

Lossiemouth Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Date: 18 March 2019

Time: 7:00

Location: Lossiemouth Community Centre

Chair: Mike Mulholland

Attendees: Kristi Corbett, Mike Mulholland, Carolle Ralph, Graham Hilditch, Callum Luce, Stuart Garden, Louise Hill, James Allan, Clare Edwards, Neil Morrison (Police Scotland), Stuart Mason, Marian Evans, Tim Stanning, Maureen Garden, John Straw

Apologies: John Cowe

Agenda:

- 1- **Guest Speaker** Graham Hilditch from the Forres Community Council speaking on the benefits of ownership in the Clash Gour Windfarm.
After listening to the presentation the Community Council has agreed to sign up with a Memorandum of Understanding as part of a Moray wide consortium. Local Energy Scotland will provide £25,000 to help set up the group and there is no visible liability to the Community Council.
There will be a meeting on May 3 at the Elgin Town Hall to discuss the group and the investment.
- 2- **Police Update:**
More police are being trained to help monitor and control speeding
Bike Police can be requested for public events like the raft race or the Christmas Lights
An update email address for the police has been provided, this is for us to send agendas and reminders of meetings to. HeldonLaichCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk
- 3- **RAF Update:** No representative present. Mike will speak with Donna about making sure that we have a representative at the meetings and getting updated contact information for the current representatives.
- 4- **Minutes of Feb. Meeting**
Elain Penny has responded about the Hopeman Road junction and Roberstons will be putting up a new warning sign.
May 18th has been suggested for the visit to the history room on the base.
The Boyd Anderson trust will be paying for the flowers for the planters and beds.
The Heritage Association is aware of the history with the quarry on the back brae but because of its delicate state they do not publicize it.
Carolle will set up a meeting with the area manager for the Co-Op to discuss the chance of them putting in another cash machine as well as the litter around the large Co-Op. This meeting will also be used to discuss the possibility of a branch of the Co-Op bank being opened in Lossiemouth.
We will purchase new litter pickers to help with community clean up efforts.

5- Matters Arising:

Gold Plaque: We have agreed upon the higher quality gold plaque for £55. Marian will order it and see about ordering one for the bench as well.

James Square Lights: The lights need to be serviced and since they were installed by the Heritage Association the council is not responsible for them. At this time the Community Council will have to look after them, Mike will speak to Ian Campbell about having them serviced.

School Crossing Patrollers: The cost due to admin is higher than we originally thought it was and it is something that the JCC and Coastal Action group will work with parent organizations on. It will most likely need to be a Moray wide group due to the cost and organization needed.

Toilets: We need clarification on the West Beach toilets, where they are and if they are public toilets. They are not listed on the council's website. We will also need to organize a committee for the Station Park toilets for this year and to organize the taking over of the Esplanade toilets next year.

Grass Cutting: There is a question on if Moray Council will continue to cut the grass this year or not. Once that has been clarified we will work with a joint community group to make a plan of action.

Flowers: As stated above the Boyd Anderson trust will pay for the flowers this year.

JCC Special Meetings: There are several meetings and projects taking place such as one for keeping the public toilets open and the Moray Growth Deal. If anyone would like to attend one of the special meetings let Carolle or Mike know. There will be another meeting on Monday 25 March at the Elgin Academy.

Bank Update: Letters have gone out to small banks inviting them to come to Lossiemouth, the letters were sent out from the MP and MSP's offices. We are still waiting to hear back from Bank of Scotland on our appeal before we take it to the oversight agencies.

Liability Insurance: Per Jane Martin we are not responsible for paying for the insurance that is something that Moray Council will take care of.

Visit to the new school: We have a chance to visit the new school building site on March 20th at 14:00. Kristi, Carolle, Mike and Louise will go.

Citizen of the Year: Clare will oversee this, nominations will be open until April 30th.

Community Groups Meeting: We will set up a follow up to the November meeting, the revised date is Wed May 15th at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

6- Correspondence:

We have sent a written response to the letter that Mike and Carolle received from the LCDDT regarding the public toilets at Station Park.

Bob with Tarmac will come up for a meeting on April 4th, Carolle will set a time and let us know when and where.

7- Community Councilors Issues:

The fees for renting rooms in the small halls at the Community Centre are going up 35% which will make them unaffordable for some of the groups. These groups will either have to raise their fees, move to another facility or shut down.

The fees for the pitch have also gone up to £70 a game.

8- Councilors Updates: None

9- Treasurers Report: we currently have £3,634

There have not been any changes since last month, however we will not be receiving a grant from Moray Council this year there was no notification given on this before the new budget went in.

10- Chairman's Updates:

Cycle Track – Janet MacDonald and Hu Williams met with the RAF and walked the route, the RAF has no issues with it.

Hu Williams is going to set-up a presentation for the Golf Course on the route but is expecting some resistance to the route from them over safety concerns.

11- Planning Issues: None

12- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 15 April 2019