

**Cullen and Deskford Community Council Minutes**  
**24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 7.30pm at Cullen Community & Residential Centre**



**Chair:** Mollie Moon

**Attendees**

- Mollie Moon
- Donna McLean
- Kevin Aitken
- Anne Morrison
- Thomas Gunn
- Councillor Shepherd
- Councillor Cree
- Steven Mill
- Jennifer Welsh
- Karen Smith (Minutes)
- MEMBERS OF PUBLIC WHO ATTENDED:
- Stephen McKay
- Edwin Flett
- Lorna Watson

**Apologies**

- Andrew Mackie (Community Warden)
- Jackie Kersley
- Judith Daymon

Topic		Discussion	Action	Person Responsible / Timescale
1.	<b>Police Update</b>	<p>The Community Warden and Community Police Reports were read out by MM (see attached) – no question arising at that time.</p> <p>However a community policewoman was able to attend the meeting albeit slightly later and various questions were put to her –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The shining of a light directly into a driver's eyes by a pedestrian? It would appear that it would all depend on the outcome of an incident of this nature ie was there any damage caused to the car?</li> <li>2. TG asked as to whether the culprits had been found who stole farm equipment. The community police were able to confirm that yes they had been found. The</li> </ol>		

		<p>community police also stated that the police rely on information given by members of the public to them to assist in all these cases.</p> <p>3. AM asked about passing places on the rural roads. There have been some cars actually parked in these passing places and on occasions there has been nowhere for vehicles to come in the case of them meeting at certain points on these roads. The community police were able to advice in these circumstances that if the car registration number was passed onto the police then the police would be able to advice the drivers.</p>		
2.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	Proposed by KA .Seconded by AM		
3.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	None		
4.	<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>Judith D had emails re the play park equipment. 1 piece had been taken away but had not been brought back.</p> <p>A bench had been removed from the harbour area. KA reported that the Harbour Committee are going to fund a bench for the Pet Cemetery area.</p> <p>Seafield Hotel – dangerous lights outside. MM will write to Stewart and Watson.</p>	<b>MM</b>	
5.	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	<p>KA reported that the total balance income was £1668.40</p> <p>£4885.56 was the closing balance</p> <p>£3217 on the 01.02.14 was the opening statement which included the purchase of calendars (£150), a donation from Seafield Estates of £450 and a donation form Moray Council of £318.40.</p> <p>There was a payment made into the account in error (should have been Deskford) and this had been taken back out.</p> <p>AM asked for a further explanation and definition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> bank account as discussed at the last meeting.</p>		

		<p>Councillor Cree spoke about the 2 accounts – Account 1 was where the money from the Council would be put into and used for CDCC expenses. Account 2 however should be used for everything else (fundraising, donations from Seafeld Estate and other donations.)</p> <p>KA to go to Bank of Scotland and get the paperwork to open a 2<sup>nd</sup> account for the CDCC</p>	KA	
6.	Community Feedback			
7.	Reports			
	a) Local Councillor(s)	<p>Councillor Cree</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local Plans were sent.</li> <li>2. Fitzroy Barometer – the amount of research required to find ownership would cost approx £3000. The approx value of the Barometer is £350 - could not justify cost of doing research.</li> </ol> <p>Councillor Shepherd</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There has been a “Note of interest” in the toilet block at the Harbour area. MM will receive a letter regarding this. The toilet block is an asset which is separate from the harbour. MM suggested that it be written into the newsletter to make members of the public aware of this.</li> <li>2. Councillor Cree stated that a bid can be made for Council assets (ie Council buildings not in us). A member of the public attending this meeting made the comment that he felt “assets should be advertised thus making it fairer for people/groups etc to make a bid on them. TG stated that there is nothing stopping the community applying for the toilet block.</li> </ol> <p>A member of the public asked re the Harbour Master Office. Councillor Cree responded that the Council will not dispose of assets with viable use.</p> <p>Councillor Cree said that he would find out if the toilet block was still on the list of assets which could be disposed of.</p>	CC	

