

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 20 January 2020

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Lossiemouth Community Centre

Chair: Mike Mulholland

Attendees: Mike Mulholland, Carolle Ralph, Maureen Garden, Callum Luce, Gina McNicoll, Sean Jones, Grant Reid, James Allan, Ryan Edwards, Fiona Burse, John Cowe, Tim Stanning, Marian Evans, Rab Forbes

Apologies: Stuart Garden, Amy Taylor

Agenda:

Police Update:

2 Car vandalisms, 2 youth have been charged

Keith (a member of the community) brought forward the issue of dog fouling, the dunes along the West Beach, and the River walk are all full of dog mess that hasn't been cleaned up.

The police will look into additional signage and social media posts reminding people to clean up after their dogs.

The CC will look into the fluorescent paint again to highlight the dog mess on the pavements and such. We will speak to Moray Council about by-laws restricting dogs on the beach and possibly put up a facebook post asking for the public's opinion.

RAF Update:

None sent

From their social media we know that the P-8's will be arriving the first week of Feb and that they will have a viewing area for them, they will be flying into Kinloss.

Bridge Update: Rab Forbes from the LCDDT attended the meeting to fill us in on where the project is. Moray Council voted in December to take ownership of the bridge and the project.

Stage 1 will be getting a report on repairing or replacing the bridge, this will be funded by the community of Lossiemouth. There will be five options on the table the two most feasible options are a new bridge at the current location or a new bridge at a new location. There are also repair options being looked at.

We may need further fundraising to cover the cost of the reports, we will know more once Moray Council opens the tender process.

Moray Council has started accepting expressions of interest towards the project and in Feb will invite selected companies to submit a tender for the project. The costs for the consultancy will be due in the Spring and from there the council will select a tender and the contract will most likely be awarded in the summer.

Stage 2 will only move forward if the cost is under the budget set by the Scottish Government.

The LBA needs submit a business plan on why we need the bridge and if it is not up to standard it will not be approved.

We need to investigate getting signs with information on the bridge project.

The community organizations need to meet to discuss ways to keep Lossie alive for business and visitors.

Gina McNicoll is the Community Council representative on the bridge committee.

3- Minutes of Nov Meeting

Accepted

4- Matters Arising:

Bridge Update: See above

Fundraising/Banking: We need to set-up a separate bank account for the fund from fundraising, Tim will speak to RBS about what is needed.

We will be setting up more fundraisers to help with the costs of the school crossings as well as other community needs.

James Allan will speak to Stagecoach about a donation towards our crossings.

Tarmac: The closing of Arthur's Bridge and rerouting is costing them a worrying amount of money as well as creating more traffic from high profile vehicles at an already dangerous junction in Lossiemouth.

The Community Council has agreed to support them in their request to Moray Council to allow their lorries to use the bridge as they are well under the weight limit.

They have requested a meeting with Moray Council to discuss the issue but have not had a lot of communication on the matter, Carolle will find out who they have contacted and see what we can do to help there.

Our elected councilors will follow-up with Moray Council to find out what we can do to help Tarmac.

School Crossings: The price from Tulloch's is £10,000, if Moray Council will pay for the bollards the cost will come down. We currently have £2,800 from donations in the bank as well as a £3,000 donation from Tarmac.

Toilets: The electricity bill is high, we need to see if we can get someone from Moray Council to trace what is on the meter. Carolle will check with Moray Council about getting an engineer out.

If we end up taking on both sets of toilets it will cost about £5,000 a year, there is a possible issue with a lease for the Esplanade toilets as they are owned by the Elgin Common Good Fund.

We currently have £2,440 in the bank for the toilets, this will be moved to a new account when we get it set up.

School Brae Lights: we've been given various reasons for the delay but the road should be open by the end of January and the lights will be installed by a specialist at a later date.

New High School Project: There is concern because there is no proper Community Centre space.

We will speak to Eileen about what support is needed from the Community Council and the community to demonstrate the need for community space.

Library: LCDT is looking into a CAT to have the old library as a space for the good of the community. It is not as straight forward as a normal CAT due to the issues with the Town Hall lease.

CAT's can take up to two years to go through.

5- Correspondence:

We have been invited to have someone do the 44 Absail as a fundraiser, we have nominated Callum or Stuart for it.

JCC is Feb 13, at 7:00 pm in the Elgin Town Hall and is open for any who want to attend.

Carolle will speak with Jane Martin about getting the GDPR training for the community council, this is training that we need to have.

The pavilion is in place at Action Marine Park.

We have received notification that the plaques in James Square are in a state of disrepair, Marian will investigate them and we will take action from what she finds.

6- Community Councilors Issues:

Marian: she has booked the town hall for June 8th, we will hold an afternoon tea/dance and then in September have a concert with the RAF Voluntary Band.

Carolle: Dotty Crochets need assistance with their concert on Feb 28th, they need sandwiches and cakes. Carolle will follow up with those who have volunteered

Tim: Fly tipping is becoming a bigger issue, we need to put out a reminder that it is illegal.

7- Councilors Updates:

CLLR Edwards: there is concern about the small footbridge along the river used to access the East Beach.

CLLR Cowe: There will be £30,000 available in a year from the Dornal Windfarm Fund to be used towards footpaths.

8- Treasurers Report:

We have £7, 563 in the bank part of that is funds that have been raised towards the toilets and school crossings.

The yearly accounts have been submitted.

9- Chairman's Updates:

Cycle Track: An application has gone in for the funding for a consultant and the design and concept of the cycle track.

Fiona Burse/LCDDT will be inviting companies to submit tenders for the project.

The RAF will do what they can to accommodate the track along their fence line, the Golf Club is unwilling to make any accommodations for the cycle track.

The landowner has identified one track of land that he is willing to submit for the cycle track.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: Feb 17th, 7:00 pm, CC members please meet at 6:30 so that we can discuss the Citizen of the Year.