

Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting

Date: 21 September 2020

Time: 19:00

Location: Zoom

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Ryan Edwards CLLR, John Cowe CLLR, Kristi Corbett, Louise McBride, Carolle Ralph, Fiona Birse, Gina McNicoll, Tim Stanning, Marian Evans

Apologies: Mike Mulholland, James Allan, Maureen Garden, Stewart Garden

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

No representative as they are unable to use Zoom.

There have been 4 vandalisms, 2 Juvenile assaults and 1 domestic violence call. The police have also been called to the Couley a few times over the last month.

The police have been keeping a closer eye on the cemetery and we have been told that we can put in CCTV but it will have to be battery operated because there is no electricity in the cemetery. This is not something that the Community Council feels that it can take on at this time due to cost and time commitment. We will investigate other options.

The police have also had complaints about how close people are parking to the junctions around town, in some areas the way people are parking is making it very dangerous for other cars and pedestrians.

RAF Update:

No RAF Updates

3- Minutes of August Meeting:

Minutes accepted.

4- Matters Arising:

- 1- School Crossings/Tarmac: £3000 on the way from Tarmac, that combined with the other funds we already have will cover the cost of the school crossing. John Cowe will speak to Elaine Penny from Moray Council and Tullochs to verify that we are still on target.

James Allan has had complaints from the community about people parking in the no parking zone in front of the school, he has spoken with the police and they will remind people of the parking restrictions.

- 2- Camper Vans: Ongoing complaints of camper vans. A committee will be formed to look into options, Carolle will speak to the JCC as it is an issue for other communities as well. Councillor Allan has had complaint so campers dumping waste and the smell of urine in the flower beds at Station Park, he has spoken to environmental health and they are looking into it. Marian Evans has suggested that Moray Council look into offering grants to landowners to offer space to for camper vans. Moray Council could also create a parking/overnight facility with waste management and water facilities for the camper vans. Someone would need to enforce the no overnight parking in other areas. The recycling centre was suggested as a possible space as was Covesea Lighthouse.

John Cowe will speak to Chris Tuke at the lighthouse about the possibility and what would be needed. They could use it to help them raise funds for the lighthouse.

There is funding available for waste facilities, in a previous meeting it had been pointed out that there is currently nowhere in Lossiemouth that has the drainage needed for the waste facilities. It was suggested that we ask the Ponderosa to collect donation from the camper vans that are parking there overnight.

- 3- COVID Relief Update: The work is still ongoing with no let up. They are starting to receive a lot of mental health referrals and at this time have not reduced the support that has been offered. Social Isolation is really starting to become an issue for the elderly. We will look into different ways to assist them.

We have received 8 Chromebooks to distribute to people over 70 on low income who are currently not online. Gina and a team of community members will provide support to help them get set-up.

Tracey one of the community youth workers is looking for projects over the holidays. We have suggested a mural for the sea wall or a breakfast club.

The Rainbow Park project is coming along. The Queen Street Co-Op has donated £150 and Maureen Halkett donated a picnic table for the park.

The last lot of funding from HIE £23,000 will be in at the weekend and needs to be spent by 30 Septs. This will be the last lot of the funding from HIE for the COVID relief work, they have agreed that we can use the money to pre-pay for services and products as well as using it to buy vouchers so that we can stock-up and continue to help over the next several months.

- 4- Citizen of the Year Award 2019: The award presentation that was planned for earlier in the year has been cancelled and at this point we will present plaques and vouchers for afternoon tea to Linda Crowther and Lynn Mitchell without a public ceremony.

- 5- Community Council Mobile Phone: The phone is not being used as much so the contract has been lowered to the £5 a month contract.

- 6- Disabled Parking Sign: The sign at the West Beach parking lot isn't very visible. John Cowe will speak to the Roads Department about it. We also need to look into signs for the beach wheelchair with contact information etc.

- 7- Defibrillators: The Ponderosa is looking into getting a defibrillator. The one that is currently at the Community Centre will need to be moved. We had previously spoken about putting it up at St. Geradine's Primary School but it may not be possible. Marian will speak to St. Geradine's High Church to see if we could place it there, it will require 24 hour uninterrupted power. The one at Guidi's is not working, we could possibly move it there while they wait for repairs or see if there is a spare one that we could put there.

- 8- Esplanade/Square Flowers: Gina will check with the council to verify which beds are our responsibility. Mary Stanning and Lily Mulholland are working on the order for flowers and bulbs.

We may be able to get funds from the Boyd Anderson Trust to pay for the flowers next year but that is up to the 4 councillors.

We do need more volunteers for the gardening.

- 9- Friends of Lossie Fundraising: We are looking into the possibility of a subscription for

fundraising similar to what the Christmas Lights have done. Gina has proposed this and Tim and Carolle have supported the action. Gina will pursue it as follow up.

10- Christmas Decoration/James Square: We don't have the manpower or time to put anything up this year but Fiona will check with the LCDT to see if they want to do anything.

11- Utilities/Toilets: We have no update on the usage for the electricity but the water is at £16.66 for a monthly standing charge. We will keep paying the utilities until March and then decide how to proceed.

12- Membership of the Community Council: We need to recruit some new members to help share the load as we are so busy right now.

Marian has suggested putting a post up on Facebook recruiting new members and Carolle will speak to Callum and Stewart.

13- LCDT- It has been proposed that we nominate someone to temporarily liaise with the LCDT while Mike is unwell. Gina has been nominated and accepted.

14- Cemetery: We will discuss further at the next meeting.

15- Remembrance Sunday: We will discuss further at our next meeting.

5- Correspondence:

The Moray Council Corporate Recovery Plan Survey has been distributed, can everyone take the time to fill it out.

Shawn from the Press and Journal has been in touch and would like to attend some future meetings. It will be difficult while we are meeting virtually.

Mrs. Gibson the Head teacher at St Geradines has been in touch asking about getting some tablets for some of the school children, they had previously told us that they were not needed. Carolle will suggest that they contact the Council or the ReBoot shop in Forres as it is a statutory obligation for the schools to provide these items.

6- Community Councilors Issues:

None brought forward

7- Councilors Updates:

CLLR John Cowe: Malcolm Campbell has had a Zoom meeting with the Head Teacher from Gordonstoun and she has stated that her first priority is the student and school security so the cycle track must remain outside of the school perimeter.

At this point the cycle track can go as far as Gordonstoun.

CLLR Ryan Edwards: no updates at this time.

8- Treasurers Report: We currently have £11,358 in the bank and we should be receiving our grant from Moray Council this year.

9- Chairman's Updates: None at this time

10- Planning Issues: Permission is being sought for a change of use to the ground floor of the old Grampian Furniture building to be used as a grocery store. Parking would be our only objection.

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: Oct 19 2020 over Zoom at 19:00