



**Minute of Cullen Community Allotment Association  
Inaugural Meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009**

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Margaret Griggs and Dorre Galloway

Present

Caron Hunter, Margaret Stevenson, Sheila Donn, Marian McPherson, Stan & Margaret Parsons, Sha Davidson, Cliff & Jackie Kersley, Kathy & John Mills, Rob Pinkerton, Ian Crossman, Jim Mackay

In Attendance

Linda Adam, Area Forum Support Worker

2. Welcome and Introduction

Linda welcomed everyone then gave an outline of activities which the steering group, whom she introduced, had been involved since the initial meeting held in January. Linda reported that at a recent Moray Council meeting the Council had agreed to identify land suitable for allotments, assist groups to secure land not in the ownership of the Council and identify a Lead Officer with a view to progressing same.

3. Adoption of Constitution

Everyone was given a copy of the draft constitution for consideration. Cliff Kersley proposed that the word 'Community' was added to the title of the Association. Kathy Mills seconded this. 5.7 - Jim Mackay proposed that annual rent should only be paid to the Allotment Association. Stan Parsons seconded this. Following these amendments the constitution was formally adopted, proposed by Rob Pinkerton, seconded by John Mills

4. Election of Office Bearers

	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposed By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>
<u>Chairperson</u>	Caron Hunter	Jim Mackay	Jackie Kersley
<u>Vice Chairperson</u>	Jacqui Shand	Cliff Kersley	John Mills
<u>Secretary</u>	Kathy Mills	Jim Mackay	John Mills
<u>Treasurer</u>	Cliff Kersley	Margaret Stevenson	Rob Pinkerton

5. Election of Committee Members

Jackie Kersley, John Mills, Sheila Donn, Margaret Stevenson, Rob Pinkerton, Jim Mackay and Sha Davidson were elected as committee members.

6. The Way Forward

Caron Hunter, Chairperson outlined the various sites the group had looked at to date before going on to outline the aims and objectives of the group. She indicated that once suitable land had been secured funding would need to be sought to cover costs associated with setting up the allotments. At a previous steering group meeting it had been suggested that the allotment group would need a logo and it had been decided to ask the local schoolchildren to come up with designs for same. Caron indicated that National Allotment Week takes place week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> August and the group would be looking to promote themselves locally. It is the intention of the group to visit other allotment groups to glean advice and ideas, as well as keep in touch with Moray Allotment group, which provides support and an opportunity to network with other allotment groups. Work on agreeing rules and fees would have to be undertaken once a site is secured. Caron stated that the group know this may be a long haul but are prepared for that. The group look forward to providing new amenities for Cullen area residents which will enhance the social and community cohesion whilst improving health and well being. The group hope to integrate other users e.g. young people via primary school, people with disabilities and also the elderly. Caron concluded by thanking everyone for coming.

7. Any Other Competent Business

Linda advised that a meeting of the Moray Allotment Group would be convened in the next few weeks.

8. Date of Next Committee Meeting

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009 at 7pm