Minutes of AGM and CDCC Meeting 20 October 2026 @ 7pm
Cullen Community and Residential Centre

Attendees: Chair: Les Tarr (LT), Vice-Chair: Stuart Donald (SD), Treasurer: David Baxter (DB), Secretary : Chris Lawson(CL), Elaine Baxter (EB), Andrew Campbell (AC), Theresa Coull, (ThC), Donald Gatt (DG), Sarah Murray (SM), Colin Taylor (CT)

Zoom Attendees: None

Members of the Community: 5

AGM CDCC

1. LT welcomed all attendees and advised that the first part of the meeting would cover the AGM followed by the General meeting.

2. Apologies are shown in Section 2. Of the CDCC General meeting

3. LT advised that the meeting of 17 November 2025, was an introductory meeting of the CDCC, and in itself not an AGM. However, during this meeting members of the CDCC were introduced and office bearers elected.

4. LT advised that confirmation of office bearers for the period October 2026 – October 2027 was required. Those CDCC members present confirmed the following appointments:

   Chairman: Les Tarr
   Vice-Chairman: Stuart Donald
   Secretary: Chris Lawson
   Treasurer: David Baxter

5. LT advised that next part of the meeting would be summarised and that detailed reports from the Chairman and Treasure would be available online.

   Chair's Report: LT advised how proud he was of the CDCC and what they achieved in the first year. Highlights included: picnic tables and the bench being installed at Logie Park, Poo bag dispensers located in Cullen and being widely used, sea safety signs being erected in prominent locations, Community engagement via social media and events, and the 'Have a Heart – Save a Life' campaign. He also advised of the constitutional amendment that would allow an executive subgroup to sign off on expenditure. This would be for urgent cases, rather than waiting for sign off at the general meetings.

   Secretary's Report: CL provided an update on community engagement, implementation of pre-meetings to address agenda items or relevant points before the general meeting, CDCC meeting announcements and distribution of posters

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and CDCC meeting minutes. Furthermore, CL advised of the dates for the next 12 meetings covering November 2026 – October 2027. It was noted that not all venues had been decided. This will be forthcoming towards the end of the year.

Treasure's Report: DB provided an overview of the financial statement and accounts for 2025/2026.

6. No other AGM business was brought to the table.

7. The attendees were advised that the next AGM was scheduled for 19 October 2027.

8. LT advised that the AGM was complete and that the CDCC General Meeting would follow.

CDCC General Meeting

Item	Note	Action Points
1.	**Welcome, and Introductions** LT warmly welcomed all to the CDCC general meeting.	
2.	**Apologies for Absence** CDCC: Lynn Myles (LM), Moray Councillors: Tracey Colyer (TC) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service: John Jappy (JJ), Representative of Police Scotland: Steve Borzoni (SB)	
3.	**Minutes of previous meetings** **17 September 2026** No Matters Arising	Approved: LT Seconded: AC
4.	**Blue Light Report** <u>Scottish Fire and Rescue Services</u> No update provided. The attendees were advised that this had been a busy week period for Cullen Fire Brigade due to supporting other areas. <u>Police Scotland</u> Police Scotland provided an update by email. CL provided a summary of the report.	

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5.	**Office Bearers Reports** <u>Chairperson</u> LT provided a brief update on the following: • Recycling bins on Seafield Street. Dialogue continues between Moray Council, Residents and CDCC for a solution acceptable to all parties. • Attended a meeting with other Community Councils to discuss JCC and potential Hybrid meetings. • Attended Buckie Forum AGM. • Trade vans in Cullen. LT highlighted the inaccurate reporting of a recent incident in Cullen. LT advised that in relation to Community Councillors, it was explained that as part of the Code of Conduct of the Scheme of Establishment community councils, councillors are encouraged to use social media as a communications tool. LT highlighted, that as individuals with opinions, we are entitled to express. However, where we are commenting on local issues as an individual, we need to ensure that the post indicates that it is a personal view and not representative of the CDCC, as this could be misleading and taken as the view of the CDCC. • Planning – Wine Bar application. LT advised that the CDCC conducted a poll on social media to gauge the community opinion. It was noted that the majority were in favour. However, LT noted that CDCC still have a role to play in any concerns / issues raised by our community. In principle, the CDCC support the application. Additional Points covered under Residents Issues and AOCB <u>Secretary</u> CL highlighted the continued positive unsolicited feedback from members of the community. • 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' CL thanked DB /EB for the distribution of posters to local businesses. Additional Points covered under Residents Issues and AOCB	

