

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 22 October, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Community Center

Chair: Mike Mulholland

Attendees: Mike Mulholland, Carolle Ralph, Maureen Garden, Louise Hill, Iona Keilhorn, John Cowe Cllr., Stuart Garden, Tim Stanning, James Allan Cllr, Kristi Corbett, Sean, Police Rep

Apologies: Evelyn Thomson, Amy Patience

Agenda:

1- Police Update: There was a car break in, the car was unsecure so please ask that people are more vigilant with locking up and securing their cars and property.

On October 8 there was a car discovered with cannabis, please report anything that looks suspicious.

There have been extra patrols around the public toilets to help prevent vandalism.

Sgt. Neil Morrison will be the new Sgt for Lossiemouth.

The bikes are now being used.

RAF Update:

No updates and no RAF rep.

3- Fiona Shearer, Head of the Lossiemouth High Art department. The school has many projects in place as part of the There but not There campaign. 10 crocheted poppy wreaths made by the students will be laid on the graves of 3 soldiers from Hopeman and 7 from Lossiemouth in Flanders.

They have other art projects including school rocks and poppies that will be placed around the school and the community, they would like the community council to talk about them on the Community Council facebook page. Most of the projects are being made from recycled items.

The High School will have a memorial concert on the morning of Nov 9.

They would like to borrow 6 of the Tommy silhouettes for their memorial concert.

They will contact Carolle if they need any assistance.

4- Iona Keilhorn, Lossiemouth Heritage Association. James Square Update.

The Heritage Association will not be continuing their lease on the Square, they are unable to keep it up and there hasn't been the community support to help them.

They have received a tenancy termination notice from Moray Council and have been told that it would be too expensive to write an extension so one will not be granted while the Lossiemouth community organizations discuss the future of the square.

Iona has been told that we need to remove all of the planters and slabs along with the historical artifacts, Carolle has been in touch with Alex Bowe at Moray Council and has been told that the items do not need to be removed and that the only issue will be the upkeep of the bed by Ian Watts which is low maintenance.

The Heritage Association is concerned about the future of the artifacts that have been placed in the square if Moray Council takes over the maintaining of the square. They are going to take the story to the Northern Scot to try and prevent anything happening to them.

Carolle is going to contact Moray Council asking for a stay of execution to give us time to discuss the

square at the community meeting on the 26th of November.

If the Community Council agrees to take on the maintenance of the planter we will have to get a lease from the Moray Council.

5- Minutes of September Meeting

In the future Community Councils will have more chances to participate in Democracy Matters seminars.

Matters Arising:

1- Station Park Toilets update:

We have not been given a cost to keep them open in the long term but have been told that continuing the lease will not be an issue.

The toilets will be closed November-March and we can decide if we want to continue the lease at a later date.

The check for the lease that was paid in August still has not been cashed.

2- 100 Years Concert Update and November 11:

The Joint Community Council will be donating £200 to help with the staging of the event.

We have received positive responses from the Lord LT, Douglas Richard and Tarmac, seats will be reserved for dignitaries.

We need to make sure we have photograph consent forms, John Ferguson will be taking photos.

Tim Stanning has enough bunting to use for decorating.

The high school choir needs to be notified that their performance will be at the start of the second part, as well as asking them to arrive by 12-12:30.

Louise will be pulling in assistance for the creche.

We are still waiting to hear from the Co-Op and Tesco's about a donation of refreshments for the concert.

And Louise at Delicious is going to be contacted about a donation as well. If we cannot get the donations then the items can be purchased using the donation from the Joint Community Council.

Tim will be bringing poppy buckets for donations.

The proposed locations for the bench placement will be Prospect Terrace, the Esplanade and the Cemetery. Kristi will bring ballots for the community to vote on the location.

The wreath for November 11 parade has been ordered and we will also fly the Merchant Navy Flag in commemoration. We will have a ceremony next year for the Merchant Navy.

We need to send an invitation to the new head teacher.

See attached updates for more information.

3- Joint Event Lossiemouth Community Groups 26th November 2018: The event will be held at the Stotfield.

Attending will be: the Trust, Lossiemouth Business Association, the Lighthouse, Heritage Association, Marine Park, the Christmas Lights, and the Sports Hub. All groups that are part of the Sports Hubs have been told to attend in place of their November meeting. We will need to speak to Mike Burns about a spokesperson for the Sports Hub and possibly need a larger room at the Stotfield.

4- Community Engagement Event October 24 Lossiemouth Library: A Moray Council event to discuss the budget with the community.

5- Lossie Local Article: The article and concert poster will appear in the Lossie Local and they've

asked that we donate the £15 fee to the bench fund.

6- Participatory Budget Event: November 9 at Elgin Town Hall, it's an all day event that Carolle will attend. Mike and Maureen will try to attend.

7- Joint Community Council Meeting: Mike, Maureen and Carolle will attend.

8- Community Council registered charity discussion:

9- Flower bed Queen Street/Stotfield Road: We will look at making a donation towards flowers for next year.

10- Glenn Roberts Resignation: Glenn is resigning from the community council due to time restraints. John Stewart is interested in replacing him.

5- Correspondence: None

6- Community Councilors Issues:

Can we get a trade bin at the community center, people have been using them for household waste.

The postbox in the square has not been publicized enough. We need to make sure people know where it is.

7- Councilors Updates: None

8- Treasurers Report: The audit has been completed and just needs Carolle's signature.

9- Chairman's Updates: None of the routes for the cycle track have been agreed on by the land owners.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 19 November, 2018 at 7:00 pm