

**Lossiemouth Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date: 17 Feb 2020**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Location: Lossiemouth Community Centre**

**Chair: Mike Mulholland**

**Attendees:** Maureen Garden, Gina McNicoll, Tim Stanning, Bryony Beck (Co-Op representative) Carolle Ralph, Mike Mulholland, Eileen (Community Centre Rep), James Allan, Ryan Edwards, John Cowe, Kristi Corbett, Callum Luce, Fiona Burse (LCDT), Kerry Rigg (Police Scotland)

Apologies: Amy Taylor, Louise McBride, Stuart Garden, Marian Evans

**Agenda:**

- 1- **Police Update:** The Mobile Pod was at St Margaret's on Feb 11 to speak to community members and observe the area, they will be increasing the plain clothes patrols in the area and will bring the Mobile Pod back on another day to try again with different times. They noticed a number of things and had a number of issues brought up to them.
- 2- The Golf Club fire was deliberate, there was slight damage to the building and some signs.
- 3- 2 cases of vandalism, and small crimes, usually through cars and homes being left unsecured. Most of the opportunistic crime is being carried out by 1-2 individuals who the police have identified and are gathering evidence against.
- 4- There was a serious assault that was caught on CCTV and the police are working on identifying the attacker and have asked for anyone who has evidence to come forward.
- 5- The Police Youth Survey has been completed and the results are being finalized but they do show that drugs are a big worry for local youth.
- 6- Police Youth Scotland Volunteers are looking for events to volunteer at.

**2- RAF Update: No update or reps**

**3- Guest: Bryony the member pioneer from the Co-Op** – The Co-Op has a local cause fund that has £5,000 - £7,000 that we can possibly apply for. The applications are due April/May.

We can do bag packing as a fundraiser once a year.

We can have a stall at the Co-Op and we can apply for specific funding.

The Co-Op has storage space that we can use to store our banners and such.

The Co-Op Community Member meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7:00 PM, there is limited space available.

**Guest: Eileen from the Community Centre:**

No updates on the community space that will be available

Groups are beginning to look elsewhere because it's unknown what space will be available for community groups.

Ken Brown has said that he is in the process of making a matrix of all of the groups that use the centre to.

The head teacher has said that there will be no community access during school hours, which will limit some of the groups that use the community spaces.

The library will not be moving for another year.

Carolle will email to set up a meeting with the head teacher and Shona from Moray Council.

We need to look at organizing the community groups to see what is needed.

### 3- Minutes of May Meeting

Accepted

#### 4- Matters Arising:

**Toilets/Bills/Bank Account/Toilets Pay to pee app:** Tim has the applications for the debit cards, we will get one for Carolle, Mike, Gina and Tim.

We need to speak to the trust again about working together on the toilets so that they will be more affordable to run, we will not be able to take on both sets if we do not have the help of a local charity.

We will investigate a QR code to use during fundraising.

We cannot use the Pay to Pee app because we are not a charity.

Sarah Mulholland is looking into new energy and water suppliers for us.

We will set-up the Community Centre as our permanent address for bills and banking.

Moray Council is coming Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> to identify what is on the meter and what we are being billed for.

The vote to save the toilets on the Esplanade was close but short by two votes. John Cowe explained that he voted to close the toilets because it is the job of the Council to deliver a balanced budget and closing the toilets will help with that.

Esplanade toilets will close Sept. 31, so we have time to discuss taking them on.

STV will be doing a story on the toilets.

Elgin Common Good Fund owns the Esplanade toilets which could make taking them on more difficult, but the running of the Co-Op could help with this.

**School Crossings:** Tarmac can help us with the materials and Moray Council will pay for the bollards.

We're still waiting for a final cost and time frame from Tullochs.

Per Moray Council the schools cannot help us.

Bluebird has responded to Cllr Allan and while they are not able to donate towards the school crossings they are willing to do a road safety course with the community and they are going to change their training routes so that they no longer use the School Brae or Prospect Terrace.

**School Brae Lights:** There is an issue with the sensor, and it should be working properly within a week

Bollards will be installed once the weather has improved, the Elgin Road crossing work will be starting March 3.

We can request a Grit Box for Coulard Bank to block people driving over that and into the junction.

**Community Projects Fund:** Will be discussed again later.

**Bridge Update:** Moray Council is not communicating with the committee and we are only finding things out through the press.

**VE Day Concert:** Concert will be on VE Day, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 15:00-17:30 at the Town Hall. The piper will start outside of the hall.

It will be afternoon tea and entertainment; tickets will cost £5 and funds will go to the Community Projects Fund.

**T shirts:** We can get polos from £10.25 and jumpers from £12.95 with the logo embroidered on them to give us a more cohesive and recognizable look when we are working on CC projects.

A poll will be set up to see if people prefer jumpers or polos and red or blue for the colour.

**Dog Fouling:** We have the fluorescent paint and Carolle and Gina will start the highlighting.

The Community Warden has said all that is needed is video evidence of the act for them to issue the fines.

**JCC Feedback:** This meeting was more informal and had several presentations from different Community Council's on the projects that they are working on.

Many of the communities are purchasing the smiley face speed signs, at this point we cannot justify the cost.

**Cycle Track:** Malcolm Campbell has volunteered to take on the Project Manager position and has walked the proposed route.

Two of the landowners are happy with the proposed route and we are just waiting to hear from the RAF. Per Dave Allan the Station Commander is very keen on the project and has written to the DIO on John's behalf supporting the donation of land and the project.

It will be identified as an Active Travel Route and will be 500 meters from the road.

Once Sustrans releases the funds we will move onto the design and cost phase.

The community will have to raise half of the money for the track and Sustrans will match fund, we are hoping that it can be built in phases.

The first promotional event will be March 15<sup>th</sup> at Cooper Park.

**James Square:** Campbell and McHardy have given a £70 credit on the bill, Mike will need to represent the new bill to the LCDT and LBA to work out payment for the remainder.

The bill from Criminal Justice to repair the posts was £35 and we have requested that they cement in the posts to prevent this from happening again and that will be approx. £30.

#### **Miscellaneous Items:**

Moray Council Budget meeting is 3 March, there will be no reserves left for next year.

Mike is looking to get a Presentation Board for the Community Council, we will check with the school to see if they would be willing to donate and old one when they move to the new building.

#### **5- Correspondence:**

Carolle completed the Fire Survey

Clash Gour Windfarm will be discussed at the next JCC.

Kristi contacted Moray Council about all of the dog fouling and is waiting to hear back from them on what they can do to help us.

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

Carolle- We've been getting requests from many of the local groups requesting that we come and speak to them about what we do. If anyone is interested in helping with these requests please let Carolle know.

Mike- The bark at Station Park needs to be replaced. We will email the parks department about this.

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

James Allan: See School Crossings above.

James and John Cowe both followed up through email on the Station Park power usage and it is being followed up on by Carolle and Gina.

Ryan Edwards: Arthur's Bridge is due for another review. The bridge department says that Tarmac never applied for an exemption for their empty lorries and Tarmac has said that they did not see the notice for the exemption applications.

#### **8- Treasurers Report:**

Just over £7,500 in the bank

£3000 – School Crossings

£2,500 – Toilets

£2000 – General Use

We still need to look into a secondary account for the money we raise for things like the toilets.

**9- Chairman's Updates:**

Mike was interviewed by STV on the lack of banks in Lossie

**10- Planning Issues:** None

**11- Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 16 March, 2020 at 7:00 pm