

Lossiemouth Community Council Minute of Meeting

Date: Monday 16 April 2018

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: RAF Lossiemouth, The Fulmar Suite

Chair: Mike Mullholand

Attendees: Carolle Ralph (Vice Chair, minutes); Maureen Garden; Glenn Roberts; Marian Evans; Stuart Garden; Cllr Ryan Edwards; Cllr John Cowe; Ashley Parker, RAF Lossie

Potential new members:

Claire Edwards; Louise Hill

Other attendees:

Chris Tuke, Burghead Community Council and chair of Lossiemouth Lighthouse Committee; Donna Brown, RAF Lossie

Apologies:

Cllr Amy Patience; Cllr James Allan; Tim Betts; FLT LT Chris Hawkins (RAF Lossie); Evelyn Thomson; Inspector David Hoyle; Graham Fleming; Keith Duncan; Andy Campbell

1. Police Update

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

2. Presentation - Wing commander Allan

Wing Commander Allan talked about the Lossiemouth Development Programme. He has been appointed Business Change Manager for the transition. There will be a £50 billion investment at the station.

- 9 P-8A planes will be here by 2024
- 10 Typhoons by April 2019
- 9 concurrent construction projects
- An increase in 470 service personnel and also an increase in contractors to the MOD.
- RAF Lossie has around 1721 personnel.
- 2400 whole force strength
- Parent 4000 plus people across Scotland.
- Quick reaction Alert (North) on call 24/7
- Operation Shader Syria

- Typhoon jets involved in supporting Tornados
- Mountain Rescue
- Operation European Police
- Exercise Joint warrior
- 4th Typhoon Front Line squadron
- Main and secondary runway needs to be reinforced this work will commence shortly
- P-8A MPA Strategic Facility (hangar) will be completed by June 2020 and will be fully operational by 2024
- Maritime capability will be strengthened
- MP8 Maritime patrol aircraft.
- February 2020 the first aircraft arrive though the runway may not be complete.
- Future manpower arriving around 100 each year till 2024.

What does this mean for the community?

Strategic partnerships are being built on Moray Council, HIE, UHI, Rolls Royce, Industry leaders (Boeing, BAE, Robertson), RAF Lossie

Increased demand on services. Health, schools, leisure, facilities, increase traffic

Permanent home of the Poseidon P8A.

Permanent residents; investment in the community and involvement in town and increased tourism; People will put down roots in our area; Stronger ties and the use of facilities on the base will help this; Small businesses will benefit; Requirement for skilled workforce locally; Temporary accommodation needed; Increased in allied forces visiting; Qualified skilled partners; More opportunity for school leavers; Increase spending direct and indirect (£10.5m); Over £85 will increase in years ahead

Sarah Riley Evans will continue to make decisions and Sam Bunn will also be involved.

Donna also has responsibility for liaison with the community and advised the group that several groups are already using the facilities e.g. Hythehill, Lossie FC, Lossie welfare league, Outfit Moray.

Ash informed the group that all Primary 6 Children will be invited to STEM in the workplace which was incredibly successful last year and introduces them to all sorts of exciting and innovative projects on the base.

Mike thanked Dave, Donna and Ashley for the presentation and their hospitality. The CC toured the facilities with Donna and Ash after the conclusion of the meeting.

3. Minutes of last meeting

Were adopted as a true minute

4. **Matters Arising**

Plaque - Maureen has the plaque for the defibrillator and gave it to Carolle to go to the community centre.

Community Clean up - Cllr Edwards advised the group that 60 bags had been collected from around waste busters and the high school. Well done all involved in this. There have been other areas identified by members of the community for clean up next time we have volunteers.

Dog Fouling - Claire expressed concerns that dog fouling is particularly bad on Shore Street again. Carolle will pass her details of Tim's email so she can liaise with him on this. There have been several dog fouling incidents reported in Lossie this month already. We need to consider other solutions.

Community Warden, Tim Betts has leafleted areas where dog fouling has been reported as an issue and is patrolling those areas. No police issues from update.

Don Ritchie Presentation - Maureen advised the meeting of possible dates Don can manage. 3 May seems best; Maureen will liaise with the family and circulate date.

Citizen of the Year - Claire has kindly offered to organise this event. Carolle advised the group that we have so far two joint nominees and expect at least one other. Closing date for nominations 30 April.

Cycle Track - No update on cycle track

5. **Correspondence**

Correspondence circulated

6. **Treasurers Report**

Same figures as last month. As we have had no secretary for the last 10 months, Carolle suggested that the funds which we have saved go towards plants for the esplanade

7. **Community Councillors Feedback**

Lend a Hand - It was also suggested that as CC does not meet in July that we arrange a couple of evenings when we go down to the esplanade or the square and lend a hand with the plants

Green Bins - Keith asked to put green bins on agenda, but was unavoidably held up and not sure what he wished to raise on the subject.

Burnt House Glen asked what was happening about the burnt out house on Elgin Road. Cllr Cowe will look into this.

Esplanade Planters - Mike has spoken to Moray Council re the planters on the esplanade, they are hopefully repairable. John Tulloch has offered the use of a digger to do any work. Four Towns money will pay for this year's flowers

Station Park - Questionnaire on Station Park has been circulated by the Trust and should be completed to assist in decision making process.

Mike will to speak to the trust re the bridge, as we now have contacts for Boeing which can be pursued if they would like us to do so.

8. Reports

- a. Local Councillors**
- b. Community Council Sub-Group(s)**
- c. A N Other(s)**

9. Planning Issues

Proposed Tarmac quarry development; Oakenhead - Carolle advised the meeting in the absence of Tim that we must have our feedback in for the quarry development by 14 May; this is before the next CC meeting. As the portal is difficult to work, she has spoken to planning about this and organised meeting with Richard Smith planning officer to review the plans. All welcome to attend, she will email a date once she has spoken to Tim

New School/community centre- Louise asked what was happening about the meeting with the planning officer to review the plans. As councillor Allan was unable to attend tonight Carolle will contact Shona Leask for a suitable time and date. Interested parties will be invited to attend who might use the community centre currently. The plans come up very shortly to council

10. The Joint Community Councils of Moray

Next Meeting 10 may 2018

11. AOCB

We have a very interested party who is keen to take up the role of minute secretary. Mike and Carolle met with her this morning. Hopefully she will manage next meeting.

Carolle will get in touch with members re the various meetings and events over the next month. If folks can manage at least one or two of these that would be appreciated

12. Date, time and venue of next meeting

Monday, 21 May 7pm at Lossiemouth Community Centre