Minutes

Lossiemouth Community Council 21st March 2016, 7pm at Community Centre

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Chair: Mike Mulholland

Attendees

Carolle Ralph (Vice Chair); Heather Sheils (Secretary); Tim Stanning (Treasurer); John Smart; Maureen Garden; Councillor Tuke; Councillor Slater; Councillor Cowe; Adrian Barksby and Peter Miners.

Apologies

 Apologies were received from Karen Cox; Tim Betts (Community Warden); Police 				
Topic		Discussion	Action	
1.	Welcome Police Report Community Warden report	 The Chair opened the meeting at 1900hrs after welcoming all those attending. The Police and Community Warden were unable to attend. Proposal by Police to install a speed control measure at Muirton Road (Beside nursery) – no action yet. 		
2.	Local Community Attendees	 Peter Miners attended the meeting and gave an outline of the work being undertaken by the 'Coast of Moray Beachcleaners'. Peter highlighted the amount of litter, mainly glass and plastic bottles, on the river banks and the estuary. It is believed that a lot of this waste is coming down the river from Elgin. Peter has made enquiries regarding ownership of this stretch of the river; the lower end of the estuary is owned by the Crown Estate, whilst the stretch further up river is owned by the Forestry Commission and Scottish Natural Heritage. The Forestry Commission also intimated that they will not have enough resources for the next 5 year period to allow them to deal with this problem. Volunteers at Boars Head alone picked up 500 glass and plastic bottles, car tyres and fishing nets. Tim Stanning remarked that the cycle path also was full of litter. Peter asked the committee if there was a possibility of some volunteers helping at their next beach clean, which is organised for 11th April at 11:30, starting from the footbridge. Carolle Ralph suggested we advertise this on our Facebook page. Carolle Ralph and Heather Sheils volunteered to update the Facebook page as required. Community Council agreed to reinstate beach cleans. 		

Minutes of Last Meeting • The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting with minor amendments.	
 An apology from Adrian Barksby and a change of name, Tim Barry instead of Tim Betts, were amended. 	
Chris Tuke also stated that the new Lossiemouth High School was only partially funded by the Scottish Government.	
The go ahead has been given for yellow lines to be painted around St. Gerardines Road and Schoolhill Terrace.	
 Dennis Slater reported that people had been speeding at 67 mph on Muirton Road and Inchbroom Road. 	
Dennis Slater spoke to John Tulloch regarding erecting signage at the access to the new site on Muirton Road. John Tulloch agreed to this.	
Matters Arising • Maureen Garden and Tim Stanning agreed to be the contacts for the Planning sub group.	
Carolle Ralph obtained a letter from Angus Robertson issued by the Royal Mail Group. Royal Mail will start a free redelivery service 6 days a week. Residents can also nominate a neighbour to receive deliveries on their behalf and again this service will be free. Because the new Post Office cannot accommodate the parcel office it looks likely that the closure of the parcel office will definitely go ahead.	
 Councillor John Cowe, Councillor Chris Tuke, Councillors Councillor Dennis Slater and Chair Mike Mullholland had a meeting with new Group Captain, Paul Godfrey, on the RAF camp. They were pleased to report he was very community orientated. He agreed to ask for volunteers e.g. erecting marquee's, not only for the Raft Race but for other community events. Mike agreed with Adrian Barksby that Adrian would be used as a means to contact Paul Godfrey. Adrian submitted his work email address for this purpose. The issue of dog fouling, was raised once again. A member of the public complained about dog fouling in the field behind Hythehill Primary school. All felt strongly that very few people were brought to justice over this matter and that more needed to be done. Carolle Ralph will speak to Tim Betts regarding this. The issue of the bollards at the Harbour was raised again. This will be addressed at a future meeting. 	
John Smart raised the issue of a proposed dig at	

		Kinneddar. This was deferred for a future meeting.	
8.	Treasurers Report	 Tim Stanning advised that there was no change from last minutes therefore nothing to report. Tim made Heather aware of an honorarium to be paid for her secretarial duties of £30 per month. Heather agreed to this. 	
9.	Reports	RAF Liaison person Adrian Barksby reported that a squadron was due to go to Akrotiri and return in May. Another squadron to go to the Baltic Air Patrol in May. Two further exercises were in the planning; Saudi British Green Flag and Joint Warrior.	
10	Planning Issues	There were no planning issues reported.	
11	AOCB, Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	 Carolle Ralph raised an issue on behalf of a local resident regarding parking on the grass at the Square, particularly on a Sunday. Councillor Dennis Slater will speak to Lossiemouth Baptist church regarding this issue. Sea defences – work continues on the harbour wall at Station Park. Concerns were expressed about the pavement being uneven on the Esplanade. Two people have been injured recently. John Smart proposed that we run a bus service from the Co-op to Dunbar Street/Coulardhill area for the elderly. On 30th March, Queen Street will be closed due to Scottish Water carrying out repairs. Flood Prevention scheme for Seatown still on agenda for Moray Council. Pier and breakwater – Mike Mullholland suggested a future meeting, held on the beach to discuss this. New Complaints procedure to be dealt with at the next meeting. The next meeting of the community council will be held on 18 April 2016, 7pm, Community Centre. 	DS

Meeting concluded 9.30pm