

**Lossiemouth Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date: 17 Jan 2022**

**Time: 19:00**

**Location: Zoom**

**Chair: Carolle Ralph**

**Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Marian Evans, Peter White, Louise McBride, Harry Halkett, Lily Mulholland, Fiona Birse, John Cowe, Ryan Edwards**

Apologies: Kirsty Middleton, James Allan

**Agenda:**

1- **Police Update:** No update from the Police.

There is a lot of anti-social behaviour in the community. Meeting with the school youth worker tomorrow with a proposal to take some of the troubled youth to work with Moray Art Group. The police are looking for a volunteer for a community committee, it will most likely be a rep from the JCC.

**RAF Update:** No update, they are still looking for a new rep to the community council.

**3- Minutes of November Meeting:**

We still haven't heard back from Langstane Housing about the defib, John will try to find a contact. The Christmas tree and Moray Concert Brass in the square were well received. The Lossie 2-3 Group Christmas fair went well and had a variety of stalls.

**4- Matters Arising:**

**Town Centre Improvement Plan:**

From John Cowe, the project is going to planning committee for approval on 18 Jan 2022.

The objectives for Lossiemouth are:

Improve the public realm along the Esplanade and Clifton Road and create a cycle hub to support active travel.

Reinvigorate the Old Station to encourage more activity and use.

Revitalise James Square to create a vibrant multi-functional space that would become a key asset for the community.

Improve the public realm along Queen Street to create a more pedestrian friendly environment.

Provide a refreshed and consistent approach to signage and waymarking throughout Lossiemouth.

Full plan is available here: <http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file140163.pdf>

There will be community consultation 18 Jan – 14 March.

The final plan is due Summer of 2022 including financial plans. £200,000 a year is already secured to use across town centres in Moray.

Many of the projects are already being looked at by community organisations.

Per Marian the Active Travel Consultation is also going on at the same time. It is getting close to the point where the status of the Active Travel Path will need to be made public.

The Community Council is in support of this project.

**The Square:** The Parks department of Moray Council is happy for us to continue with our plans for James Square.

**The Red Park:** We are looking into using some of the trees for the Queen's Canopy in the Red Park to help revitalise it.

It's been suggested that we look into starting a community initiative for the Red Park similar to the Rothes Community Park.

We should get the youth involved in the park initiative.

**Trees:** Moray Council is happy for us to plant the trees; we will meet with Grant Spede from Moray Council for advice once we decide where to plant them.

**UHI Project:** The project is running behind schedule but there should be a community presentation in February.

**Station Park Toilets Opening:** The toilet group will meet to discuss the opening.

Painting, maintenance and cleaning will need to be done before we open. Criminal Justice will organise the cleaning.

#### **Community Centre:**

John and Carolle both spoke to Moray MacLeod; he is meeting with Shona Lease to discuss quick fixes for the parking issues.

Moray Council is still waiting to hear back from the Scottish Government on additional funding for more parking.

Both the pool and library utilization are down because of the distance between the entrance and the parking.

The Sports Centre also has less room since the move and the school will not release additional space even though there are empty classrooms. The bike for the spinning has been cut from 10 to 5 with Moray Council sending the excess bikes to Buckie, there is demand in Lossie for the full 10 bikes.

We need to organise a walk around.

#### **June 5th Picnic/Queen's Jubilee:**

It will be a bring your own picnic event.

There is no funding available.

The Moray Brass Band will be playing.

The Music teacher and High school also want to be involved. Gina is waiting to hear back from the dance group.

There will not be stalls etc.

Maureen Halkett will speak to some of the businesses about selling prepacked picnics.

**2022 Remembrance Day Activity:** We will discuss at the next meeting.

**Pensioners Christmas:** We said that we'd take it over, but Seafest also wants to be involved. We are proposing that we do 3 events a year, one in the spring, summer and then Christmas.

We need to put together a committee with Seafest, the Town Hall and Community Council. Marian will speak to the Town Hall and Fiona will speak to Seafest.

We are looking at having the events on a Friday in April, August and December.

Harry suggested that we find those who don't leave their homes and drop a Christmas parcel to them to let them know that someone is thinking of them.

**Lateral Flow Test Kits:** Due to a shortage of test kits we organised a supply to be available for the community. They are available at both Co-Ops, the Youth Café, Unique, and the Community Centre.

**Planning session for 2022:** Kristi will send out a poll to see what date and time works best for everyone.

**Project updates:**

**Camper Van Committee:** Waiting for feedback from Moray Council.

Marian is drafting a submission for apps and boards; she will send to the LBA tourism group for approval before it is posted.

**Beach Clean-Up/Lossie Clean-Up:** Suggesting a week of cleaning up Lossie at the end of May to prepare for the Jubilee.

**Gardens:** Lily will continue with the plans she has for the Square gardens.

They have applied for funding to repair the lighting and to help with watering.

The lighting around town is dimmer due to the new lights Moray Council has installed as a cost saving measure.

**Soup and Sweet:** looking to restart in a week or two, they have applied for funding for volunteer training and supplies in case they must change venues.

Looking at starting a mental health group with a professional facilitator to help keep boundaries.

**NHS Local Steering Group:** recommendations for integrated services have been put off and the focus is currently on the Hopeman and Burghead surgeries closing.

**LCDT:**

They have met with Douglas Ross and Richard Lochhead about the cycle track, they want to organise a meeting with all concerned parties to move the project forward. The golf club is the hold out, it was discussed at their AGM, and it was a solid no from them on the cycle track on the golf course.

The skatepark contracts are out for bidding, once the contract is awarded it can go to planning and from there it will go to fundraising.

It was asked if there will be parking and toilets available, this will not be known until the contract is awarded.

Carolle asked about opening the pavilion at the playing fields for public toilets, we need to find out who owns them.

LCDT is still pulling together their five-year plan and they hope to present it at a coffee morning on 19 Feb. They are looking to find out what other groups are taking care of as there is a lack of coordination between the organizations.

**5- Correspondence:**

Do we want to take on the Charity Shop in April or May?

**6- Community Councilors Issues: None**

**7- Councilors Updates:**

John Cowe:

Moray Council Budget Meeting is 22 Feb.

The Elgin to Lossie road won't be closed for pipes to be laid there will be a slip road available.

UHI Project will widen the road from Muirton and have an extension of the Cycle Track.

**8- Treasurers Report:**

We are still waiting on the admin grant from Moray Council, she has separated out the funds for easier tracking.

Admin. Negative 82.99

CC Projects. 4727.28

Toilets 1754.89

Tullochs. 4000

School Cross. 7811.09

Gardens 560

Food Larder 550.05

Total: £19,320.32

**9- Chairman's Updates:**

Wants to know if we need to speak to the banks about setting up a shelter for people waiting for the vans when they are in town.

We are still waiting for an update from Moray Council and Tulloch's about the Inchbroom speed and traffic calming measures.

During Storm Arwen the Community Council, 2-3 Group and other community groups and volunteers worked together to provide emergency relief in the community.

**10- Planning Issues: None**

**11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 21 Feb, 19:00**