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	Treasurer DB provided an overview of the accounts and balances. He also provided an overview of grant applications submitted. Additional Points covered under Residents Issues and AOCB Planning A planning officer is still to be appointed. However, the wine bar planning application was discussed under Office Bearer's Report: Chairman	
6.	**Representations at Groups** Nothing Reported.	
7.	**Moray Councillors Report** The Councillors provided an overview of their activity during the period which included attendinmg meetings of the various council committees including 'full council'. In addition to the above, the Councillors also attended the Cullen Library User Group and the 150th anniversary celebrations of Portknockie primary school. **CDCC would like to thank the councillors for their continued support.**	
8.	**Deskford** **CDCC Representative:** AC advised that there was nothing to report from Deskford and that CT would provide an update on the activities of the Deskford Association and events at the Community hall. AC did raise a valid point, in terms of progressing any suggestions, concerns or issues from events attended by the CDCC. Members of the CDCC noted this and that future meetings should highlight the progress made against those suggestions, concerns or issues raised by the community. In addition to this those suggestions, concerns or issues should be highlighted on social media platforms.	

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	Communication Association Chair: CT CT provided an update on the Deskford Association AGM. It was noted that the turnout was poor and that those in office bearer positions would remain for another year. As discussed in previous meetings, Deskford Hall will receive an upgrade in batteries for the solar system. This is progressing, with the deposit paid. CT will provide an update on installation at future meetings. CT provided a comprehensive report on those activities that took place at Deskford, and those planned for the future.	
9.	**Resident Issues** **Logie Park:** LT highlighted that current funds, would allow the purchase of another bench for the park. This was agreed by members of the CDCC. **Defibrillators:** DB provided a brief update. CDCC continue to raise funds for the maintenance of the defibrillators. In addition, CDCC are looking at ways to replace the defibrillator at Lintmill, which is not working. DB thanked Coffee at the Kings and Sauna at the Kings for their generous donation towards the upkeep of the defibrillators. CDCC are still exploring the possibility of a defibrillator being located at the beach. This will require funding from the community. **Cullen Public Toilets:** LT welcomed representatives from the 'Friends of Cullen Square and Beach Toilets'. Julie-Ann Drake (JAD) provided an overview of the history and responsibility for the toilets. JAD, also provided an insight on the current challenges and issues, related to funding and keeping the toilets open for the community. In addition to funding, volunteers are also required assist in cleaning and opening. Long term funding and future responsibility for the toilets at Cullen Beach and Square was discussed. CDCC agreed that the priority is to keep the toilets open and will work with the Friends of Cullen Square and Beach Toilets and Three Kings Association to progress.	

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10.	**Community Groups: Updates / Information** **Three Kings / CDO** SM provided an update / highlighted the following: • A Farmers market was held at the Community Centre on Saturday 17 October. It was noted that it was well attended and considered a success for this first venture. It was also noted that events at the Community Centre, such as the Farmers market, increase the footfall for Cullen benefitting local businesses. • Though there is no Youth Community Council in place, there is a possibility of a youth position within the CDCC. LT advised that he would progress this with SM. • Moving on from the successful workshop on funding, it was agreed that in consultation with Discover Cullen that a meeting of community groups to work closer together would benefit the community. • SM highlighted that a Brown Bin has been obtained for the community volunteers who perform weeding in Cullen. It was envisaged that the community centre would be exempt from the permit required. However, this was not the case, but clarification / exemption is will be pursued.	
11.	**Projects and Initiatives** Carried forward business **Resilience Plan** – This is a long term project and continues to be progressed. CDCC need to engage with local businesses and the community at large to seek support. **Harbour Gala** CDCC representatives met with some of the community who assisted in organising the last Harbour Gala. The meeting was productive and a committee will be set up to progress the hosting of the Harbour Gala in 2027. **Remembrance Day** Lynn Myles (Cullen) and Andrew Campbell (Deskford) will lay the wreaths representing CDDC.	

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	In addition to this CDCC representatives will also visit the Commonwealth War Graves in Cullen and Deskford and lay 'Printed Remembrance Cross Wooden Tributes' at each headstone. The crosses were obtained from the Royal British Legion Poppy Shop.	
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 Xmas Lights Switch on ,on Thursday 26th November. **Dates of Meetings (November 2026 – October 2027):** Now posted on website with some locations still TBC • November 2026 — 17 November 2026 • December 2026 — 15 December 2026 – Cullen Bowling Club • January 2027 — 19 January 2027 • February 2027 — 16 February 2027 • March 2027 — 16 March 2027 • April 2027 — 20 April 2027 – Deskford Halls • May 2027 — 18 May 2027 • June 2027 — 15 June 2027 • July 2027 — No Meeting • August 2027 — 17 August 2027 – Deskford Halls • September 2027 — 21 September 2027 • October 2027 - 19 October 2027 AFM and General Meeting	
13.	**Diary Notes** a) Next CDCC Meeting: 17 November at Cullen Community Centre. This will also include the AGM. b) Buckie Area Forum - TBC c) Cullen Harbour User Group – TBC	

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