15th, 22nd or 29th August); Moray Council confirmed that the ground will be available from 1st August 2010 onwards. Action: Zillah Jamieson/Ashley Mowat
Ceilidh - Strathspey Fiddlers - Beacon Fundraiser	2nd July	Strathspey Fiddlers confirmed; Hall booked from 5 p.m. to midnight; posters distributed and tickets on sale at the Paper Shop, the Corner Shop and Cullen Bay Angling
Beacon Fundraiser -	TBC - July	Sponsored sail from Findochty to Cullen - suggestion of Findochty Sailing Club - and potentially involving Banff as well; will be discussed at the forthcoming 3 Harbours Committee
Theatre Production	TBC	Awaiting information from Alistair Farquhar
Gardener's Question Time (fundraiser)	TBC	Experts (e.g. from Christie's); raffle; teas; Jim Mackay undertook to discuss this suggestion (from Lyn MacDonald) with the Allotment Association
Community Ceilidh Record Attempt	13th November	Including Strip the Willow world record; the Treasurer confirmed that Linsey Gauld is available to help/advise
Community Burns Supper/Scottish Night	January/February 2011	Arrangements to commence later in year

6.4 Cullen District Calendar

The Secretary reported that the calendar had now been signed off, and initial stocks were to be collected the day after the meeting for delivery to the shops as soon as possible.

ACTION: Ashley Mowat/Zillah Jamieson/Lyn MacDonald

6.5 Cullen Website

The Secretary confirmed that significant progress had been made since the last meeting, with a large amount of data having already been loaded onto the website, but with some further work yet to be done before a launch date can be finalised. It is hoped that the website will be launched by mid July.

The press statement resulted in a small para in the Press & Journal. It may yet appear in the Banffshire Advertiser.

The first LEADER claim has been submitted and approved.

ACTION: Project Team/Zillah Jamieson

6.6 Cullen Dirt Bicycle Track

The Secretary confirmed having written to the parents of the Kids of Cullen (18th June 2010) - letter and progress report attached as Appendix 4. Initial indications are that a group of 3/4 adults will come forward to move this project forward.

ACTION: Ashley Mowat/Zillah Jamieson

6.7 5-a-side Goal Posts for Deskford Community Centre

No update available from John Robertson (given his absence on business).

ACTION: John Robertson

6.8 Crannoch Hill Path

The Chair confirmed that his discussions with Fiona Limbray (Moray Council) had identified the Scottish Communities Foundation (next meeting in August) and Awards for All as potential sources of funding for this initiative. Gillian Bailey undertook to approach Gary Morrison of Moray Training to establish whether his unit would be able to undertake the work.

ACTION: Ashley Mowat/Gillian Bailey

6.9 Lack of roadsweeper in Deskford/Deskford concerns re HGV traffic/Deskford concerns re fast traffic on the B-road: John Robertson confirmed that he had written to Gordon Holland (26th May 2010) re these issues (letter attached as Appendix 5). Roadsweeping is now to be undertaken twice annually in Deskford. Gordon Holland responded (27th May 2010) indicating that he had asked his Road Safety Engineer to look at this and respond to John when his investigations were complete. A response is awaited.

ACTION: John Robertson

6.10 Cullen Burn Footbridge

Comment is still awaited from our 3 locally Elected Councillors and Richard Lochhead MSP.

The Secretary confirmed having written to Alistair Campbell, Libraries and Museums Manager of the Moray Council (16th June 2010) requesting access to the Cullen Town Council Minutes over the period 1929 to 1933. Alistair's very prompt response (18th June 2010) indicated that "we have the minutes in our archives collection. Archives are made available for consultation in the local Heritage Centre, Old East End School, Institution Road, Elgin - open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10-5, Tuesday 10-8 and Saturday 10-12. If you let Graeme Wilson the local Heritage Officer (01343 569011) know when you intend looking at them, he will arrange for them to be made available. Requests require to be made at least 48 hours in advance as the archives are not held at the Centre and need to be brought from a store elsewhere."

The Chair reported that he had looked at the Town Council Minutes, in particular those of 3rd March 1931, which clearly indicated that a tender from Scott and Son of Aberdeen to build both the retaining seawall on the Seatown foreshore, including the construction of the footbridge over the Cullen Burn, was accepted by Cullen Town Council in 1931 and the total sum of £3,000 raised by a specific loan was paid by the Council for the work undertaken.

