

Lossiemouth Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Date: January 21, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Lossiemouth Community Centre

Chair: Mike Mulholland

Attendees: Kristi Corbett, Sarah Tompkins-Le, Mike Mulholland, Carolle Ralph, Mo Garden, Stuart Garden, Louise Hill, Tim Stanning, James Allan

Apologies: Evelyn Thomson, Marian Evans, Clair Edwards, Ryan Edwards, John Cowe, Stuart Mason

Agenda:

1- Hopeman Road Junction: Representatives from Boeing and Roberstsons, Guy and Brian, came to address complaints about the new junction. They went over the safety measures that they have put into place to help with the safety of the junction. The complaints that have been received have been that the traffic from the construction site that is turning onto the main road is too slow to gain speed. Boeing and Robertsons have been using their 'Tool Box Talks' to encourage their employees to be more mindful of their speed when merging onto to the main road.

The Highway Authority has said that they did not want any additional signage warning of the junction on the main road.

Carolle will be in touch with Elaine Penny asking for a Police and Traffic Assessment of the junction, as it seems to be an issue with cars going too fast or not being aware of the junction on the main road.

2- Police Update: There was no update as Moray Council have not been issuing the report. Mike will speak with Pitgaveny about the quarry fire and the proximity to the houses, the last fire came very close to the homes which would have been disastrous if it had spread to the homes. The graffiti in and around the cemetery has been reported as well.

3- RAF Update: Sarah Tompkins-Le was the RAF representative at the meeting.

The RAF has clarified that it is not their personnel using the entrance at the junction on the Hopeman Road.

Mike will speak with Stuart Watt and follow up with Sarah if needed about getting a permanent member for the Cycle Track Committee from the RAF>

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a- The bench has been re-billed to Moray Council so that we did not have to pay VAT and we have given Moray Council the funds to pay for the bench. At this point Moray Council owns the bench not Lossiemouth Community.

This brought up the point that due to recent actions in the courts we need to be aware of our liability issues for people working on behalf of the community council.

b- Flower beds and planters. We need plants for 2 planters on Queen Street, 1 planter in James Square and 11 planters on the Promenade. We are going to ask local businesses and organizations to sponsor the planters like they do in Keith, this will hopefully pay for the cost of the plants. There are not the

funds available from the Boyd Anderson trust of the Community Developer Obligation fund, all of that was given to the the new High School because without the funds the school and community center are at risk.

The flowers need to be ordered by the end of January.

5- Matters Arising:

a- Station Park Toilets: We may have to take on both sets of toilets and are waiting for the cost from Moray Council.

b- Bank Closure Update: Joint Community task force has met and created a plan of action. They are meeting again on Thursday January 24 at **Harbour** Lights.

c- Proposed Budget Cuts: **Councilors** will need an extra meeting with the Community Council to address the cuts once they have been announced. The cuts are going to be drastic.

d- Ramsay Lane Proposal: We have no objections, Tim will respond.

e- Quarry on the back Brae: Is a Triassic Heritage Site and there is no indication or markings to let people know. It is the largest Triassic Era site in the UK, there are 5 species unique to Lossie found in the old quarry. We should contact the Heritage Association about this.

f- Brown Bin fee: With the upcoming cuts we will just need to accept this fee.

g- Quarry Update: Carolle has distributed an email with the update.

h- Representation on the new school/community centre committee: the first meeting is 21/2/19 at 2:00 pm. We have been invited to have a representative join in their monthly meetings and we have decided that we will rotate through the community council who will attend.

i- James Square Future: we will contact the Lossiemouth Flower Association to see if they'd be interested in helping.

j- November Joint Groups Meeting actions: We will discuss this in our March meeting.

6- Correspondence:

Barbara Allen from the Lower Speed Community is looking for feedback, Carolle will speak to her. For reports of dog fouling, graffiti, etc. please encourage people to use the reported services section on the Moray Council's website.

7- Community Councilors Issues: None

8- Councilors Updates: James Allan, the new budget meeting will be on Wednesday January 23rd. It will be a private meeting and the budget will not be made public until February. The cuts are going to be very drastic for Lossiemouth.

9- Treasurers Report: We have £3,034 in the bank and will decline the next grant, we declined the last

one but the funds were still deposited into the account.

We need to decide what we want printed on the plaque for the bench so we can get it ordered.

10- Chairman's Updates:

Cycle Track: the landowner will not sell or approve of any route.

Janet MacDonald has looked at Sustrans and has approval to start the section for a feasibility study for the Lossiemouth to Aroma Cafe section. Sustrans thinks it should be approved, funded and completed within 2 years depending on the results of the study. The study is being funded by Sustrans.

11- Planning Issues: A96 meeting, the preferred route is South of Elgin and will not affect Lossiemouth

12- Future Issues: November Joint Community Groups meeting actions

Development proposal for the quarry has come up for review for an industrial park, it might be worth pushing for a retail industrial park with a business that could bring either a bank or cash machine into the area.

February 27th is a special full council meeting for Moray Council for the final budget, we will plan extra meetings at our February 18th meeting.

13- Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday February 18, 2019 at the Community Centre.