

# Cullen and Deskford Community Council

## Minutes from 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Chair: Mollie Moon**

**Attendees:**

Tom Gunn  
 Jennie Welsh  
 Anne Morrison  
 Councillor Ron Shepherd  
 Councillor Gary Coull  
 Karen Smith (Minute Taker)  
 Tom Gorman (Community Police)

**Members of the public:**

Stephen McKay  
 Bob Moon  
 Tam McLellan

**Apologies:**

Andrew Mackie (Community Warden)  
 Steven Mill  
 Jackie Kersley  
 Judith Daymond

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Police Update</b>	Community Police read out this month's report - please see attached report.	
2.	<b>Community Update</b>	Nothing was reported.	
3.	<b>Ward Councillors' Reports</b>	Councillor Coull stated that having investigated her request to have H lines, Anne McKenzie would have to pay for the lines to be painted at the entrance to her lane if she required them.	
4.	<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b>	Councillor Shepherd advised that Councillor Cree's name is spelt Stewart. Alan Donn had offered at the last meeting stones which could be used for the Community Garden. Minutes were proposed by MM and seconded by AM	
5.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	(a) The "slow pedestrians crossing" sign is now up at the Cullen Bay Hotel (b) Banners. TG said that these should have been done before the Harbour Gala Day but he is still waiting on the logo designs. When these are ready and available and have the CDCC's approval then it will only take 2 weeks to have the banners made. MM to give TG the disc to have a look at the logo design. Suggestions were given for the logo – Use a picture of the viaduct was made by a member of the public.	<b>MM</b>

		<p>AM suggesting using some of the pictures from the calendar.</p> <p>(c) Derelict Property, Campbell Place. There are lots of loose slates on the roof and the chimney stack is dangerous. Council Officer Kevin Sturgeon was contacted but could do nothing as the owner could not be contacted. Only if the building is deemed to be dangerous can the Council act KS stated. Councillor Shepherd suggesting asking for volunteers to cut down the trees. MM to arrange The state of repair of this property had been looked at before in 2008.</p> <p>(d) Flower Baskets. The Allotment Society has offered to store the baskets and grow plants for use in 2015. Purchasing a bowser would ease the task of watering. We will try and get a grant for funding to help with the costs of the community gardening. It was suggested that a Soup &amp; Sweet be held as a fundraiser.</p> <p>(e) Bob Moon suggesting starting a group to look at fundraising - details of which can be put in the Newsletter.</p> <p>(f) Any other items – None.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>Joint Committee (JCC), JK &amp; SM to go. A questionnaire received from the JCC should be given to either JK or SM to fill in for the CC.</p> <p>Land Use Strategy – MM asked the 2 Councillors present if it was worthwhile going to this. The reply was “no”.</p> <p>Schools Review. The options available were read out by MM. One proposal was to have Cullen, Portknockie, Findochty and Portessie Primary Schools merge into a new local Primary School. AM, Representative for Schools did not think that this would work as the numbers from the combined existing primary schools would exceed 400. MM suggested that AM have a meeting with Moira Hendry to see how the CDCC could best support her.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>AM</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	<p>MM asked if it was in order to go ahead and order 2 wreaths. It was agreed</p> <p>MM is away on this particular Sunday this year but would ask KA if he would lay one at the Cullen War Memorial Cullen.</p> <p>AM will lay one at the Deskford War Memorial Deskford.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>AM</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Sports and Leisure Review</b>	<p>MM attended the meeting at Keith Grammar School. MM reported that the meeting was badly organised. George Alexander opened the meeting and Graham Jarvis encouraged everyone present to complete the</p>	

		<p>survey online. He stated that there were no plans at the moment to close any venues.</p> <p>Cullen Community &amp; Residential Centre – MM spoke of this to Graham Jarvis and he was very evasive in his response. MM got costings and asked for the accounts but it is not possible to make assessments from these accounts. Tam McLellan stated that there was the same problem with The Town Hall and you cannot make business plans from these figures provided by the council.</p> <p>The Over 60s Saver Cards was discussed and the question was raised was it too cheap? MM was aggrieved to discover that the Savers Cards were not on the paperwork used by Graham Jarvis, therefore not taking into account CRCC usage.</p> <p>Councillor Coull suggests putting in suggested costs to the local council before February 2015.</p> <p>MM pointed out that the coffee bar was the only hall in Moray that provides enough power sockets to allow machine sewing facilities in Moray.</p> <p>AM brought to everyone present attentions that The Playcentre was looking for votes for funding. AM will speak to The Playcentre staff to find out if there is anything specific they require for educational / social development.</p> <p>AM said that her family’s farm could donate manure in Nov for Community Garden use.</p> <p>T McL – said that he would book all the Saturdays in Nov to hold a Soup &amp; Sweet in The Town Hall.</p> <p>MM will phone JK to get a date for a Soup &amp; Sweet.</p>	<p><b>AM</b></p> <p><b>TMcL</b></p> <p><b>MM</b></p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Planning Licensing Issues</b>	None	
<b>10</b>	<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>	<p>The report was read out. Account No 2 had been opened for fundraising. Fundraiser monies will be transferred in Oct.</p> <p>There were invoices for the calendars and AM had the money in the safe.</p> <p>AM stated that all the envelopes had been used but these can be bought online from VIKING. Brown A4 is £20 for 150. Buy 2 boxes and get 3<sup>rd</sup> box free. MM said that it would better to just get 1 box. AM will order 1 box.</p> <p>MM suggested that if the sales of calendars were low at the end of Oct then the CDCC go round doors selling them.</p>	<b>AM</b>
	<b>Grants to Community Suggestions</b>	<p>MM asked that the CC make some decisions soon on which Community causes the money already in the bank should be used for</p> <p>So far only £100 has been given to The Rainbows,</p>	

		<p>£30 given to the German Group who stayed at CCRC in Sept and £500 has already been agreed to donate to the Christmas Lights.</p> <p>TG suggested buying Defibulators (approx £1000). TG to get more information about these.</p>	<b>TG</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>	<p>MM asked for any items to be added to the Newsletter.</p> <p>The question as to whether we should hold a meeting in Deskford should be included</p> <p>It was agreed that the people in Cullen and Deskford should be asked what they want done regarding the Community Centre and Town Hall and a questionnaire should be given out at the same time as the Newsletter is delivered. The Post Office will be the collection point.</p> <p>MM will email the proposed questionnaire to the committee and councillors for their approval.</p>	<b>MM</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	<p>MM asked the 2 councillors present to check what figures will be used in their assessment of whether the Council will keep the Community Centre open or force a CAT (Community Asset Transfer).</p>	<b>RS GC</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b>	<p>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm in Cullen Community and Residential Centre.</p>	