

Minutes of Meeting 15 th September 2026 @ 7pm Cullen Community and Residential Centre and on Teleconference (via Zoom)		
Attendees: Chair: Les Tarr (LT), Vice-Chair: Stuart Donald (SD), Treasurer: David Baxter (DB), Elaine Baxter (EB), Andrew Campbell (AC), Theresa Coull, (ThC), Donald Gatt (DG), Ssarah Murray (TKA)		
Zoom Attendees: None		
Members of the Community:		
Item	Note	Action Points
1.	Welcome, and Introductions LT warmly welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies for Absence CDCC: Lynn Myles (LM), Chris Lawson (CL) Moray Councillors: Tracey Colyer (TC) Deskford Halls : Colin Taylor (CT) 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: AC Seconded: SD
4.	Blue Light Report <u>Scottish Fire and Rescue Services</u> JJ provided an update by e-mail: <i>Recruitment ongoing, seasonal safety messages displayed on social media pages. Joint training exercise taking part Wednesday 16th at Portknockie with Coastguard.</i> <u>Police Scotland</u> SB provided an update by email: <i>A number of investigations ongoing including thefts at Golf Club and Chip Shop, two thefts by shoplifting and a serious assault.</i> <i>Three breaches of bail conditions made by the same person who is now under stricter sanctions.</i>	

	<i>Three road traffic offences by same person who has still to be traced.</i> <i>An investigation to establish the circumstances of an assault on a child by parent/guardian.</i>	
5.	Office Bearers Reports <u>Chairperson</u> LT provided a brief update on the following: 1. Town Centre Regeneration Survey: • This has identified a number of accessibility issues on Cullens Streets, roads and Lanes. Moray Council have asked for specific details Inc. locations and photographs. Residents are helping to identify and document these issues • Suggestions are still being gathered for how to spend the £1,500 town centre budget and residents will be asked to vote on the proposed options. 2. Members of CDCC met with members of Findochty, Portknockie and Buckie Community Councils to discuss closer co-operation and possible improvements to Moray JCC Additional Points covered under Residents Issues and AOCB <u>Secretary</u> CL highlighted the continued positive unsolicited feedback from members of the community. • Eight poo bag dispensers are now in use in Cullen. One has recently been situated at the entrance to the Community Centre. • 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 LM for the distribution of posters to local businesses. <u>Treasurer</u> DB provided an overview of the accounts and balances. He also provided an overview of grant applications submitted.	

	CDCC would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and the following for their support and in being a recipient of the 'Business Sponsorship Award'. Your support is greatly appreciated! Coffee at the Kings Donald Builders Ltd Royal Oak Hotel KP Aitken Painter and Decorator In addition to the above businesses CDCC also received a private donation from a member of the public and a further approach from local business on sponsorship. The collection at the Farmers Market raised £54 towards the 'Have a Heart' campaign. <u>Planning</u> A planning officer is still to be appointed.	
6.	Representations at Groups Nothing Reported.	
7.	Moray Councillors Report Both ThC and DG attended the Cullen estate walk round. Some residents were in attendance and the main issues raised were in regards overgrown areas. The other area of concern was in regards the garage area leases. The rest of the month has been covering general business, attending meetings of the various council committees both are involved in with full council meeting coming at month end. CDCC would like to thank the councillors for their continued support.	
8.	Deskford CDCC Representative: AC attended the recent Bacon Roll event and commented on it being well attended and that they are still the best value in the area.	

	Communication Association Chair: CT couldn't attend this meeting but has previously provided an overview of the events scheduled at the Desford Halls for the remainder of the year. Details of the events can be found on Deskford social media platforms.	
9.	Resident Issues Logie Park The picnic tables (2) and bench have now been installed at the Logie Park. In addition to the above a vote was taken re: utilising the remaining funds to secure an additional bench whilst considering alternative sources to fund the accessibility issues. All Community Councillors in attendance agreed. Defibrillators See Treasures report Bins (Seafield Street / Lane next to the Chemist): Local residents, Councillors Coull and Gatt, and members of the Community Council met with Moray Council on 4 September. LT reported that the meeting was described as thorough and candid where the council officer gained a better understanding of residents concerns. Following this meeting further correspondence has been passed to CDCC and LT is sending a response to the council officer to seek some clarification on the points made. Moray School – Primary School Review LT advised that there is currently no proposal to close or merge the school although the Learning Estate Review is likely to be raised at the Full Council Meeting at month end. The overall assessment indicates a moderate strategic risk but substantial evidence supports the school's continued role. The report concludes that there is no immediate threat to Cullen Primary School and that any potential process is likely to take years. Engagement Feedback	
10.	Community Groups: Updates / Information	

	Three Kings / CDO - The film 'Pressure', will be shown at the Community Centre on 18 October 2026. A Farmers market was held at the Community Centre on Sunday 6 September. 26 stallholders attended , which included food, drink and craft stalls. - A fundraising information workshop was held for all community groups on Wednesday 9 September. This was done in conjunction with CDCC. The event was attended by 8 people from local volunteer groups who found it an overall interesting evening and appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to work together, and realised this was already happening between TKA and CDCC. SM discussed the possibility of resurrecting the initial concept of Cullen Connected which was to create a working forum for local volunteer groups to meet and assist each other for the benefit of the Community at large.	
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 plan to meet with interested parties in regards the future of the Harbour Gala following a meeting with representatives of Cullen Sea School.	
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 26th November.	

	Cullen Farmers Market: The Farmers Market organised by SM and TKA was considered highly successful and well attended. CDCC had a stall where we: • answered residents questions • Promoted the Have a Heart- Save a Life campaign and the Keep Cullen Clean Campaign. • £54 was raised on the day on behalf of the Have a Heart -Save a Life campaign. Dates of Meetings (November 2026 – October 2027): Now posted on website with some locations still TBC CDCC / Three Kings – Volunteer Groups (Grants) meeting – Feedback: the event went well with most attendees gaining a greater understanding of fundraising opportunities and principals. Appointment of accounts examiner: Agreed and ratified that Anne Duarte is accepted as the Independent Accounts Examiner for the CDCC term of 2025/2026.	
13.	Diary Notes a) Next CDCC Meeting: 20 October 2026 at Cullen Community Centre. This will also include the AGM. b) Buckie Area Forum - TBC c) Cullen Harbour User Group – TBC	