

Draft Minutes from the Lossiemouth Community Council
16 June 2015, Community Centre



Chair: Mike Mulholland

Attendees

- Mike Mulholland, Stuart Crowther (Sec), Cllr Cowe, Cllr McGillivray, John Smart, Tim Stanning (Treas), Maureen Garden, Jenni Johnston, John Wood, Karen Cox, Clive Shiach (visitor)

Apologies

- Cllr Wright, Tim Betts (community warden), Carolle Ralph, Adrian Barksby, Anna-Mary Overing

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Welcome/Police Report/Community Warden report</p> <p>Chair welcomed those present.</p> <p>Police report – No officers were available to attend but a full report was submitted to members. Councillor Cowe had noted there had been a complaint about a car abandoned off Moray Street – the vehicles owner had been identified and action was being taken.</p> <p>Warden Report – Community Warden report was noted in Tim Betts absence.</p> <p>Mr Clive Shiach was present to call the CC’s attention to the ongoing issue of a strong and persistent odour from the recycling centre opposite the Lossiemouth Medical Centre.</p> <p>Birds nesting in the area added to a problem caused by recycling material being taken to the site and left in the open untreated often for several days, during the warmer summer days this was an increasing issue for residents. He reported that he had been promised action from Environmental Services at Moray Council and there had been recent signs of that, but wished to ensure the Community Council kept abreast of the situation.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe said this situation had been ongoing for last two years, created when the centre in Buckie closed down and was moved to Lossiemouth - but it was now accepted to be the wrong process in the wrong place. He had a great deal of correspondence on the issue, which has come to a head and will be discussed at EDI committee in August with a proposal to move it to another site.</p> <p>He accepted, however, that this will take time to get an alternative site running and ready.</p> <p>Recent inspection of the existing site finds it as clean and action is being taken to keep things that way.</p>	
2.	<p>Previous Minutes/Matters Arising</p> <p>With some minor corrections the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p>	

		<p>Matters Arising – Gregory Place Car Park – Cllr Cowe said there was no update as yet but there was a Sports Hub meeting the day after this CC meeting so more might be found out there.</p> <p>Kellas Avenue – Council are digging up the front and back garden using Astro Turf to the front and chippings in the back, so this issue is in hand.</p> <p>Lossiemouth Esplanade – had been checked over the previous weekend and looked very clean.</p> <p>Seafest Day – was expected there would be up to 73 stalls and a number of attractions.</p> <p>Roads around St Gerardine’s – an eight week consultation was to take place over waiting restrictions (subsequent to the meeting letter received saying this would begin on July 24 with the CC given an opportunity to submit their view ahead of that – see July agenda).</p> <p>Flower Beds: Noted this under way with volunteers being sought (subsequent action taken see July agenda).</p> <p>Citizen of the Year – appeal for names has appeared in Lossie Local (subsequent action taken see July agenda).</p> <p>Beach Clean – suggested that this should take place in Station Park rather than on the beach (no subsequent action was taken on this as insufficient time to raise enough equipment and volunteers in view of Chairman being on holiday).</p> <p>Halliman Way noise – KC reported that this was also being noted by other neighbours, investigations are ongoing.</p>	
3	Correspondence	None of sufficient note.	
4	Matters Arising from Community Councillors/Councillors	<p>Councillors – JC – delay noted on new High School in Elgin and this would have a knock-on effect for a new Lossiemouth High School. Suggested that the CC should press for a new gymnasium to be put into the community centre.</p> <p>EMcG – is looking at what should go into the new school when it eventually does come to pass.</p> <p>House on Prospect Terrace – JC spoke to Mark Palmer and spoke to neighbour, she believes owner is dead. Unfortunately not a great deal we could do although an empty homes policy will come into force in September.</p> <p>Community Councillors – AM commented on condition of the ‘ramshackle’ house on the Elgin road and feared for its roof – CC’s noted that someone does live at that home.</p>	

		<p>Chairman – deferred walk around cycle track for time being.</p> <p>Harbour Bollards - John Thomson (garage owner) wished it noted that his turnover has gone down 'considerably' and he puts that down to the existence of the bollards.</p> <p>JS intimated that geographical surveys were ongoing at the Kinnedar Castle site.</p>	
5.	Treasurers Report	Since last meeting bank statement receive and cash from Council received – four cheques have been paid – three to Secretary for honorarium, printer and cartridges. Result is we have £1683 in the bank account.	
6.	Planning Issues	No new issues reported.	
7.	Any other business	Nil	
8.		The next meeting of the community council will be held on Tuesday, July 21 at 7pm, in the Community Centre.	