This corroborates previous information from Seafield Estate that the responsibility for building the footbridge lay entirely with Cullen Town Council and not Seafield Estate.

The Chair undertook to write to the Chief Executive of the Moray Council requesting that they take on responsibility for the maintenance of this footbridge.

ACTION: Ashley Mowat

6.11 Path - Salmon Bothy to Caravan Park

The Secretary confirmed having written to Mike McRitchie of the Criminal Justice Services Unit (16th June 2010) to establish whether his unit could undertake some of the work on this. Mike's response (17th June 2010) indicated that his unit does not normally get involved in this as it is funded and normally carried out by the Moray Council. In addition, his unit does not have the knowledge or expertise to undertake drainage work.

Gillian Bailey undertook to approach Gary Morrison of Moray Training to establish whether his unit would be able to undertake the work (the Secretary to provide previous e-mail dialogue with Ian Douglas).

ACTION: Gillian Bailey/Zillah Jamieson

6.12 Licensing Board Applications

Licensing Board Applications are being monitored on a weekly basis by the Secretary. The Secretary confirmed having advised members (12th June 2010) that the Cullen Golf Club had applied for a variation to its licence - change core hours on Saturday and Sunday from April to October from 11.00am commencement to 10.00am commencement. There were no reasons for objection.

7. Planning

7.1 Cullen Harbour Lighthouse

The Vice-Chair confirmed that Historic Scotland were happy in principle with the Listed Building application, provided no corners were cut in design. Gordon Holland (the Moray Council) had confirmed that costs were now being sought - although the Vice-Chair had understood that this was being progressed at an earlier date. The Vice-Chair undertook to follow this up with the Moray Council.

ACTION: Malcolm Watt

7.2 Weekly List

The Weekly Lists of 28th May/4th June 2010 listed the following applications:-

- Formation of vehicular access turning and parking area, erection of buildings including community hut, poly tunnels, greenhouse, toilet block, fencing and associated infrastructure in connection with new community allotments at Lawtie Land, Lintmill Road, Cullen
- Listed building consent to refurbish interior of existing house and erect kitchen shower room and bedroom extension at 42-44 Seafield Street Cullen
- Alteration to replace beacon at North Pier Cullen Harbour Cullen.p4

8. Items being Monitored/Awaiting Action

See Appendix 6.

9. A.O.C.B.

9.1 Certificate of Achievement: John Robertson had raised (via e-mail) whether the Certificate of Achievement can be extended to the deceased. There was a man in Deskford who contributed to the community over and above the call of duty, sadly he died a couple of years ago without recognition and without record of his efforts. The community was going to plant a tree or get a bench in his honour, but it seems to have been forgotten about. It would mean a lot to his Widow. His name was Bill Jesson. Following discussion, and in the absence of John Robertson, it was agreed that the Community Council should take guidance from the Deskford Community Association on what action would be appropriate, and indicating that the Community Council would be happy to contribute to some form of memorial, whether a tree or bench.

ACTION: Zillah Jamieson

9.2 Review of Support Agreement - June 2010: The Secretary confirmed having received a letter (27th May 2010) from Gillian Bailey, Community Support Officer, requesting a meeting with two members of the Community Council to carry out the review (to take no more than 30-45 minutes). The Chair and Secretary undertook to arrange the meeting later in the second half of July.

