Minutes

Lossiemouth Community Council Monday 19 February, 7pm at Community Centre



Chair: Mike Mulholland

Attendees

☐ Carolle Ralph (Vice Chair, minutes); Tim Stanning (Treasurer) Maureen Garden, Graham Fleming, Marian Evans, Ashley Parker,RAF Lossiemouth, Keith Duncan Cllr James Allan, Cllr John Cowe,

Apologies

☐ Cllr Amy Patience, Cllr Ryan Edwards, Tim Betts, FLT LT Chris Hawkins (RAF Lossie), Evelyn Thomson, Glenn Roberts, Inspector David Hoyle, Stuart Garden, Andy Campbell

Topic		Discussion		
1.	Welcome	The Chair opened the meeting at 1900hrs welcoming possible new member Keith.		
2	RAF	Ashley advised the group that the volunteer group has been formed. He will ask Sarah Riley Evans to nominate someone to liaise with the community. Big thank you to the squads who have been out cleaning up the beach this week. Tim asked what had happened to the magazine The Lighthouse as we have not received one for some time.		
3	Police Issues	No police officers or community warden present. Tim Betts has leafleted areas where dog fouling has been reported as an issue and is patrolling those areas. No police issues from update.		
4	School/ community centre update	Cllr Allan reported back that there will unfortunately be no room for the 2/3 group in the new community centre. This is because it is open plan and has no contained area or purpose built facilities e.g. toilets. Carolle asked if it might be possible to create something within the new building but was advised this was not possible.		
		The proposed costs continue to rise (43million) and there are real concerns about this although the Scottish government have agreed to extra funding there will still be a shortfall. Agreed that the community council will approach BAE and Boeing to see if they can assist us in some way. The councillors have approached the RAF and they are unable to help.		

5	Tarmac development; Oakenhead	Tarmac Proposed Excavation site opposite cemetery. There was a public exhibition on Thursday 18 January in Stotfield Hotel which several of us attended as did members of the public. Marian, Stuart, Mo, Carolle and Cllr Edwards attended a site visit on 9 February. Whilst the meeting felt reassured by what we have seen and heard, we have a responsibility to the community to ensure that Tarmac are held to the promises and assurances they have given us if the plans are to go ahead. Carolle to write to Tarmac summarising our comments. Cllr Cowe to ask Nicola Moss about roundabout.			
6	Lower Speed Communities Lossie	Lower Speed Communities Lossie is now concluded and there have been some very positive outcomes it was unanimously agreed. The traffic lights on Elgin Road and the proposed changes to traffic at the bottom of the school brae amongst other things which will be attached to the minute of the next cc minutes. The external evaluation has been done with Cllr Edwards and Carolle talking to the consultant as well as staff from the schools and the council officials.			
7	Defibrillators for Lossie	The Baptist Church is the latest group in our town to have fundraised for a defibulator and is now training individuals in the use of it. We need to do some publicity now to highlight where they are in the town.			
8	Secretarial assistance	We continue to search for a secretary, anyone interested should get in touch with any of the community councillors. Carolle continues to muddle along. To contact Lossie Local about an article and advertise the position.			
9	Proposed Seatown Flood Alleviation Scheme 2022	Seminar in town hall tomorrow from 2pm to 7pm			
10	Moray Local Plan exhibition The only area proposed for development in Lossie the Station Park area. Previously, the Lossiemouth Development Trust had indicated an interest in upon the area. This is still an option as we understand it the priority at this time is the bridge.				
		Core path update, there is to be a path through the new housing development at Kinneddar to the Sunbank Quarry.			
11	JCC	Mike attended there was a presentation on local energy projects the aim being to put energy into the hands of			

12	Presentation on East beach Bridge with LDT	local people by enabling locally owned renewable energy projects. Mike expressed concerns that the proposals were very costly and CC's did not have the millions required. Several of us attended a presentation on the future of the briggie with members of the Trust. It was a welcome opportunity to hear all the hard work which has been undertaken. It is some 12 years since concerns about the state of the briggie was first raised at CC. All parties agree that we need a new bridge and that ownership must be formally recorded in order for works to move forward. The CC are wholly committed to offering our support in this in anyway as we stated at the joint meeting last week.			
13	Plaque	Concerns expressed about the state of the plaque beside the gold post box. Maureen to see to a new one. Carolle to order plaque for the defibrillator at the community centre.			
14	Planning	Tim advised the group that Clifton Road flat development comes before planning on 22/2. He will check portal for further objections from residents.			
15	Moray Council Budget cuts	Carolle asked the councillors how the town might be affected by the proposed cuts. The Four Town Partnership funding has gone, this funded flowers and Green fingers to tend to them amongst other things and will mean funds must be raised by other means. We also asked for clarification on how the cuts to school librarians would impact on us. The new library will be part of the school in the future. Agreed that the reduction in green bin collections will be an issue and people asked why the brown bins could not be reduced to 3 weekly rather than the green bins. The councillors said the council spends a fortune on poor recycling. There is a job to educate the public.			
16	Miscellaneous	Raft Race 29 July High Trans monies in place for cycle track survey			
	Treasurers report	We have around £1517 in the bank. Payment for the joint meeting with LDT will be about £50.			
	Date and time of next meeting	Monday 19 March 2018 at 7pm in Lossiemouth Community Centre.			