

**Lossiemouth Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date: 17 August 2020**

**Time: 19:00**

**Location: Zoom/Virtual Meeting**

**Chair: Carolle Ralph**

**Attendees:** James Allan CLLR, Kristi Corbett, John Cowe CLLR, Carolle Ralph, Fiona Birse, Marian Evans, Gina McNicoll, Tim Stanning, Maureen Garden

Apologies: Fraser Bowie RAF, Mike Mulholland, Stuart Garden, Louise McBride

**Agenda:**

**1- Police Update:**

No representatives, they are unable to use Zoom.

Crime figures are down but domestic violence/abuse reports are up.

Chief Inspector wants to thank the community for our efforts

The Police have been making welfare checks on members of the community when requests are made.

There have been issues at the Coulard Bank Inn (the Couley) since the easing of restrictions.

The were not observing social distancing and there have been reports of violence and drugs etc.

Moray Council is looking into pulling their licenses, the more reports they receive the stronger their case will be.

The RAF Police have also been involved because of violence against members of the RAF.

**RAF Update:**

Due to deployments there was no RAF representative but Kristi did share a PDF and an update from Sarah Riley Evans.

There will be no flying from RAF Lossiemouth for a short period whilst the intersection of the runway is completed.

- QRA has relocated to Leuchars and our Typhoons are operating from Kinloss.
- Enjoy a little bit of peace and quiet without your noisy neighbours and we will back soon!

We are busier than ever, but I suspect many in the local area are unsighted as the pace and scale of our change and development programme;

- I have attached a little 'info-graphic' the Communications and Engagement Team created to help explain to our own people what we are doing.
- Whilst nothing on this is restricted, this is for your use only in the meeting – please do not onward publish – but it is a great single page visual.

We continue to have a Squadron deployed in the Balkan region in support of NATO air policing and you may have seen in the news recently that our P8-A has conducted its first full operational mission tracking a Russian warship through the North Sea;

- Our P8-A has also been tasked under MACA to support UK Border Force in the English Channel.
- The RAF has also taken receipt in the States of our 3<sup>rd</sup> P8-A aircraft which will go through final tests over there before being flown back in early Autumn.

Marian suggested that we contact the camp suggesting that they put something in station orders

regarding the Couley being under observation due to COVID violations. Kristi will email Sara Riley-Evans about this.

### **3- Minutes of July Meeting**

Carolle wrote to Nicola Moss about the community concerns on the COVID parking restrictions and has not heard back from her.

James Allan has met with her previously and they have taken away the barricades at the butchers, and Rizza's and the other Queen Street businesses say that they do not have an issue with them.

John Cowe will reach out to her again on this matter as the barricades are a safety concern for the community.

### **4- Matters Arising:**

**School Crossings Update:** Carolle has not heard back from Tarmac yet.

**COVID Response:** We are continuing to work from the church but we may need to contain our work to the back room in the future.

A ceremony was held to recognize Peter White for his service.

The ready meals are being reduced and the group is looking into doing meal packs as we move forward. The group is currently revisiting and checking in on people that they have been helping to see if they are still in need.

The HIE Funding is ending, we are funded through the end of September.

Volunteer Thank You/Recognition: We will look into something like a plaque or monument in James Square.

**Isolation in the Community:** We are asking that all members of the CC think of ways that we can help with the isolation in the community.

We are looking into starting community projects or groups for people who are feeling isolated.

**JCC Feedback:** The meeting was an exchange of what community groups are doing for the community relief etc.

A big issue that was raised was camper vans and their waste.

Moray Council are doing additional bin pick-ups due to the waste

The West Beach Car Park has so many caravans/camper vans parking there that locals are unable to park there. This affects the Ponderosa as well as the golf course and it is causing more congestion on Stotfield Road as more locals are parking there as they can't use the car park.

We need to work with Moray Council to look for ways to financially benefit from the camper vans.

Marian has suggested that we put in waste facilities and charge a fee to use them. This would eliminate some of the issue from the camper vans as there are none in Lossie and there are no areas in Lossie with the proper drainage for them.

Kristi, Carolle and Marian will look into forming a committee to look into this.

**Economic Recovery Zoom:** It is difficult to speculate what is going to happen at this point.

Moray Council is training local businesses on their procurement process to try and help keep work local.

There is money available for green projects.

Moray Council does not know what cuts will need to be made to make up the deficit. They are

waiting to hear from the Scottish Government.

Carolle did ask if Moray Council will be investing more in social work, benefits and job centre along with the business gateway to help residents with the recovery.

**Cycle Track:** First Zoom meeting will be 16 August. The next lot of funding is coming through and the last landowner is possibly on board.

**Connecting Community Tablets:** We have been awarded 8 tablets for residents who are over 70 and on low income. Neil Cameron will be the community champion for this project and assist them with getting online and how to use them tablets.

**Merchant Navy Day:** It is Sept 3 and Tim will raise the flag at 9:00 AM that morning.

**Remembrance Sunday:** We will have pipers at the minimum and will plan more as it gets closer to the time.

**5- Correspondence:** None to address

**6- Community Councilor Issues:**

Gina: Rab Forbes has messaged Moray Council asking for an update on the bridge project and has not heard back from them yet.

Carolle: We need to look into different types of CCTV for the cemetery but there is the issue of no electricity at the cemetery.

We also need to look into some litter pick-up, several areas in town are needing them.

**7- Councilor's Updates:**

James Allan: the leisure centres will be re-opening.

John Cowe: From Shona Leese there is not a hand over date yet for the new high school  
Maureen Halkett has been in contact with him about using the off-cuts from the scrubs that the Lossie Scrubbers made to make a flag as a tribute to all of the volunteers. Everyone present agreed that this would be a good idea and he will contact Maureen.

The Lord Lieutenant would still like to come for a visit at the church. Kristi will ask Louise will sort it out on behalf of the Lossie 2-3 Group.

**8-Treasurer's Report:**

£11,800 in the bank, £7,748 is for community projects and £3,847 is for COVID related projects.

**9- Chairman's Updates:** None. Mike is unwell and was unable to attend.

**10- Planning Issues:** None

**11- Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 21 September 2020. Venue to be determined.