

**Lossiemouth Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date:** Monday 20, August 2018

**Time:** 19:00

**Location:** Lossiemouth Community Center

**Chair:** Mike Mulholland

**Attendees:** Mike Mulholland, Carolle Ralph, Stuart Garden, Maureen Garden, SGT. Fraser Bowie (RAF Representative), Louise Hill, Ryan Edwards Cllr., John Cowe Cllr., Claire Edwards, Tim Stanning, Kristi Corbett

Apologies: Glenn Roberts, Tim Betts, Marian Evans, Evelyn Thomas

**Agenda:**

**1- Police Update:** The bike kit has been ordered and will be paid for through a private donation from a member of the community.

**RAF Update:** New representative Fraser Bowie introduced himself, he is one of three reps to the community council. No other updates.

**3- Minutes of last meeting**

Corrected grouse fire to read grass fire.

Carolle will check with Jane Martin to see if she can have the laptop cleaned to bring it into security compliance.

We were unable to use the Climate Challenge fund to assist the Police with their bike kit, we did not check off all of the requirements.

There are no taps for water available in the square for the planters.

The minutes were adopted as true minutes.

**4- Matters Arising:**

**Constitution Change:** In July the community council held an extra meeting and voted to change the constitution to be able to take on community assets.

**Station Park Toilets:** The lease is now in place until 30 Sept. 2018. The Moray Council will send a representative to assess the building and suggest the best way forward after September.

We may need to take over the storage area as well so that a firewall is not needed, we will need to have a meeting with the Lossiemouth Community Development Trust and the Lossiemouth Business Association to discuss the long term plans for the Station Park Toilets after the assessment from Moray Council. As it stands currently a long term lease will not be granted without a firewall.

There are several maintenance issues to address if we do take them on long term.

There is an open drain from the urinals that is overflowing into the play park.

Currently the hot water has been turned off do to too high of water pressure.

Seals on the taps need replacing to stop water leakage.

The flushers on the toilets are stiff making flushing them difficult.

There is no hand drier in the men's toilets.

Urinals are not on sensors, which is wasting water, the cost of the sensors is £400.

Current balance in the account for the maintenance of the toilets is £983.73. The lease has been paid through 30, September. Most of the funds came from fundraising at the raft race.

**100 Years Commemoration Concert:** Marian has organized the concert, see the Admin Summary for more info.

The hall will be paid for after the concert. Louise will check for donations on the refreshments.

The Joint Community Council will help with the event if we invite them to join the event. They would make this the focus event for the area.

**Road Junctions:** There will be no further consultations, it is going forward. Lights will be put in on the brea, the work will be January 2019 – March 2019, there is the possibility that more lights will be put in by the school in the future.

**A96 Dualling Update:** There are two proposed routes, if the northern one is selected it will affect us. There is a meeting on 30 August, 2018 that Tim Stanning and Maureen Garden will attend with Transport Scotland.

**Flower Show:** The event is on 15 Sept. 2018 at the Lossiemouth Community Center and the organizers have asked that we assist with the set up on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Participatory Budget:** We are still able to apply and stay involved.

**Joint Community Council:** We are leading the local councils on the handling of public toilets and have been asked to help with the Moray toilet group that's being set up.

Ideas are needed for the Moray Leader Project, which is funded by and EU fund for community development, ideas are needed quickly.

There has been an increased police presence reported in other communities.

**Meeting with Laurie Pyper:** We are still waiting for a date.

## **5- Correspondence:**

A letter from Douglas Ross M.P. Was read congratulating the Lossiemouth Community Council on their efforts to keep the public toilets open.

**Pino's Pizza:** an application was received for late night opening, they would like to extend their hours back to what they previously had in place; Sun – Wed open until Midnight, and Thurs – Sat until 1:30 am. This decision will also impact Mario's. If it's not allowed Mario's may have to reduce their hours to match Pino's. There were no objections from those present at the meeting to extending the hours.

**Road Maintenance Survey:** Stuart will complete and submit the survey.

**West Beach:** There have been complaints that the Disabled parking bays are being improperly used. \ Comments received that the drains are not working.

Complaints have been received about the mess being left from Blackenings and other activities.

At this point we don't have any ideas on actions we can take to prevent the parking bays being misused and the mess from Blackenings and such other than telling community members to report it when it happens.

**Signing Correspondence:** Do not sign correspondence as Community Councilor if it is on a private application being sent to the council, this will help eliminate some confusion and applications being

over looked.

**Communication with the Community:** Please bring ideas to the next meeting on ways that we can improve communication with the community.

#### **6- Community Councilors Issues:**

**Lazy Dyke:** During the raft race two people fell off of the dyke and were injured. It's being looked into to see if it's feasible to put up a railing to prevent people from sitting on it. If the Moray Council or Community Council doesn't take action the Steamboat will look into doing something to prevent people from sitting on the dyke.

**Gate between Smugglers and Miele's:** The gate is being locked by Miele's at night but there have been complaints about this. Is it a public alleyway or privately owned. If it's public they may not be able to lock the gate.

**Dog Fowling:** There continues to be issues with dog fowling. It's been reported that some in the community are letting their dogs into other's gardens and that the public green spaces are a mess because of this. It's getting to the point where children cannot play outside in some areas. The LCC is looking into options and ideas on how to handle this. One proposed idea is that we have fliers printed that can be handed out in the areas with the most complaints, the Cemetery and Castle Court. Carole will speak to Tim Betts.

**Commemoration Bench:** It has been proposed that we purchase a 100 years commemoration bench for the community, there were no objections so Tim Stanning will handle the purchase and arrange for the delivery.

#### **7- Councilors Updates:**

**Bins:** We have lost bins, there were 26 bins on East Beach and we are down to 22 and West Beach is down from 4 to 3.

**Seagulls:** There have been a lot of complaints to Moray Council about the seagulls this year and it has come to light that some community members in Lossiemouth are feeding them.

**8- Treasurers Report:** There is approximately £3000 in the bank currently, if we keep the toilets on long term we will have to open a second account for them.

#### **9- Chairman's Updates:**

**Tabards:** Highland Industrial Supplies is donating 12-14 high visibility tabards to the community council, Mike will look at options for having them embroidered or screen printed with the councils logo.

**Fly the Red Ensign:** Monday 3, September 2018 is a day to honor the Merchant Marines who died during the war. It's proposed that the communities have a ceremony and fly the flag on that day. It's been decided that this year we will fly the flag and plan a ceremony for next year. We will also fly the flag on Remembrance Sunday as well. Cllr Edwards will source the flag for us.

This leads to the question on who is responsible for the flag pole at Station Park and is it in proper condition to be used. Mike will follow up on the flag pole and also find out which ones in the community are working.

**Skerry Brae:** The Skerry Brae has changed its name to the Golf View Hotel, it will be combining with

the care home next door to create a new luxury hotel and spa. At this time it seems quite busy. The Stotfield Hotel is also being redone from top to bottom. With both hotels being redone and relaunched this may create a parking issue.

**Junction by United Free:** It's been asked that we look into ways to help with visibility at this junction.

**Cycle Track:** There was a meeting on 22, August to drive the proposed route.

**10- Planning Issues:** We need to decide where the commemorative bench will be placed.

**11- Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 17, September 2018 at the Lossiemouth Community Center.