

Draft Minutes from the Lossiemouth Community Council
21 July 2015, Community Centre



Chair: Mike Mulholland

Attendees

- Mike Mulholland, Stuart Crowther (Sec), Tim Stanning (Treasurer), Adrian Barksby, Karen Cox, Tim Betts (Warden), Cllr Tuke, Anna-Mary Overing, Maureen Garden, Yvonne Findlay (Visitor). John Smart arrived late in the meeting.

Apologies

- Carolle Ralph, Cllr Cowe, Cllr Wright, Police Representatives (Holiday)

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Welcome/Police Report/Community Warden report	<p>Chair welcomed those present.</p> <p>Police report – No officers were available to attend nor was a report provided – note of apology was received that duty and holidays precluded attendance.</p> <p>Warden Report – Community Warden Tim Betts gave his report. KC questioned Tim on Seagulls and what people can do other than not feeding – response was to close bins, also there is guidance on Moray Council website.</p> <p>Clarification provided from CT on the General Licence that does allow actions to be taken by householders under many conditions so encouraged to look at that.</p> <p>TS asked about abandoned vehicles – TB said more had appearing because people are more ready to report these. Also some RAF personnel leaving are perhaps leaving their unwanted vehicles behind. Advised that if people spot any vehicle report it to the Council and investigations will be made.</p> <p>AMO noted that there had been an old trailer in Dunbar Street that had been abandoned for some considerable time, it had a for sale sign on it at one time – TB undertook to investigate.</p> <p>Yvonne Findlay was invited to address the CC and she gave an interesting insight into the community film project she has been undertaking in Lossiemouth throughout the summer. Local school children had been working on the project learning various filmmaking techniques. Yvonne as the CC members to note that the finished product would be Premiered at St James' in October.</p>	
2. Previous Minutes/Matters Arising	<p>With some minor corrections to the June minutes, most notably that Cllr Tuke had been in attendance, they were agreed.</p> <p>Matters Arising – St Gerardine's Road restricted parking – A draft letter was presented to members</p>	

		<p>that would form the CC response to the plans for restricted parking on St Gerardine's Road and surrounding streets. After some discussion this was accepted by members (Note: Letter was duly passed to Moray Council and acknowledged, including an invitation for Roads officers to discuss further with the CC – a reply is still awaited).</p> <p>Flower Beds – MM noted the difficulties in attracting volunteers to carry out watering of plants now that the Bowsers were in place. He would investigate alternative watering points – was noted that this was actually now a LCDT responsibility.</p> <p>Citizen of the Year – it was agreed that the two nominees would be made joint recipients. This is ongoing with a view to having a presentation in October/November.</p>	
3	Correspondence	None of sufficient note for this meeting. New system is in place where all relevant correspondence (most of which is now received by email) is passed on automatically to all members by the Secretary.	

4	Matters Arising from CC's/Councillors	<p>Councillors – CT – New local development plan has now been proposed for adoption. Of note for Lossiemouth is that Station Park is to be retained for green space and leisure purposes.</p> <p>Secretary noted absence of other councillors and apologised as he had left them out of advance papers for the meeting – noting all the same that our meetings are held on 3rd Tuesday as normal so should have been in diaries.</p> <p>Community Councillors – KC noted that the West Beach was suffering just now from being knee-deep in Seaweed. While this was acknowledged it is not an issue for the CC (although subsequent issues on the same beach will appear for discussion this evening.)</p> <p>SC noted the efforts to fund the Wall of Rock in the town and proposed that the CC make a donation of £100. This was agreed (subsequent to the meeting because of weather the youth festival was not held – the £100 was paid on behalf of the CC by the Secretary but will be recovered so no cost to the CC).</p> <p>AB said it was a case of business as usual at RAF Lossiemouth with the next exercise coming up in September. Additional training night flying was noted last month, pre-warned by the base.</p>	
5.	Treasurers Report	No change in the financial status reported to the last CC meeting.	
6.	Planning Issues	No new issues reported.	
7.	Any other business	Nil	

8.		<p>Agreed that the CC would take a month out to allow for holiday commitments and this should be an annual event.</p> <p>The next meeting of the community council will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm, in the Community Centre.</p>	