ACTION: Ashley Mowat/Zillah Jamieson

10. Date, time and place of next meeting

29th July 2010 at 7 p.m. - Council Chambers, Cullen Town Hall

APPENDIX 1

EVENTS DIARY

Date	Event	Location
Thursdays 09.00 - 11.00	Drop-in Café - Cullen & Deskford Parish Church	The Hall Church
Wednesdays 19.00 - 21.00	Line Dancing	Cullen Town Hall
Wednesdays to Sundays 10.00 - 16.00	Heritage Group Display	Memorial Hall, Cullen Town Hall
22nd June 7 - 10 p.m.	Over 18s Girlie Pamper Night	Cullen Town Hall
23rd June 10.00 - 11.30	Blooming Great Tea Party in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care	Methodist Church Cullen
2nd July 19.30 - 23.00	Ceilidh with the Strathspey Fiddlers (all proceeds to the Cullen Harbour Beacon Replacement Fund)	Cullen Town Hall
7th July 10.00 - 12.00	Charity Coffee Morning Cullen Pensioners Club	
16th/17th July	Cullen Summer Festival	Cullen Town Hall/ Square
5th/6th/7th/8th August	Flower Festival	Old Church
7th August 10.00 - 17.00	Cullen Craft Fayre	Cullen Town Hall
8th August 11.00 - 16.00	Cullen Craft Fayre	Cullen Town Hall
4th August afternoon	Pancake Tea	Deskford Community Centre
TBA	Two more theatre productions	Deskford Community Hall

**SAFER COMMUNITIES
PRESENTATION BY ANDY JAMIESON, THE MORAY COUNCIL**

- Service open to everyone, and works under the partnership banner in Community Planning agenda
- Works with Grampian Police, Grampian Fire and Rescue, the Moray Council, Ambulance Service and voluntary sector
- Undergone strategic assessment, resulting in prioritisation on 4 main topics:-
 - Violence Reduction
 - Road Safety
 - Fire Safety/Security/Safety in Home
 - Anti-social Behaviour
- **Violence Reduction:** will be rolled out to other areas of Moray, other than Elgin; primarily relating to domestic abuse and safer streets; all incidents of domestic abuse still not reported; safer streets are not a huge problem, but there are issues primarily at weekend; ideas are taxi marshals, ambulance station in High Street, putting nurse into custody suite
- **Road Safety:** accidents likely to involve those under 25; number of initiatives being undertaken, including: Safe Drive, Stay Alive - a powerful tool which has been running for 3 years; accidents are dropping, but more slowly amongst the under 25s; Anti-social behaviour driving being tackled by unmarked car monitoring, particularly in Buckie, Keith and Forres; combined with Anti-social Behaviour legislation which allows the possession of the vehicle involved; the Hot Strikes initiatives assist communities to deal with a fatal accident, now supplemented by Pro-active Hot Strikes (before a fatal accident happens) and Over 55 Training Days
- **Fire Safety/Security/Safety in Home:** a multi-agency approach to assist the vulnerable, particularly the elderly e.g. to prevent falls which is a huge issue
- **Anti-Social Behaviour:** lots of initiatives to tackle dog fouling and litter. Dog Walkers Scheme in Forres cited as being successful in getting responsible dog owners to sign up (100 to date) - wear green armband identifying themselves as responsible dog owners (have additional bags and offer advice) - this was trialled in Falkirk; Adopt a Street initiative: schools taking ownership of a street in their area - involving school children, cubs and guides; this has now extended to residents taking on responsibility for their streets (78 covered in Forres already); Graffiti is all removed free of charge by the Moray Council irrespective of ownership of building provided it can be washed off; Under Age Drinking initiative run by the Grampian Police has received further funding to allow a multi-agency approach to this problem
- Andy Jamieson meets Housing Officers every 6 weeks to discuss concerns and to devise ways of dealing with them; for an ASBO to be issued, history of offending has to be proved, together with proof of other interventions having been tried first before the legislation can determine the process; 13 ASBOs + 3 interim currently in place across Moray; if an ASBO is breached, this then becomes a criminal offence and results in the police having power of arrest; a closure order can also be placed on the home and the tenants evicted for 3 months
- Community Wardens are employed by Grampian Police, but funded by the Moray Council. It was suggested that David Crawford could attend our meetings (he covers the area from Buckie to Cullen); Andy Jamieson undertook to follow this up

- CCTV: the unit has several mobile CCTV units that can be used; the process is to place a request to the Grampian Police; different regulations apply depending on whether the placement of the cameras is cover or overt
- 0800 5877197 - is the reporting line - operating on a 24/7 basis; if anyone needs support e.g. with noisy music, they should not be frightened to phone the police (almost essential in proving the history of offending - ref notes above re ASBOs); reporting is essential; alternatively, members of the public can phone the Safer Communities unit on 01343 563623 (open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Drug related issues do exist, but are not regarded as a huge issue; drink related issues are far more serious; Andy Jamieson/PC Russell confirmed that youngsters in possession of drink which they obtain from home are not committing an offence.

