

Minutes of Meeting 18 August 2026 @ 7pm Deskford Community Hall 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), Andrew Campbell (AC), Colin Taylor (CT), Theresa Coull, (ThC), Donald Gatt (DG)		
Zoom Attendees: None		
Members of the Community: 4 (3 x Cullen / 1 x Deskford)		
Item	Note	Action Points
1.	Welcome, and Introductions LT warmly welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies for Absence CDCC: Lynn Myles (LM), Moray Councillors: Tracy Coyler (TrC), Three Kings: Sarah Murray (SM) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service: John Jappy (JJ), Representative of Police Scotland: Steve Borzoni (SB)	
3.	Minutes of previous meetings 16 June 2026 No Matters Arising	Approved: DB Seconded: AC
4.	Blue Light Report <u>Scottish Fire and Rescue Services</u> JJ provided an update by e-mail: <i>A busy period with the recent wildfire in Nethybridge area with appliance being in attendance at the incident and also providing cover at neighbouring stations. Safety messages continue to be displayed on station social media and recruitment ongoing.</i> <u>Police Scotland</u> SB provided an update by e-mail: <i>Since the last CDCC meeting there has only been three recorded crimes.</i>	

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Office Bearers Reports

Chairperson

LT provided a brief update on the following:

- Highlighted the success of the Harbour Gala (additional information: see Secretary)
- Raising of funds for the upkeep of the Defibrillators has been well supported by members of the community. The jam produced by Debbie (surname?) and Janet (surname?) sold at the Community Centre has currently raised approximately £300.
- Unfortunately, members of CDCC could not attend the JCC meeting in Elgin on Thursday 13 August. It was noted that a number of other local community councils could also not attend. LT will raise this issue with Moray Council and see if alternative arrangements can be made if members can't attend.
- LT discussed the formation of a CDCC Executive Group. The main focus of this group will be to approve expenditure between meetings, so that a delay in purchasing or transfer of funds is kept to a minimum.
- The picnic tables and bench purchased for Logie Park are now with Moray Council. A date for the installation has still to be confirmed.
- CDCC will introduce a 'Citizen's Award'. The award will recognise the exceptional service by an individual to the residents of the Cullen and Deskford.
- CDCC will introduce 'Business Sponsorship' Award (see Treasurer report)
- To raise funds for the 'Have a Heart -Save a Life' campaign, LT is proposing to deliver IT classes to senior citizens for a nominal charge.
- LT also highlighted that viewing of CDCC social media platforms continues to increase.
- A fundraising information workshop will be held for all community groups on Wednesday 9 September. This will be done in conjunction with The Three Kings.

Secretary

CL highlighted the continued positive unsolicited feedback from members of the community.

- Seven poo bag dispensers are now in use in Cullen. 2 further poo bag dispensers are awaiting a decision on location.
- The amount of poo bags currently used has exceeded expectations – approximately 3500 since the introduction of poo bag dispensers. It was stressed that dog walkers should note that these are in place for those who have forgotten to take poo bags and not to replace their own.
- Meeting Notices continue to be distributed to and displayed by businesses in Cullen. Notices continue to receive positive feedback. This month's theme was 'Have a Heart – Save a Life' and 'Keep Cullen Clean'. CL thanked DB and EB for the distribution of posters to local businesses.
- CL reiterated the great success of the stall at the Harbour Gala. 224 people took part in the 'Guess the Number of Poo Bags' competition. Over 700 views were registered for the result posted on social media.

Treasurer

DB provided an overview of the accounts and balances. He also provided an overview of grant applications submitted.

Formal CDCC approval was required for the items purchased below. Please note that approval was given via CDCC WhatsApp Group.

1. Branded Tablecloth £150.00
2. Branded Banner Flags (x2) £300.00
3. Bases for Banner Flags £108.00
4. Gazebo £62.99
5. Gazebo Weights 4 Number £20.69
6. Charity Collection Buckets (x 3) £28.79
7. Water Safety signage £118.50

Note: All approved at CDCC meeting: 18 August 2026

DB also provided an overview of the costings associated with the Defibrillator's and that a 4 year maintenance package will be put in place.

