

Lossiemouth Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Date: Monday 18, June 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Lossiemouth Community Centre

Chair: Mike Mulholland

Attendees: Mike Mulholland, Carolle Ralph, Tim Stanning, Marian Evans, Kristi Corbett, Claire Edwards, Ryan Edwards Cllr, James Allen Cllrs, Amy Patience Cllr, CPL Ashley Parker (RAF), SGT Sarah Tompkins-Le (RAF), PC Clark (Police Scotland) PS Brander (Police Scotland)

Apologies: Evelyn Thomson, Maureen Garden, John Cowe Cllr, Stuart Garden, Louise Mill, Glenn Roberts, Andy Campbell, Graham Fleming, Keith Duncan

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

A 15 year old has been charged for the Hopeman Beach fire.

Flare ups continue from the big grouse fire in Hopeman.

The police are trying to get funds for the kit for bicycle police. They already have the bikes and the training is available through Aberdeen they just need the kit; it will be approximately £400. The Community Council will look at ways to help the police raise the funds as this will benefit our community. There is the possibility that the Climate Challenge Fund could fund this. Once we know how long it will take to procure the kits and the exact cost we can try to raise the funds.

RAF Update: CPL Ashley Parker is being posted to RAF Brize Norton and SGT Sarah Tompkins-Le and a team of two others will represent RAF Lossiemouth on the Community Council.

3- Minutes of May Meeting

Day of Meeting: the Lossiemouth Business Association is looking at changing the day of their meetings so it might not be necessary for us to change ours.

Planters: The funds for the flowers have been granted through the Boyd Anderson Trust.

Burnt House: The fencing has been repaired on the Elgin Road house as well as extended.

The minutes were adopted as true minutes.

4- Matters Arising:

Passing of Don Ritchie:

The funeral will be held Thursday 21, June.

Interest was expressed in further community recognition for Don; Marian is going to speak to the Moray Road Runners to see if they have something in the works or an idea for a permanent memorial.

Tarmac Quarry Response: The response has been submitted.

Station Park Toilets:

Due to changes with the council there is a chance of a reprieve on the closure. Carolle will submit a request with the Moray Council to register the Lossiemouth Community Council's interest in taking them over.

We have not formally heard back from the trust on the possibility of them taking over the Station Park toilets but we do know that they would not be able to do it until post 2020 at the earliest and they have plans to eventually knock down the building.

If the LCC takes over the toilets we will have to fund them as well as clean them. We'd need to hire someone to do that or have a cleaning and lock up rotation in place.

Carolle feels that it would be very short sighted of the council to let the Station Park toilets close as they provide a number of benefits to the shore front.

Citizen of the Year Presentation:

Will be held Thursday 21, June 2018 at the Stotfield Hotel. It will be an afternoon tea and cost £7.50 a person.

Narrow the Gap Consultation:

The Lossiemouth pop-up consultation had better attendance than any of the full sessions held in Moray.

People were disappointed that they were unable to provide feedback on the issue as it was not a full session.

Data Protection Training Workshop:

Tim Stanning and Maureen Garder attended.

We need to be proactive in protecting the information we store on the CC laptop. It needs to be cleaned of all personal information for non-committee members.

100 Year Commemoration:

Carolle will register our interest in holding an event.

Many ideas were offered and it has been decided that a set-up meeting will be held at a later date to plan the event and start organizing it. We are looking at holding the event in the week before Armistice Day.

Marian will check on the date that Elgin is holding their celebration and she will also approach the Lossiemouth Town Hall Committee about helping us organize the Lossiemouth event.

History Room RAF Lossiemouth, and the Friends and Family Day

We are looking at organizing a visit to the History Room for the committee members, it was also suggested that we look at a visit to Morayvia as well.

If any of the Community Council members are interested in attending the RAF Lossiemouth Friends and Family Day on Sept. 15 please let Carolle know.

Day of Meeting:

See Minutes of May Meeting above.

A96 Duelling:

No decision has been made on if it will come North or not.

Seafest: Volunteers are needed to help with the stewarding, especially on July 7th if any council members are interested in helping.

Gardening:

We need to find out if there is a water connection somewhere on the esplanade; if the Station Park toilets close we will lose access to the one that is there.

We have volunteers to water and weed the planters on the esplanade this year.

We do need to fill the planters with water, the RAF will check to see if they have the equipment to do it, otherwise an alternate method will need to be found.

Mike is going to speak to Peter about taking over the planters in the square next year; we also need to check on getting the pipes restored for irrigation in the planters in the square.

5- Correspondence:

Water Conservation: Everyone should be receiving leaflets about water conservation, and as a community council we should also look at ways to help conserve water.

Climate Challenge Fund: This is a new fund that provides grants to the communities to help them protect against climate change. This is a fund that might be able to help the police with their bike kit as it will be providing environmentally sustainable transport.

Roths 2 Wind farm: A public exhibition will be held in the Elgin Community Center on July 6 from 10-2. It was questioned if there will be any funds made available to Lossiemouth because of the wind farm.

Health and Social Care Strategy Review:

Strategic Planning Meeting will be held Thursday 21, June 2018 in the Elgin Town Hall from 9:30-10:30

Community Assets Meeting will be held Tuesday 24, July 2018 location and time will be communicated at a later date. Mike, Marian and Claire will all check to see if they can attend.

6- Community Councilors Issues:

We need high visibility vests with the council logo on it for when we are working in the community. Mike will look into procuring them.

The Heritage Center is now open at the Cove Sea Lighthouse; it is currently open on the weekends.

7- Councilors Updates:

Cllr Edwards is looking into having another rubbish bin moved to the area between the High School and the Co-op as there is a large amount of rubbish in the area.

Cllr Edwards has put forward a motion for assistance in the development of the bridge project.

8- Treasurers Report: £2,444.28 available that does include the grant from the council. We have nothing outstanding at this time.

9- Chairman's Updates:

A feasibility study on the cycle track is out to tender.

We are looking at sharing minutes with the Lossiemouth Trust and Business Association so that we can make sure we are working together to build a stronger community.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday July 16, 2018 7:00 pm we will meet at the Esplanade to do some weeding then have a short meeting over a cup of tea at one of the local businesses. To discuss any urgent business and Climate Challenge Fund as an option for irrigation on the shore front and the town square.