APPENDIX 3

18th June 2010

Mrs Heather McKenzie
Chair
Cullen Town Hall Committee

Dear Heather

As we are all aware, the outcome of the Cullen Property Review will be made public in the not too distant future. As a consequence, the members of the Community Council feel that it is absolutely essential that all appropriate groups in the town work together to ensure that we have a strong and robust case for the retention of the few public facilities that we currently have - not least of these, the Cullen Town Hall.

As we have discussed recently, you are aware that there is a standing invitation for you and/or representatives of the Cullen Town Hall Committee to attend the Community Council meetings. However, the members of the Community Council have requested that I re-iterate this standing invitation to you and your Committee.

We would welcome discussion on the plans the Town Hall Committee have for the future of the Town Hall and to hear of the progress they are making towards a community lease of the property.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely

Zillah J. Jamieson
Secretary, Cullen & Deskford Community Council

18th June 2010

Parents of the Kids of Cullen

Dear Parents

Cullen Dirt Cycle Track

As you are aware, the Kids of Cullen approached the Cullen & Deskford Community Council during 2009 to ask for their support in establishing a Cullen Dirt Cycle Track.

Since the time of their approach, significant progress has been made towards achieving this goal and rewarding the initiative of the Kids. I have attached a progress report which was written on 24th May 2010 to illustrate this point.

As you will see from this, we have achieved the following:-

- Inaugural meeting arranged, attended by the Kids, Grampian Police, Community Support Officers of the Moray Council, Councillor Shepherd and Isobel Addison (a Trustee of the Cullen Community Garden); during this meeting, several possible sites were considered. It was unanimously agreed that the Logie Playing field was the preferred option for numerous reasons and we were charged with pursuing this option
- Approval gained from Lands and Parks Department, Moray Council, for its use as a Dirt Cycle Track
- Confirmation obtained from Estates Department, the Moray Council, that the use of the land for a Dirt Cycle Track is acceptable
- Support obtained from both Grampian Police and Community Support, Moray Council - 2 groups which are integral to this development
- Initial letter submitted by the Community Council to Estates Department (12th April 2010) giving an outline of the planned development
- Continuing support from Estates Department to make this development happen; a recent e-mail (9th June 2010) from the Estates Department indicates that the holding department is OK with the proposal in principle, but several points require clarification.

The next stages in the progress are outlined in the attached progress report (page 2) - the key one being to establish a formally constituted group to enter into negotiations with the Moray Council on the finer detail, make the development happen and then have responsibility for its on-going operation and maintenance.

As you will appreciate, this group requires a small number of adults (no more than 3 or 4 required). So, what is needed now is a small group of parents and/or relations and/or friends of the Kids of Cullen to support their initiative and help them turn this idea into reality.

As you can see from the above, we have all the building blocks in place; whilst we do not have indicative costs for such a development, we are confident that they are within manageable proportions; we also believe that such a development will be able to attract external funding which will help to augment any fund-raising activities undertaken by the Kids; we also believe that this development could be achieved in a matter of months, rather than years, and the Kids would see a very tangible outcome to their project very quickly. This is in direct comparison to the Buckie Skatepark, for example, which cost over £100,000 and took 7 years to come to fruition. We are also advised by an officer of the Moray Council that a skatepark in Cullen is unlikely to attract external funding because of the proximity to Buckie.

The Community Council has done all it can at this point in time; we would assure you that we will offer whatever support we can in forming the group (a very simple process) and in pointing the group in the direction of external funds. Adrian Sandison of the Community Council has volunteered to be on the group as well.

What we need from you all now is confirmation that the Kids of Cullen wish to progress with this initiative, and that 3/4 adults are willing to come together to help them.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely

Zillah J. Jamieson
Secretary, Cullen & Deskford Community Council

PROGRESS REPORT

AS AT 24TH MAY 2010

This report pulls together all the work which has been undertaken since the inaugural meeting of the group on 11th December 2009.

Inaugural Group

This consisted of:-

Kids of Cullen: Jake Addison, Callum Bowie, Ewen Bowie, Cameron Bruce, Robbie Bruce, Calvin Phimister, Edward Putnam; Ashley Mowat and Zillah Jamieson (Cullen and Deskford Community Council); Fiona Herd (Community Support, Moray Council - responsible for supporting all work for people under 24); PC Mairi Page (Community Beat Officer); Cllr Ron Shepherd.

