

Cullen and Deskford Community Council Minutes

26th June 2014

Chair: Mollie Moon

Attendees:

- Mollie Moon
- Anne Morrison
- Jennifer Welsh
- Andrew Mackie (Community Warden)
- Councillor Gary Coull
- Councillor Ron Shepherd
- Kevin Aitken
- Tom Gunn
- Steven Mill
- Judith Daymond
- Willow Daymond
- Karen Smith (Minute Taker)

Apologies:

Councillor Cree
Jackie Kersley
Tam McLennan (public)

Members of Public:

Edwin Flett
Christine Windle
Ann McKenzie

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Police and Community Warden Update	<p>A representative from the Community Police was unavailable.</p> <p>Andrew Mackie (Community Warden) read out the Community Wardens Report. Please see attached document.</p> <p>Cards are now available for reporting incidences of dog fouling. MM will put some of these in the Cullen Post Office and also ask in the Cullen Library if they will take some.</p> <p>Dog poo bags and cards will be on the CDCC table at the Harbour Gala. Andrew Mackie offered to attend this event.</p>	MM AM
2.	Community Update	<p><u>Christine Windle</u> spoke at the meeting. She and her family have had a holiday home in Cullen for 40 years. She stated that Moray Council have been very difficult about use of her holiday home. The council have asked for house insurance, TV Licence, bills, estimates, local supermarket and restaurant receipts as they wished proof that her holiday home had been occupied for at least 25 days of the year. Mrs Windle was not asking for help she wished to make the committee aware of these facts.</p> <p>Councillor Coull stated that the full amount of council tax is sought if a 2nd home is not being used – apparently there a discount is normally applied on a 2nd home.</p> <p>MM will write to Kevin Sturgeon asking for information/clarification on this situation and at the same time ask about the vacant and unsightly house next to the Chinese Take Away shop.</p>	

		<p><u>Edwin Flett</u> gave an update on the barometer. Research has been done by an independent scholar historian. It appears that the barometer was the property of the Met Office and they have gifted the barometer to Cullen. A Deed was prepared and signed in June 2014. The evidence is being challenged by the person currently holding the barometer and legal advice is being sought. Mr Flett has emailed the current holder of the barometer twice and no further correspondence has been received as yet.</p> <p><u>Ann McKenzie</u> spoke about parking issues arising at her home in South Castle Street in Cullen. There have been problems with people parking across her driveway/access to her property and she has a disabled person who lives with her. Councillor Coull said that "H" lines for disabled people would be provided free of charge but ordinary white "H" lines need to be paid for.</p> <p>The <u>Town Clock</u> was spoken of and the committee advised that this issue had been discussed last month. However, Councillor Shepherd reiterated that it is maintained by Moray Council but the owners of the building refuse access and the situation is in the hands of solicitors.</p>	
3.	Ward councillors update	<p>Councillor Shepherd reported on the Memorial Gardens. He praised the work that had been carried in it, stating how good it looks and thanked everyone involved in tidying it up.</p> <p>Councillor Coull had nothing to report.</p>	
4.	Minutes of Last Meeting	The Minutes from the last meeting (24.04.14) were proposed as accurate by SM and seconded by AM	
5.	Matters Arising	<p>(a) Salmon Bothy Walk signs – MM has emailed about this and possibly there will be CDCC involvement with this.</p> <p>(b) Celidh – AM had received correspondence from Steve Brown, Strathspey Fiddlers – they are unavailable on 2 and 7th Aug 2014 as it their final rehearsals. It was agreed that it was not worthwhile proceeding with a celidh for those dates. However, AM stated that there was a group of German tourists who will be staying in Cullen in September 2014. AM will ask this group if they would be interested. It may be that we should wait until the end of September and have a celidh for the general community.</p> <p>(c) Food/meals for the German group staying at CCRC. Apparently they are on a very limited budget and MM stated that the allotment holders had offered, free of charge, vegetables. MM asked</p>	AM

