

Minutes of Meeting 17 March 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), Lynn Myles (LM), Andrew Campbell (AC), Donald Gatt (DG), Theresa Coull, (ThC)
Zoom Attendees: Tracy Coyler (TrC)
Members of the Community: 3

Item	Note	Action Points
1.	Welcome, and Introductions LT welcomed all to the meeting. LT advised that handover from the previous CDCC continues but advised that all matters should be resolved soon. This relates to banking issues.	
2.	Apologies for Absence Jill Sowden (JS), Colin Taylor (CT), Scottish Fire and Rescue: John Jappy (JJ), Police Scotland representative and Seafield Medical Practice representative.	
3.	Minutes of previous meetings 20 January 2025 Matters Arising: None	Approved LM Seconded SD
4.	Blue Light Report <u>Scottish Fire and Rescue Services</u> Ongoing recruitment across Moray and the Shire, seasonal safety topics will be displayed on station social media pages, ongoing preparation for joint recruitment day with other neighbouring emergency services(date TBC). <u>Police Scotland</u> No report received. <u>Seafield Medical Practice</u> No report received	Noted.

5.	Office Bearers Reports <u>Chairperson</u> LT provided a brief update which included: - Continuing issues with the transfer of banking matters. It is envisaged that this will be resolved before the next CDCC meeting. - Library usage and lack of recognition for performance (see resident issues). - Recycling Centre access / boundary and fly-tipping. - New CDCC logo. There has been a positive response from businesses / shops regarding the new logo. - New speed limits for Cullen. The survey has received approximately 100 responses. An analysis of the comments / feedback will be undertaken and provided later this month. - Millenium Wood. A meeting was held with Seafield Estate (David Greer). Discussions will continue in finding a resolution in agreeing the way forward. - An overview of the website states was provided. The average visitors per month is in excess of 980. In the past 12 months the total number of visits was 11517. In addition to this post viewings were 10777. <u>Secretary</u> CL advised that e-mail was working and that agenda / minutes will be sent by e-mail. Notices for the CDCC meeting were distributed to local shops and businesses. The feedback on the new logo and was very positive. Additional information provided at residents issues. <u>Treasurer</u> DB provided detail regarding the banking issues. The issues will be raised at the next JCC to ascertain if other community councils are having similar issues. DG highlighted that	Update will be provided at the next meeting Meeting with Moray council to be arranged CDCC to post results CDCC to progress CDCC to look at opportunities to highlight the website and increase number of visitors. CDCC to progress

	concerns could be raised MP/MSP as the problem may be impacting on all CCs in Scotland <u>Planning</u> A planning officer is still to be appointed.	
6.	Representations at Groups Buckie Area Forum took place on 4 March. This was attended by LT.	
7.	Moray Councillors Report ThC reported: • Attended council meetings (including full council meeting) • Ongoing constituency work • Attended meeting on budget planning • Audit scrutiny meetings DG reported • Attended council meetings (including full council) • Ongoing constituency work • Attended meeting on budget • Attended meeting on housing DG also advised on the recycling fence and if Moray Council would repair it. DG also advised that he would assist regarding the requirements the purchasing / displaying of a 'brown sign' for Cullen Sea School. TrC reported • Attended council meetings (including full council meeting) • Ongoing constituency work • Attended meeting on budget planning CDCC would like to thank the councillors for their continued support.	

8.	Deskford CDCC Representative: Residents of Deskford have raised issues with the state of the roads within the community. This refers to increasing potholes due to the number of larger vehicles using the roads. Communication Association Chair: Due to CTs absence there was nothing to report	CDCC to progress
9.	Resident Issues Cullen Library LM provided additional information regarding the ongoing issues with Cullen Library. LM has posted on social media highlighting that local residents who are not members should consider becoming a member, what the library offers, that visitor / temporary memberships are available and the need for volunteers to help, especially on a Saturday. Recycling Centre CL highlighted the boundary fence is broken and that fly tipping continues. DG advised that he had taken the matter up with Moray Council Environment Services who advised that they do not have any budget for repairs of this nature, so there are no plans to fix the fence. CDCC will discuss whether their budget will allow funding for the repair of the fence. Repair of Fence – Lower Blantyre Street This has been repaired. CDCC would like to thank Moray Council for their speedy action in repairing the fence. Road Markings The link to contact Moray Council with issues on road markings etc. has been provided. Beach Lifebuoys This has been actioned by Moray Council. CDCC would like to thank DG for his assistance in this matter. Logie Park The application for funding has been submitted. Beach Path Lighting CDCC (LM) continues to progress avenues for funding.	CDCC to look at the possibility of a flyer for Airbnb etc. in Cullen to encourage visitor memberships CDCC to discuss