(Isobel Addison attended the inaugural meeting to discuss the merits of the Cullen Community Garden. Gillian Bailey (Community Support, Moray Council) attended the first meeting - but her focus is on work for adults; Community Support will be represented by Fiona Herd (as above).)

Site

- Several sites considered at inaugural meeting in December 2009, with the decision made to pursue an area at the Cullen Playing Fields
- Alex Burrell (Estates, Moray Council) confirmed that the track is within the land purchased by the Council for use as a recreational park; use as a dirt cycle track is acceptable; there is nothing in the title deeds to prohibit this use
- Letter from the Cullen & Deskford Community Council to Alex Burrell, Estates, Moray Council (12th April 2010) as follows:-

"I would refer to our dialogue earlier this year regarding the request from a group of young Cullen lads to create a Dirt Cycle Track in the Playing Fields.

The group of lads has put a lot of thought, consideration and research into their ideal facility, which can be summarised as follows:-

- an area probably about 3 times the size of the current playground
- situated to the south of the playing field
- making use of the natural contours of the ground to the east of the nissan hut and playground facilities
- attached map indicates location, comparative size and potential layout
- the facility will comprise the construction of a series of dirt "mounds" differing in length and height dependent upon whether the "mounds" serve as take-off or landing areas, with potentially a small number of wooden structures, either at the start of the course or interspersed through its length
- the area would be open, with no surrounding fence
- an idea of the look and feel of the facility can be viewed at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPAZPsKj0sk>.

I trust that this information is sufficient for your purposes, and look forward to hearing from you once this proposal has been presented to the appropriate Council committee. Please do not hesitate to contact me should the above information be insufficient at this stage. I would be very grateful if you could let me know when we may be in a position to have the Council decision on this project, so that I can manage the group's expectations on timescale."

- Alex Burrell (Estates Department) had confirmed (26th April 2010) that he had received positive instruction from the Parks Department. As a consequence, and in order for him to report the matter to Committee, he requires to agree terms with the group. In addition, to move things along speedily, he is seeking the answers to the following questions:-
 - who will be the legally responsible entity? (we need to create a formally constituted and legally responsible entity)
 - do we have confirmation that the project does not require planning or building warrant?
 - do we have funding in place for the project costs? (we need to investigate potential costs before we can formulate a fundraising campaign)
 - who will maintain the grass around the track and who will maintain the track?
 - have we investigated insurance cover track for track?

after which we can meet with Alex Burrell so that he can prepare the necessary documentation to take to Committee for final approval.

Process to obtain use of land

- Council would require to enter into a development agreement and lease with a formally constituted group set up to run the facilities; the two documents would set out the group and Council responsibilities during the development of the site and the subsequent operation of the site
- the development agreement would grant the group the right to undertake to obtain planning and building warrant, investigate the site and subsequently take entry for any construction works;

Alex Burrell would provide a blank development agreement which would require customisation to the specific project

- the lease would lay out each party's responsibilities once the construction is complete including rent, rates, repairs, maintenance, insurance, inspection etc.
- an allowance of funds must be made to return the ground to its former state if the track were considered surplus to requirements at any point in the future
- a market rent will be payable for the ground, but the Council does have arrangements in place to provide grants to cover rental costs where it feels the use is worth supporting (see later section on Fundraising); a rental grant would require that you apply for a grant from a supporting Council section in this case as the use is sport/leisure related, the Education Section is the most probable source of support

Formally Constituted Group

- group separate to the Community Council is required; this would also open up more potential sources of funding
- separate bank account is required

Insurance

- Allan Birnie (Moray Council) confirmed that insurance for this facility would not be available through the Community Council insurance given that it is not a one-off event, but rather an on-going 24/7 facility
- Allan is happy to co-ordinate with the Council's insurers (Zurich) to help us in obtaining insurance for public liability, equipment etc