		<p>If money is received by Moray Council for an asset sold or rented out in Cullen the monies received are put into a general pot.</p> <p>MM asked that the CDCC be kept informed of any assets which may be disposed of by Moray Council and the CDCC in turn can keep the Cullen and Deskford residents informed.</p> <p>MM is to write to the Moray Council to request that the toilets be kept open</p>	<b>MM</b>	
	<b>b) Community</b>	<p><u>Events</u> – Discussion around fundraising – Ceilidh. If this was to go ahead then it was felt that the better venue would be the Town Hall or the Bowling Club. AM to email Bernt, Kronnach Leader.</p> <p>If there is to be a community event then it was felt that the end of September / early October was the best time but this has to be decided on. Ideas on what to do for this included : disco, quiz, dance.</p>	<b>AM</b>	
	<b>c) A N Other(s)</b>	<p>Donna McLean (Emergency Planning Officer for Moray Council) gave a presentation on Emergency Planning as there is not an Emergency Plan in place for Cullen as yet.</p> <p>MM introduced DM.</p> <p>JK will be the lead person</p> <p>DM explained that there are 2 aims with the Emergency Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Identify what plans to be put in place</li> <li>(ii) To build community resilience</li> </ul> <p>DM stated that the CDCC have responsibility for the Emergency Plan for this area.</p> <p>If an emergency arose on a large scale – any of the emergency services would not be able to cope on their own therefore the local Emergency Plan would come into play.</p> <p>The cause of the effects of a “disaster” are not important to the Council. Only the effects caused by a disaster are of interest.</p>		

		<p>The Council offer normal services but in an enheightened way.</p> <p>The aims and roles played by each service and volunteers must be clear in order to best support each other.</p> <p>There is a Community Risk Register – which highlights potential risks and how the Council deal with them.</p> <p>There is a Community Resilience and Community Council remit which will be of the most interest to the CDCC (leaflets, government guidelines and samples of other community councils guidelines).</p> <p>DM can help draw up the CDCC emergency plan which should complement the Emergency Services.</p> <p>DM suggested the CDCC draw up a Skills and Assets Register to assist indentify people and assets that can be utilised in the case of an emergency situation arising. For example people able to pick up prescriptions, clear pathways, those able to look out for elderly neighbours, those people with a 4 x 4 vehicle, tractors etc.</p> <p>It is important to “test” the plan and keep it up-to-date.</p> <p>The Council would need to be approached by the CDCC therefore the CDCC have to make the decisions as to what will be in their Emergency Plan.</p> <p>DM advised the CDCC that scot.gov have a good website which could be used for guidance.</p> <p>There is the possibility that the Cullen Community and Residential Centre could be used in an emergency situation as there are beds, toilets, showers and a kitchen area and this should be included in the plan.</p> <p>MM thanked DM for her presentation and guidance.</p> <p><u>Newsletter</u></p> <p>MM reported back that 3 people had shown an interest in joining the CDCC. All 3 people who asked have to be sent a letter asking them what “could they bring” to the Community Centre. When these replies are being read out – no members of the public can be present.</p> <p>Judith cannot vote on this matter either as</p>		
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		she was co-opted on the committee. MM asked for items to be included and brought back to the next meeting.		
8.	Planning Issues	Nothing to report		
9.	The Joint Community Council of Moray			
10.	AOCB	<p><u>Photo competition</u> – JW will look after the competition. The rest of the committee said that if was too much for JW that some of the other committee members would help her.</p> <p>JW received an envelope with 3 entries in it. JW will take charge of the competition if KA continues to help with the sponsors. AM asked who will be judging this year. Lynn MacDonald (professional photographer) will be asked to judge by JW.</p> <p>2 judges would be required and KA suggested Alex Hay</p> <p>If no one agrees to judge JW will get back to the committee.</p> <p>The photos will be judged, copied and on display in the Library by the end of May.</p> <p><u>Harbour Gala on 10.08.14</u></p> <p>MM asked if anyone had any more thoughts as to the CDCC involvement. The committee agreed to take a table and organise some sort of fundraising.</p> <p><u>Sustainable Schools</u></p> <p>AM stated that it was at stage 3 of 5, There has been discussion around school children travelling on a bus to school. The fact remains that 3,500 pupils use the school bus transport system every year. However there is nothing conclusive yet. Faith schools will not be closed because of the Scottish Policy. Primary Schools with 2 classes at each year is the optimum.</p> <p><u>Sustainable Sports</u></p> <p>Bowling and Golf Club were looked at.</p>	JW	

		<p>£1m grant – Robertson Trust. Criteria is – looking for health and well being and employment. £25K can be applied for. SM will go to the Bowling and Golf Club to inform them of this money available.</p> <p><u>Property Development Plan</u> MM attended a meeting. There is no change to Deskford. Sally Anderson has objected to the grass area outside Cullen Community Centre potentially being changed to for any other purpose than as it is. MM raised the idea that the grassed area could be used for further parking using special boards which would be laid on top of the grass. JW asked if it would be possible to “split” the ground into 2 parts. Councillor Cree answered that yes that would be possible. MM to email that CDCC will want to keep a watching brief. AM spoke of the fact that Deskford gets plants from monies held by the CDCC. AM feels that Deskford should contribute towards this cost. The committee agreed that next year we would set a limit however we could pay for the plants this year for Deskford, give them notice of the CDCC intention to only contribute next year thereby giving them fair warning. TG to investigate as to how Deskford got permission to order plants.</p>	SM	
11.	<b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm in Cullen Community and Residential Centre		TG