	EV Charging Station – Seatown CDCC to progress funding opportunities and planning permission with Moray Council. Defibrillators CDCC to progress with volunteers to check the equipment. This will be done in consultation with Keirans Legacy Water signs – safety It has been observed that there is a lack of water hazard signs at Cullen Beach, Harbour and Motorhome car park. CDCC will review signage and liaise with Moray Council for additional signs in prominent locations. Trade Waste Bins Local residents have highlighted the issue with general waste bins being full of waste that should be placed in household bins. This may be a result of those staying in Airbnb / vacation accommodation. CDCC will liaise with Moray Council on trade waste bins, ensuring that those who should have trade waste bins, are advised to apply for them. Dog Fouling Local residents and businesses have highlighted the amount of dog poo within the beach area. This is a result of dog owners being irresponsible. CDCC (LM) has liaised with the Moray Council dog warden to look at the possibility of additional signage. CDCC has also agreed to purchase poo bag dispensers for Cullen to try and reduce the problem. These should be in situ by end of March.	
10.	Community Groups: Updates / Information Three Kings / CDO JS was absent from the meeting so no update was provided. This would have been JS last meeting. CDCC would like to thank Jill for her commitment, hard work and local knowledge in her role at the Three Kings. She will be sadly missed!	
11.	Projects and Initiatives Carried forward business	

	Resilience Plan – This is a long term project and continues to be progressed. A98 Crossing / Traffic / Parking Concerns – CDCC will actively engage with Moray Council and the community to ensure that proposals meet the requirements of the community, Cullen Recycling Centre (Lock up volunteers) – This is an ongoing issue. It was noted that fly-tipping continues and the boundary fence is broken. The issue of security and introducing opening / closing times continues to be discussed further.	
12.	AOCB 1. CDCC Logo – positive feedback has been received from the local businesses. CDCC voted to accept the new logo which will be used for all documents etc. 2. Community engagement: CDCC continues to actively encourage residents to have their say / opinion through various means such as: social media, polls, attending meetings. Community engagement and consultation is vital for initiatives to be successful. 3. Donald Gatt: Cullen Common Good – History of Cullen Harbour sign. DG advised that funding has been sought. CDCC fully support this initiative to have a new sign. 4. Mr Burch (member of the public for this item) enquired whether CDCC would host and fund a Hustings event. Though he had received prior notification that CDCC would not support this, he asked for a vote and for it to be officially recorded. The 5 CDCC members entitled to vote, voted 5 against the motion for a Hustings and 0 for the event. It was explained that the CDCC has other priorities and resources were limited. 5. Mr Burch (associated with Cullen Connected) advised that he was seeking funding for a new printer and that applications had been submitted for funding. Two points arose from the discussion.	

	It was noted that to increase the funding through the Corra Foundation application that Mr Burch required either the CDCC to take ownership of the application or he was assigned 'associate membership' status for the purpose of the application. On the first point he was advised that the application was from Cullen Connected and not CDCC. Therefore, the ownership of the application was Cullen Connected. On the second point he was advised that under the guidance issued on Associate Members, this proposal did not meet the criteria. The CDCC highlighted that integrity would be questioned, if the CDCC awarded associate memberships on a one of basis just to increase funding for an application not considered a priority by CDCC. In discussions, CDCC questioned the need for the application to be submitted at this point, considering new information brought forward by the CDCC at the meeting, noted that the warranty on the existing printer was still valid until July 2027. Had the information been available, it would have helped with the discussions. This had not altered CDCC's position in our support for the Application to the Common Good Fund for "top-up funds" to the other funding applications made by Cullen Connected and the TKA. CDCC would like to highlight that it is fully supportive of the newsletter produced by Cullen Connected and that it provides important information for the community and those visiting through it being available online and in rented properties.	
13.	Diary Notes a) Next CDCC Meeting: 21 April 2026 at Deskford b) Buckie Area Forum - TBC c) Cullen Harbour User Group – TBC	