Fund-Raising

The fund-raising ideas suggested thus far include:-

- ideas for individual events/activities as outlined by the boys at the first meeting
- approaching local contractors as sponsors
- Community Fund available via the Police (PC Mairi Page)
- Healthy Living Project funds (Fiona Herd)
- UnLtd Sport Relief (aimed at those between 11 and 21)
- Other funding sources as advised by Reni Milburn, Moray Council
- Community Rental Rebate Grant: available via the Education Department; contact from now until early June is Hope Cullinan; contact from early June onwards is Alison Hannan; more appropriate to contact again when Estates has established the rent for the site

Suppliers/Support Organisations

- Moray Wheelers being investigated (PC Mairi Page)
- Criminal Justice Services Unit (for labour/manpower)

APPENDIX 5

Subject: Traffic problems in Deskford.
From: John Robertson Community Deskford Councillor
To: Gordon Holland Date: 26/05/10

I am resending this to you as I have been at sea for 2 months and my first email bounced back as communications onboard are hit or miss.

There are a few concerns with the speed of the traffic passing through Deskford especially in the area of the community hall. There was a plan years ago to have a path from Kirktown to the community hall/playing green/recycling point. However this fell through due to the lack of sufficient verge to lay a path.

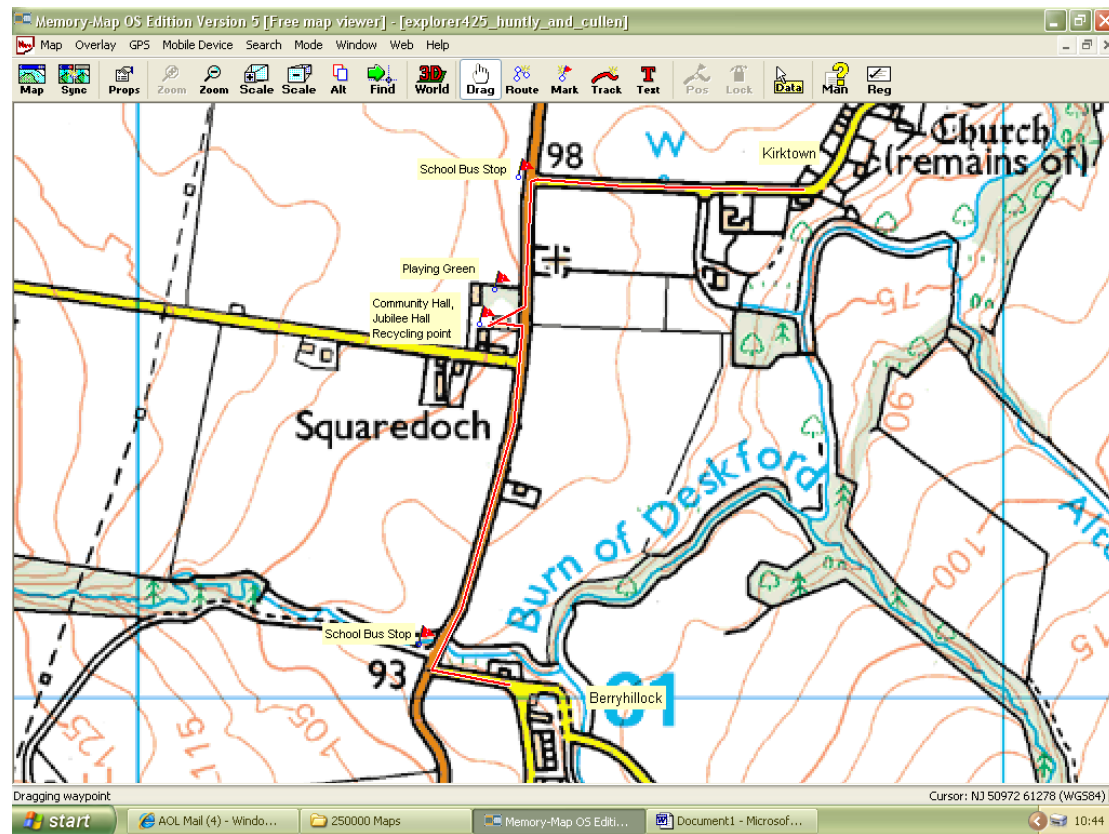
People are having to walk on the B9018 and as you can see on the attached map there is a straight on the road which encourages speeds up to the national limit and beyond.

