

Minutes

Lossiemouth Community Council

Monday 17th April 2017, 7pm at Community Centre



Chair:

Mike Mulholland

Attendees

- Carolle Ralph (Vice Chair); Heather Sheils (Secretary); Maureen Garden; Councillor Cowe, Councillor Slater, Councillor Tuke and Councillor James Allan; Flight Lieutenant Chris Hawkins (RAF Liaison Officer); Sgt. Sean Jones (Police); Yvonne Murray (Defibrillator for Lossiemouth); George Mollins.

Apologies

- Andy Campbell

Topic	Discussion	Action
<p>1. Welcome Police Report Community Warden report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair opened the meeting at 1900hrs after welcoming all those attending. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unfortunately, the meeting was not quorate. <p>There follows a note of the discussion points.</p> • Sgt. Sean Jones (Police) reported a break-in on Prospect View. Initially speculating that 2 people were involved. They were disturbed and left the house. The police are also looking into reports of drug misuse at the Royal Naval Association on the 4th March where one male aged 18 was detained in relation to this. There was also an instance of fire raising which occurred overnight on 17th March at the rear of the centre. A few other reports of someone looking in windows. There will hopefully be an increased presence in the area. • Tim Betts (Community Warden) – Disruption has been caused by young people at the Library and Community Centre. In response, a number of young people have been banned from these venues and joint patrols between Youth Workers and Community Wardens have been undertaken during the evenings to engage with the youths. CCTV has also been utilised to prevent further disruption to staff and those accessing the facilities. 	
<p>2. Local Community Attendees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Mollins (previous employee of United Facilities since the plants inception till he subsequently left). George has looked into the problem occurring at Oakenhead from various angles. He is positive that the plant was not built to withstand the capacity that it is expected to turnover today. If the plant has a critical failure due to overload he said it will cause havoc. He stated that the blame for the problem lay squarely on the shoulders of Scottish Water. I have attached a copy of his overview at the end of the minutes. <p>As a committee, in the short term, it was agreed to</p>	

		<p>contact various agencies to see if we can shed more light on this matter. Councillor John Cowe agreed to contact Sepa, Planning and Environmental Health on our behalf. To be discussed at next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yvonne Murray (Defibrillator for Lossiemouth) has raised £3000 from a Disco and the Charity Shop. Three defibrillators have been purchased through HeartSine. They are to be positioned around the town – 1 in the Skerry Brae Hotel on Stotfield Road as they have a night watchman; 1 to be positioned on the seafront by David Guidi and the last one at the Community Centre on Coulardbank Road. The Community Council have purchased one of these machines. This has been linked into the Ambulance Service, where you call and receive a code to operate the defibrillator. If the machine has been used the company will replace the original. Yvonne will train individuals using this device and also do some training on CPR. There are a number of companies who have purchased their own i.e. Queen Street Co-op; Outfit Moray; Grant Park and Golf Club. Training will be given after the defibrillators are in position. Yvonne will undertake all the training. The Community Council will be part of the launch of these devices and any ongoing promotions. 	
3.	Minutes of Last Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record with minor amendments. Item 7 now reads that the Flood team are working on an appraisal. RAF personnel to attend Seafest were removed. 	
4.	Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No matters arising. 	
5.	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No correspondence. 	
6.	Matters from Community Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Mullholland - cycle path update. At the next cycle track meeting Wing Commander D Lunnon-Wood will attend as part of the new proposed track belongs to the RAF. 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. Carolle Ralph has a meeting on the 18th April concerning this problem and will require a lot of volunteers from our community. This will be discussed at the next meeting. 	MM CR
7.	Matters from Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Cowe stated there was concern from the Moray Firth Onshore Fisherman's Association regarding Ship to Ship transfers. Further about the house on Prospect Terrace, Braelossie. Action will be taken for demolition of 	JC

		<p>the property or a compulsory purchase order. It is believed that Mr Stewart has contacted a Solicitor in Forres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new CCTV cameras in the town are not yet operational. • 4G is to be installed in Grant Park within the next few months. Thus will give 4G coverage throughout the town. 	
8.	Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No treasurer report. 	
9.	Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no reports presented. 	
10	Planning Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no planning issues. 	
11	AOCB, Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be on Monday 15th May 2017, 7pm at Lossiemouth Community Centre. • Members of the public are, as always welcome to attend. 	

Meeting concluded 9.30pm

Oakenheadwood Wastewater Treatment Plant

Odour Control Problems

Oakenheadwood was constructed in 2001 at that time the population numbers on the Government website and the Moray Census showed a continuing decline in population in Moray and the surrounding area. The works therefore had been designed to the population figure at that time it was deemed not necessary to build growth into the project.

The site was designed to the average water usage in 2001 which was 120 litres per head per day. The average water usage today is 150 litres per head per day, this would increase the flow to the site by 25% before adding in any additional population.

It has been quite the reverse from the 2001 Census when the Moray population was 86940 to today's population according to Moray Council's demographic fact sheet the population is now 95510. This is approximately a 10% increase in the population number.

All the population figures were taken from the 2001 Census the next best set of figures I had were for 2011. The combined flows to the site in 2001 from Moycroft, Duffus pumping station and Lossiemouth was 3,824,160 litres per day. The combined flows for 2011 for the same area was 5,162,250 litres per day.

Oakenheadwood is not just a wastewater treatment plant it is the main sludge reception and treatment plant in the area. It receives sludge in liquid and cake form. It also thickens all imported sludge into cake before treatment. The area that the sludge is transported from is Banff and MacDuff, Buckie, Aviemore (and surrounding area), Moray, Nairn, and Fort William. On looking at population numbers all the areas show significant increases, especially in Aviemore which appears to be approximately a 50% increase in numbers. These figures will significantly increase the amount of imported sludge arriving at Oakenheadwood for treatment per week.

The typical dry solid content of liquid sludge in a tanker would be averaged at 5% this leaves 95% of liquid to be removed. This is done in a two stage process some of the liquid will be removed at the settling tank and returned to the head of the works to be treated in SBR's before being discharged. The settled sludge then passes through the belt press where it is reduced to an average of 22% and it is then combined with the imported sludge cake. Sludge cake should arrive on site with an average dry solid content of 22% it is then held in a silo till it passes through the thermal dryer where it is reduced to a 95% pellet. As both the liquid and sludge cake is reduced at each stage the liquor is returned to the head of the works to be combined with the incoming sewage for treatment before discharge.

Looking at the population figures for treatment of the wastewater and the increase in the sludge treatment the site appears to be overloaded. Further questions need to be asked of Scottish Water and their Operator as to how and when these issues will be addressed.