

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 28 March 2022

Time: 19:00

Location: Zoom

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Peter White, Kristi Corbett, Marian Evans, Louise McBride, Kirsty Middleton, Harry Halkett, Gina McNicoll, John Cowe, Fiona Birse, Lily Mulholland

Apologies: Police Scotland.

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

Inspector McCullie has recently retired and his successor is not yet in post, they will hopefully have someone in post in early April.

RAF Update:

No Update

3- Minutes of Jan Meeting

UHI Project has been delayed due to illness, and there's not been a presentation/update for it. Marian will check with the town hall to see if they have rebooked it.

4- Matters Arising:

Toilets – Laura will be deep cleaning on Wed or Thurs. They will open on April 2. The Esplanade toilets are looking cleaner, they are still not in the best of shape. Carolle will meet with Sharon Muir next week about the improvements we can help with.

Charity Shop – Blytheswood is going to pick up unsold items on Thursday the 31st and Ukraine donations. It's been very quiet. So far we've raised about £1000.

We've had to turn away a number of donations because we have no where to store items or display them.

Thank you to Joan Cowe for decorating the window.

Ukraine Appeal - £2,020 from the community fundraising. Mostly from the Soup and Sweets. There will most likely be refugees from Ukraine sent to Lossie, we will investigate what we can do to organise help.

At this time we have paused our collecting of supplies.

Red Park – We got through the first round of participatory budgeting. Moray Council says that the Open Spaces department is responsible for the park. It was a good discussion with the parks department, they are aware of the parking issues and of people driving on the grass. We need to organise our community consultation, probably over the Easter break.

Trees: Carolle and Lily are storing the trees, it would be good to plant at the Red Park. We need to organise the planting soon. They would be a good addition to a community garden.

Parking: No funding available from the Scottish Government. Graham Leadbitter thinks that we should keep pushing for it. Sonia the Old People Champion for Moray Council has had a number of complaints and has asked that we have people contact her directly.

The school is very keen to help us with the parking issues as well.

Planning asked if we could wait until the new parking and new pathway is open to push for additional parking.

Landscaping has already started at the ASN drop off.

Moray McCloud is still working on the funding issue per John Cowe. Carolle is going to ask him for a meeting.

See email from James

Gardening: With the TSI funding first aid training and kits will be provided for the team. The shrubs at Station Park are 40 years old and dead, can we ask Moray Council to remove them, put grass in and put in picnic benches etc. Carolle has asked that Lands and Parks meet with us at Station Park to investigate it. There are also electric wires on one of the slopes behind Station Park that need to be removed. They are not live, Harry suggested looking into reconnecting it and having power available.

We are getting a number of compliments on the community flowers.

Inter-Agency Health Group – Main issue is still the concern about the surgeries at Hopeman and Burghead. It has not really looked at health improvement and prevention in Lossie.

If they are not going to re-open the surgeries they need to put in a bus link between Lossie, Hopeman and Burghead.

Coulardbank Pavement by the pub – The fencing is blocking the pavement, John Cowe will look into it.

Community Picnic- Approvals are through, organisations are onboard and we are ready to go for 5 June.

Community Clean-Up- See email from Marian.

She has ordered litter pickers from Moray Council.

We will order 10 more adult ones and 10 for kids

Marian has asked if John can request the camper van signs at West Beach up as soon as possible, he is waiting for a call back from MC.

Harry has organised for us to have a donation box at the Ponderosa. Carolle will order one and Harry will install it. Marian will look into getting signs made for both the box at the Ponderosa and at Station Park.

LCDT-

LOMATR (Cycle Track)

The Golf Club are effectively declining to engage with discussion with the group regarding any path over Moray Golf Club land. We will now have a press and social media campaign; an article will appear in the Lossie Local.

Skate Park

The procurement process has now been completed and the successful tender will be announced shortly, following that planning permission will be sot. Funding can then be commenced.

Seafest

Seafest will be from the 6th till the 13th of August, a wide range of activities is currently being decided upon and a programme will be pulled together.

Tourism Group

They have had 2 very successful visits from Influencers, and have stepped up their social media presence, and the new website will be live shortly.

Lossiemouth Millennium Association

They are still fundraising for new Christmas lights and the upkeep of the current ones to date they have raised over £5000; a final push will take place soon so that new lights can be ordered.

Bridge

As you will see the Bridge project is moving on, if you are following the updates on You Tube and the Lossie Bridge Facebook page you will see that the main structure is currently being painted in Shrewsbury. Hopefully it will be finished and operational in May sometime.