There has been a few near misses in the past which really should have reported.

Also shown are the two school bus pick up and drop off stops and both on the other side of the B road which children have to cross at busy times which is worrying.

What are the options, 40mph limit? Pedestrian warning signs? Traffic calming measures?

I am aware the roads budgets are to be slashed dramatically.



Also brought up was the problem with HGV vehicles driving through Kirktowns which is not suitable for this type of traffic, there has been damage to trees, hedges and a sign post. Also anyone visiting the graveyard have difficulty parking and many have had to cut visits short to go and move their car to let a HGV pass. An agreement was made with the forestry contractors at the time but without signs warning not to enter the village the problem shall persist.

The residents also asked why there was never a road sweeper in Kirktown, which I believe has been addressed and there will be a bi annual pass.

Regards, John Robertson

**AGENDA ITEM 8
ITEMS BEING MONITORED/AWAITING ACTION/NO CURRENT REPORT/POINTS
FOR INFORMATION**

- 8.1. Cullen Common Good Fund:** nothing further to report at this time.
- 8.2 The Lawtie Trust:** awaiting meeting with Lawtie Trustees - scheduled for 3rd August 2010 (at 13.30). **ACTION: Ashley Mowat**
- 8.3 Floodlighting of the Market Cross/War Memorial:** progress awaited.
ACTION: Ashley Mowat
- 8.4 Green Space Adjacent to the Cullen Community Centre:** Awaiting outcome of Cullen Property Review.
- 8.5 Footpath - Lintmill:** outcome of enquiry awaited.
- 8.6 Criminal Justice Services Projects:** The on-going projects by the Criminal Justice Services Unit include Cullen Beach tidy-up; Viaduct - litter tidy-up; Cullen Community Garden; Deskford Community Centre - tidy-up. Further suggestions welcome.

In response to the Secretary's query, Mike McRitchie confirmed (17th June 2010) that his unit will continue to clear rubbish etc from the paths and beaches, but there appears to be a problem with the Cullen Community Garden. He believes that there may be an intention to turn it into a cycle track or similar and this was going to involve a digger being used, so his unit has not been back to that area until he hears what is happening.

- 8.7 Cullen Grit Bin Locations:** outcome of request for 5 additional grit bins in Cullen awaited.
- 8.8 Bus Shelter North Side Castle Terrace Seatown:** being progressed.
ACTION: Ashley Mowat
- 8.9 Confirmation of other actions taken:**

Acknowledgement of Community Council Grant April to September 2010: actioned by the Secretary on 12th June 2010.

Moray Way Association: The Secretary asked the Cullen Voluntary Tourist Initiative if they wish to sell the map in the Tourist Information Office when it opens for 3 months on 29th May 2010; they opted not to.

Interpretation Panel: the interpretation panel is awaited.

House in Findlater Circle: A response is awaited.

8.10 Correspondence

No correspondence other than that noted elsewhere in agenda.

8.11 Publicity

No publicity since the last meeting other than that noted elsewhere in agenda.

8.12 Suggestion Boxes

Nothing to report.

8.13 Consultations

Telehealthcare Strategy: The Secretary advised having received an e-mail from Lorna Bernard, Telecare Strategy and Development Manager (31st May 2010) - expressing thanks for comments and offers of support in implementing the above - this input has been invaluable. She is currently in the process of finalising the strategy document and then it's a case of following the action plan in order to implement it. One of the priorities is to look at ways in which they can ensure that service users have an appropriate local response in the event of raising an alarm - this is obviously a critical part of the overall service. The community council's local knowledge and involvement in the local community will provide her with the information to inform some of those key decisions. Paragraph 7.2.4 of the document has been changed to reflect this intention more closely; in its previous form there was a perception that the council would provide the actual response. She will be in touch again once she has published the strategy - this is not likely to be before August in view of commitments at present.

Community Engagement Funding Arrangements Consultation: The Secretary confirmed having received a further letter from the Moray Council regarding this consultation covering the funding arrangements suggested last year for Community Councils and Area Forums. As previously agreed, the Secretary confirmed to the Moray Council (18th June 2010) that we remain committed to our previous submission (i.e. Option 1 - £1,000 for each Community Council). This response was acknowledged (21st June 2010).