		<p>the committee for £30 to provide a meal of chicken pie and pavlova to be made for their first evening. AM will email the group to ask if CDCC can provide them with this and if the proposed meal would be acceptable to them.</p> <p>(d) Harbour Gala. This is the last meeting before the Harbour Gala. AM stated that raffle tickets will be provided by CCRC. It was agreed that each committee member provide one raffle prize. KA has 2 tables which can be used on the day. AM stated that spare tables would be available from CCRC. MM will contact Tracey to see if leaflets will be available.</p> <p>On the day, AM; KA; TG; JD; MM and SM will be able to help man the table. TG will provide “pull up” banners for CDCC.</p> <p>(e) Millennium Garden and Flower Baskets. MM, KA and SM put up the baskets in Cullen. There are no more brackets left (each baskets requires 4 brackets). Banding is readily available but 24 brackets are required (possibly more) depending on price. Councillor Shepherd will find out where brackets are available from, advice MM of this and MM will email the committee.</p> <p>8 people helped tidy the Millennium Gardens. MM will put up a notice asking for help/plants and notifying the public of the day/time to help (10am on a Sunday).</p> <p>KA will get in touch with the Christmas Lights committee re help with this.</p> <p>It was reported that there has been very positive feedback from the public regarding how well cared for the Millennium Gardens are now looking.</p> <p>(f) <u>Harbour Toilet Signs</u>. KA reported that the signs have now been painted.</p> <p>(g) <u>CAT Harbour Block</u> It appears that this is in the very early stages but the CDCC will be kept informed of this issue.</p> <p>(h) <u>Flags</u> KA reported that the Cullen flag was put up by the local fire fighters. Biscuits to be given as a thank you.</p> <p>(i) <u>Email problems</u>. MM received an email from Zillah Jamieson who stated that the discover Cullen emailaddress had been kept on because of the photography competition but has now stopped the account. MM stated that no one had since received the strange “undelivered” emails.</p> <p>A discussion took place re the Facebook page for the CDCC. JW offered to set this up and will set it up so that each committee member has the option of being the page administrator. The next</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>MM</p> <p>MM</p> <p>MM</p> <p>KA</p> <p>JW</p>
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6.	Correspondence	<p>MM received an email from Zillah Jamieson regarding the cleanliness and disrepair of the public toilets in Cullen stating that The Tourist Office had received unfavourable comments. There is graffiti which MM suggested could be painted over. Cnlr Coull and Cnlr Shepherd said they would contact the council re painting. KA spoke of the cleanliness stating that the employee was in attendance every morning and KA himself had seen that the public toilets were cleaned very efficiently every morning.</p> <p>MM offered to inspect the toilets every Sunday.</p> <p>Correspondence had been also been received from Stan Slater regarding the new foot bridge being made wide enough for vehicles. The committee agreed that the new bridge should be a foot bridge as opposed to a road bridge. Mr Slater asked the committee if he could use the name, CDCC for a feasibility study grant application for a land train to run on the cycle track to Portknockie. The unanimous vote was "no" as there was no evidence produced re money involved or any preliminary enquiries to the Council and the CC had previously decided that the project was better taken forward by the Tourist Initiative Mr Slater needed a reply tonight (26.06.14) as the application closing date is tomorrow (27.06.14).</p> <p>MM agreed to email Mr Slater with the committees reply this evening.</p>	<p>Cnclr Coull Cnlr Shepherd</p> <p>MM</p> <p>MM</p>
7.	Planning and Licensing issues	None this month	
8.	Treasurers Report	<p>KA read out the Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>It was agreed by the committee that £4000 is to be transferred into the Number 2 Account (Charity Account)</p> <p>JW gave KA a receipt for £41.69 – this was for printing & surrounds for the display of photographs from the photography competition and invoice and receipts books.</p> <p>JW also gave KA cheques for £250 (4 cheques) for big adverts in the 2015 Calendar and one cheque for £25 for a small advert for same. JW also gave KA £375 in cash for advert sales. MM gave KA one cheque for a small advert.</p>	

9.	Grants to community suggestions	MM suggested that CDCC could make a contribution towards the Christmas Lights. MM will get in touch with Jean Watt and KA will get in touch with Davey Smith. MM and KA are going to the Christmas Lights meeting on 16.07.14. The committee agreed to give £500 this year to the Christmas Lights.	MM KA
10	Calendar JW	<u>Calendars:</u> JW still chasing people who wish to sponsor the 2015 calendar. 13 pictures have now been chosen and are at the printers. The 12 monthly adverts are now in place with the exception of 1. JW has done the art work for 8 of the months. We are now only waiting for 1 payment to be made. We are still waiting on 20 smaller ads. This has all to be ready for the approx the 1 st week in July. The display of pictures can stay in the Library until the end of Sept. It was agreed that 1000 calendars will be printed (£1390 + VAT to print 1000). It was also agreed to give calendars to local businesses to sell on a sale or return basis. It was agreed not to sell them online this year. The cost of the 2015 calendar including an envelope will be £5.50. MM will assess the sales at the end of October.	
11.	Cullen Drama project JD	<u>Cullen Drama Project:</u> JD reported that this was on hold at the moment and will probably not be until 2015.	
12.	Plans for CC events	<u>Race Night:</u> SM to email all committee members re this. <u>Younger generations:</u> KA to organise something for the CDCC to do for young people – this item to be put on the agenda for Aug 2014.	SM KA
13.	Newsletter	Newsletter has been delivered	
14.	AOCB	Re the hole at the viaduct at road entrance to beach– MM will email the Council re this. MM will also email the Council re access in and out of the Cullen Bay Hotel (blind corner). MM asked to be emailed with anything which may occur before the next meeting (28.08.14) MM asked permission for a Youth Member position to be put on the Agenda for August.	MM MM
9.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	Thursday 28 th August 2014 at 7.30pm in the Cullen Community and Residential Centre	