

# Minutes

## Lossiemouth Community Council

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 7pm at Community Centre



**Chair:**

Mike Mulholland

### Attendees

- Carolle Ralph (Vice Chair); Heather Sheils (Secretary); Tim Stanning (Treasurer); Maureen Garden; Councillor Cowe, Councillor Slater, Councillor Tuke and Councillor James Allan; Flight Lieutenant Chris Hawkins (RAF Liaison Officer); Ashley Parker (RAF Police Corporal); Edward Kerrigan; Susan Kerrigan; Donald Anderson (Tarmac); Stephen Cowan (Tarmac); Stuart Marsden (Veolia – Wastewater Treatment Works); Ruairidh Macgregor (Scottish Water); David Wishart (Catchment Moray); Members of the public – Alison Mitchell; David Findlay; Gordon Wood; Frank Ralph; Netta Ralph; Lynda Ralph and Ryan Edwards.

### Apologies

- Tim Betts (Community Warden), Andy Campbell.

Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Welcome Police Report Community Warden report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair opened the meeting at 1900hrs after welcoming all those attending.</li> <li>• There were no Police or Community Warden attending the meeting.</li> </ul>	
2.	<b>Local Community Attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen Cowan and Donald Anderson of Tarmac, Scotland spoke of the new initiative to work with communities and schools with regard to science. The company have worked for over 30 years at the Caysbriggs Quarry on the Pitgaveny Estate. Tarmac are looking into a new venture to excavate, for landscape purposes, the cobbles and pebbles in an area of 17 hectares within Pitgaveny Estate, from the bridge right up to the front of Lossiemouth Cemetery. They will only work in this area for 25% of the year. They would like community input. A whole day for public consultation will be organised next month. It was brought up that Tulloch's are building a second stage of housing in this area and Tarmac had not been aware of this. They advised that there would be no blasting, just purely excavation. The project will last for 20 years starting in around 2 years. Tarmac only lease the land from Pitgaveny Estate and would like to give something back to the community, for example possibly extra car parking and a quiet area for Lossiemouth Cemetery.</li> <li>• 3 representatives from Oakenhead Waste Water Plant: Ruairidh McGreggor, Stewart Marden and David Wishart attended. The main concern from people living near the plant was the odour. Assurances were given in 1996 that no detectable odour would come from this site. At times the smell</li> </ul>	

		<p>is nauseating and many local residents have called Scottish Water to complain. In 2014 duct work was undertaken, which rectified the situation briefly. Is this required again? In present times the smell can be detected all over the town. There was concern that gasses being inhaled may be toxic to the community. Scottish Water assured the committee that the vapour from the sludge is put through an odour control unit. Councillor John Cowe stated that a man walking a dog along the old railway line around the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> February witnessed 2 manholes open at 45% with raw sewage coming out. This raw sewage ran for at least 100 metres down the railway line. Scottish Water has promised to come along to future meetings. A date has been put aside for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June. A new number will be advertised throughout the town to allow complaints to go directly to Scottish Water.</p>	
3.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No matters arising.</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No correspondence.</li> </ul>	
6.	<b>Matters from Community Councillors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike Mullholland - cycle path update. Nothing to report. Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> March.</li> <li>Look into possibility of another beach clean. Will discuss at next meeting.</li> <li>There have been many changes to the Stagecoach timetable. This was discussed with Stagecoach and they have made the decision to proceed with all the closures.</li> <li>Carolle Ralph has spoken to Barbara Allan (Living Street Project Officer, Scottish Government, Edinburgh) regarding the problem of the speed of traffic at the bottom of School Brae. Barbara Allan has introduced an initiative called '20's Plenty' outside schools. Carolle has sent a video taken at the foot of School Brae to Barbara Allan.</li> <li>Edward Kerrigan (Lollipop Man) previously asked for a stop sign at the foot of the hill however this has been rejected.</li> <li>Councillor Dennis Slater attended the scene and spoke of being alarmed when he witnessed the severity of the problem.</li> <li>A local attendee, Ryan Edwards who lives at the top of the brae, spoke about the problem of speeding cars. It is dangerous when coming out of his cul-de-sac where he lives.</li> <li>A new idea, from Lossie Loons &amp; Quines adrift, was put forward to put placards, giving a brief history, around the town showing well-known local places i.e. railing brae, lazy dyke. This</li> </ul>	<p>MM</p> <p>CR</p>

		would be discussed at the next meeting.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Matters from Councillors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor Tuke stated that the Post Office were keen to put in a temporary Postmaster in Lossiemouth to allow the Post Office to continue in our community.</li> <li>Councillor Cowe stated there was still no contact with Mr Stewart, who owns Brae Lossie on Prospect Terrace, therefore a demolition order for the building will be issues in the next 6 weeks.</li> <li>The Seatown Flood Alleviation team are working on appraisal.</li> <li>Funding has been released by the Moray Towns Partnership to complete the electrics at Covesea Lighthouse.</li> <li>The toilets at Station Park will be opened later in the evening after the Easter break.</li> <li>This year's Seafest will take place between the 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> July. A marquee will be erected in the car park.</li> </ul>	CT  JC
<b>8.</b>	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The treasurer reported that we have a current bank balance of £2,373. Looking into a more suitable venue for Community Council meetings.</li> </ul>	TS
<b>9.</b>	<b>Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no reports presented.</li> </ul>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Planning Issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no planning issues.</li> </ul>	
<b>11</b>	<b>AOCB, Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next meeting will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 7pm at Lossiemouth Community Centre.</li> <li>Members of the public are, as always welcome to attend.</li> </ul>	

Meeting concluded 9.40pm