DB advised the CDCC and those attending the meeting of excellent news that we now have our first business sponsorship to support the maintenance of the Defibrillator's .

	CDCC would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank 'THE NEW DENVER' restaurant in being he first recipient of the 'Business Sponsorship Award'. Your support is greatly appreciated! <u>Planning</u> A planning officer is still to be appointed.	
6.	Representations at Groups Nothing Reported.	
7.	Moray Councillors Report ThC and DG advised that during the period since the last meeting the council had mostly been in recess, however, constituency work continued. Various committees / boards were attended by the councillors since returning from recess. ThC highlighted that there will be a Cullen Estate Walk on 24 August starting at 14:00, meeting at Cullen Square. CDCC would like to thank the councillors for their continued support.	
8.	Deskford CDCC Representative: Nothing to report. Communication Association Chair: CT provided an overview of the events scheduled at the Deskford Halls for the remainder of the year. Details of the events can be found on Deskford social media platforms. CT also advised that work on the assessable toilet had been completed and that work to upgrade the female toilet would start soon. Nev Wood (Battery Storage): At the request of CDCC, Nev Wood provided an overview of the requirement for upgraded battery storage at Deskford Halls. The upgraded storage would	

	provide additional capacity during winter months and fulfil the needs of the resilience plan. Discussions also focused on funding for the upgraded battery storage. Deskford have raised a considerable amount and it was voted unanimously by the CDCC to provide the shortfall, so that this project could go ahead. CDCC would like to thank SM for continued cooperation for the benefit of Cullen.	
9.	Resident Issues Logie Park See Chair's report Beach Path Lighting No update. Note: This will be removed from future agendas until there is an update. Defibrillators See Treasures report Water signs – safety Awaiting confirmation when the signs will be put up. This should be w/c 24 August. Dog Fouling No issue reported – will be removed from agenda unless an issue arises. Bins (Seafield Street / Lane next to the Chemist): Residents raised concerns regarding the number of bins that are put out on 'bin' day in the lane between 32 Seafield Street and the Chemist. The residents also provided an overview of the correspondence between them and Moray Council since 2025. CDCC thanked the residents for raising their concerns and providing an update on their dealings with Moray Council. They were also thanked by the councillors, from the Keith and Cullen ward, who attended the meeting.	

	As the matter is now an official complaint, the councillors advised that they could not fully comment on the matter. This was accepted by all. The residents advised that a meeting with a representative of Moray Council is scheduled for Friday, 4 September to discuss the matter. Representatives of the CDCC and the councillors will attend, and hopefully work together with the residents and Moray Council in achieving a suitable outcome for all.	
10.	Community Groups: Updates / Information Three Kings / CDO SM provide an overview by e-mail. • The Odessey film, will be shown at the Community Centre on Sunday 23 August. Both showings are nearly sold out. • Farmers market will be held at the Community Centre on Sunday 6 September. 26 stalls have been confirmed, which include food, drink and craft stalls. • A fundraising information workshop will be held for all community groups on Wednesday 9 September. This will be done in conjunction with CDCC. All volunteer groups and those involved in fundraising should attend. • The Three Kings has secured a new brown bin for the Cullen Volunteer Group to assist in collecting weeds around the Cullen. A permit is required and further discussions will take place on payment of the permit.	LT to speak to SM
11.	Projects and Initiatives Carried forward business Resilience Plan – This is a long term project and continues to be progressed. Autumn Bulb Planting The support for this initiative by others has been welcomed by CDCC. However, due to other commitments, this will be postponed until next year - 2027. Harbour Gala CCDC provided feedback (which has also been provided through social media platforms) and thanked members of the public who visited the stall, took part in the competition and submitted concerns and questions to the CDCC.	

12.	AOCB Community Engagement: CDCC continue to engage the community through social media and polls. This engagement continues to be positively received by residents and organisations. Christmas Fayre: CDCC will have a presence at the market. Cullen Farmers Market (6 September): CDCC will have a presence at the market. The community are encouraged to come along and discuss any concerns, ideas or issues that they may have.	
13.	Diary Notes a) Next CDCC Meeting: 15 September 2026 at Cullen Community Centre b) Buckie Area Forum - TBC c) Cullen Harbour User Group – TBC	