5 Year Plan

Unfortunately, our Trustee's meeting due to be held on the 28th had to be cancelled, where we were to finalise which projects the community had decided on from the surveys. Our aim is to move forward with Station Park, and the Men's Shed in the first instance. Obviously, this will not happen overnight as it will take time to get a CAT processed. A public meeting will be set up to gauge how the Men's Shed will move forward. Details will follow later.

Development Officer

As from the 1st April the funding of the Development Officer will be taken over by HIE.

John has asked about the cycle track, and the golf course. The golf course is refusing to speak to them and has said they will fight every compulsory purchase attempt.

Social media campaign has started. Marian is happy to share a statement on the local cycling groups pages if Fiona can provide one.

Project cannot progress without golf club approval.

Carolle has offered to contact STV to help.

Christmas Lights big event will be going to every five years, as it's a big task for a small committee

5- Correspondence:

We need to resign the constitution as Moray Council says they have not received it.

We need to set up a time for Jim to come present the resilience plan, it needs to be a separate meeting from the regular one.

6- Community Councilors Issues:

Lily: Saturday Market is planning a very large event in December and wants to use James Square, they have applied to Moray Council. They want food vans and musical entertainment, we would need to have more information to determine if it's viable and safe. It's to be a 2-day event.

Harry: One of the nurseries was down at West Beach and they were playing near the sewage out fall from the Coulard Sewage Plant. We need to ask Moray Council to put up a sign to warn people.

Carolle has asked Harry to report it to SEPA as well.

Ponderosa Toilet's will reopen in May. Harry will confirm that the Ponderosa name will stay the same.

Louise: We have received funding for the Soup and Sweets for the next year and cover volunteer training from TSI. There is also funding for pay for a facilitator for the Mental Health and Well Being

group.

Marian: Sept 11 for pensioners event at Town Hall.

7- Councilors Updates:

John Cowe: Has had complaints about benches at the playing fields.

He's had complaints about the Shore Street recycling not having enough rooms.

He's had complaints about the seagulls at the new football pitch. It is a health risk and a public nuisance.

Public liability insurance is now an issue. Burghead has been asked £1900 for liability insurance to put on their clavvie. Groups and events who are under our umbrella are covered by our insurance.

James Allan: (apologies he sent this to me for the Feb meeting which was cancelled so I am including it for the March meeting as it was read then.)

He has spoken with Jo Sheriff and Kim Slater regarding the carpark and paths at the new Lossiemouth High. They will speak with roads to see if anything can be done.

He has also emailed Stephen Cooper and Mark Artherton regarding the gritting.

He has asked roads before about gritting but they said they couldn't do this due to the amount of grit they can put on a lorry.

Mrs Simpson also asked about gritting and was told if she wanted this her staff must do it and she would have to pay from her school budget to get it done.

On school time janitors do this but they only work from Monday to Friday until 4.00pm.

There is no gritting at weekends as since moving to the new building they have done away with caretakers and it is now the job of receptionists and leisure assistants to open and close the facilities and they only get 15 minutes to get ready to open and only have to make sure the doors are clear.

The old community centre carpark will be reinstated once all work is complete and a path from that carpark will go down the playing fields side to the community entrance. Which will be a lot shorter of a walk.

He has also brought up at the Education Board the car parking situation at the new building and we still await news from Scottish Government if we will be getting extra money to help with the overspent budget on the new building due to the covid lockdown.

An email was sent in January to chase this up and we have still not had a reply.

If we are fortunate enough to get the overspend back it may be possible to fund a carpark beside the community entrance which has all parties' support.

He also brought up the noise situation that the school and neighbours have to put up with when windy. As this is the last date for any outstanding work or any snagging on the building, they have agreed to do work in the Easter holidays.

They are taking all the external louvres off to address the installation defect.

8- Treasurers Report:

Toilets. 1725.35

Gardens 5517.30

CC projects. 4640.70

School crossings. 7811.09

Tullochs. 4000

Food Larder. 381.22

Pensioners. 1227.67

Admin. 256.35

Total should be £25,559.68

9- Chairman's Updates:

Hospital Homecoming Support: The idea is that people in the community who don't have anyone to help them when they leave the hospital will have a community volunteer to help them as Moray Council has done away with their team.

Carolle has had to say that we don't have the volunteers or ability to organise it. She has suggested that they advertise for their own volunteers.

Big thank you to everyone who has been helping on all of our projects.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: