

Lossiemouth Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Date: 20 June 2022

Time: 19:00

Location: Lossiemouth Community Centre

Chair: Lily Mulholland

Attendees: Lily Mulholland, Kristi Corbett, Marian Evans, Gina McNicoll, Kirsty Middleton, Louise McBride, Neil Cameron, Harry Halkett, David Walker, Stewart Lang, Jake Kelly, John Cowe, Peter White, James Allan, Fiona Birse, Rhona McNicol

Apologies: Carolle Ralph, Bridget Mustard

Agenda:

1- Police Update: See email

RAF Update: No update

Moray Council Project: Rhona McNicol attended the meeting to explain the community consultation project she is working on to find out who in the community and in the council are working on which projects, we will read the document and submit our information to her. She is also working on the resilience plan with Jim from Burghead, they would like to come to our next meeting to discuss it, they are focusing on household resilience.

3- Minutes of May Meeting: Minutes were accepted

4- Matters Arising:

Inchbroom Road Traffic Calming:

Community members Jake Kelly, Stewart Lang and David Walker attended to discuss the dangers on Inchbroom road for pedestrians and cars. This is something that the Community Council has been working to fix for some time.

Per John Cowe the pavement will be resurfaced in conjunction with Tulloch's, Moray Council is preparing to change the speed limit to 40 mph but only to the railway line. Tulloch's will be required to widen the pavement based on the first house being occupied, this could be some time off.

The members of the community feel that this timeline is unacceptable, and something needs to be done now.

John Cowe has said that he will speak to John Tulloch about widening the pavement sooner.

Moray Council has said that there is no indication that lowering the speed limit below 40 mph will make it any safer for the pedestrians.

The community members are requesting a sign at the bend warning of a concealed entrance to Inchbroom Pines, and a digital speed limit sign. We will need to investigate our previous minutes regarding the digital signs as we had discussed them in the past and there was a high cost involved that we would have to pay.

They are also requesting that the trees be cut back as people must walk on the road in places as they are so overgrown.

We have also had a complaint that there are too many lorries currently using the road which also contributes to the safety matters especially at the junction with Elgin Road.

Neil and James have both agreed to also put pressure on Moray Council to help make this road safer.

Senior Citizen's Event: The provisional date is 11/9/22 at the Town Hall. We will form a sub-group to organise and plan the event. It has been suggested that we look into an afternoon tea box for those who are unable to get out of the house.

Toilets: We have had a lot of donations in the boxes, Gina has also sorted out a QR code. We are currently going through 100+ roll of toilet rolls a week.

Picnic Follow-Up: It was an extremely popular event with very positive feedback. The community was very responsible and there was no rubbish left behind to clean up as it had all been disposed of responsibly.

It has been agreed that we will make donations to the groups and schools who provided the entertainment.

Lossie Clean-Up Follow-Up: It was a highly successful event; we postponed the community event to 3 July as there was no need for it in May as the groups had done so well.

We have had requests to make the clean-ups a regular event.

The next one will be 3 July at 9:30 meeting at Gregory Place Carpark, it will focus on the East Beach and Esplanade area.

27th July the Elgin Rotary will also be doing a clean-up event.

Working with our 4 Councillors: The councillors would like us to stick with the way we have been doing things and not make changes.

Historical project – will discuss at next meeting

Working with Schools- will discuss after school holidays

Lossie Tourist Group- will discuss at next meeting

Coulardbank Road and Community Centre Parking: James Allan has spoken with Nicola Moss at Moray Council, and she has said that the council is happy with things the way they are currently with parking on Coulardbank Road, they have also said that we cannot have double yellow lines on the road to prevent parking.

James has said that he will take it to the football organisations to ask them to enforce no parking along Coulardbank Road during the football festivals.

Neil Cameron has stated that it is a moral obligation to give more than just the guidelines and will start working towards getting the double yellow lines.

Per John, currently Sustrans will not be funding the cycle track which means they will not be installing the planned school crossing, he will look into what is being done for the school crossing.

The Community Centre ASN Drop-off and disabled parking is still being misused, willfully in some cases as James spoke to a fitness instructor who was parked in the disabled parking and was told that it was too far for her to carry her equipment and that the centre staff knew to get her if her vehicle needed to be moved. Unfortunately, the council has said that if they put in the extra parking then there would not have been a swimming pool. There is no budget for additional parking and any cuts to install it would have come from social care. When we came into the meeting tonight the four disabled spots were full and none of the cars had a blue badge and there were three cars parked in the drop off area.

Per Moray MacLeod the community centre parking is going back to the education department.

We feel we need to keep fighting for additional parking at the community centre, it will hopefully help with the parking on Coulardbank Road and with the misuse of the disabled parking. and ASN drop off zone.

David Walker asked about the Clifton Road parking and what is being done there, unfortunately Moray

Council says that the parking and traffic situations there are okay as is.

Lifebelts: per James the signs and lifebelts will be moved closer to the bridge and the Moray Water Safety group is looking into additional signs, no jumping off bridge etc. and beach side lifebelts.

Cycle Track Representative – to be discussed at later meeting
Communications- to be discussed at later meeting

5- Correspondence:

We have had a request for a dropped curb at Buckleys, there is currently one at the bottom of James Street. The councillors will look into it.

We also had an enquiry about the raft race this year, Kristi will contact Sarah Riley-Evans to find out if there will be one.

****UPDATE:** there will not be a raft race this year.**

6- Community Councillors Issues:

Louise: The Astro Turf is closing at 14:00 on Saturdays and Sundays when the community centre closes, as does the pool and the gym. She asked if there was a way that the community could form a group to look after the Astro Turf after the centre closes as it is used by the youth, unfortunately due to public liability we would not be able to do this.

It was then discussed that the Community Centre hours should be expanded on the weekend, Neil feels that there needs to be a review by Moray Council. John and James have both said that there is no budget to expand the hours as the only place cuts could be made to pay for them would be from social care.

Marian:

Liter Picks:

- Sunday 3 July - LCC - Esplanade and East Beach.
- Thursday 27th July - Elgin Rotary Club - Esplanade & East Beach

Campervans

- Moray Council aiming to get the signs in place by end of this week (24th June).
- Motorhoming apps have a clear statement that it is one night parking only.

Play Park:

- REACH refurbished the park, weeded, cut the grass - looks good. They would like another project if we have one for them.

Youth Member: We need to speak to the Deputy Headmistress at the high school after the holidays about youth involvement and a youth member of the LCC.

7- Community Groups Updates:

LCDT:

They have an expression of interest in for Station Park, at CAT could take years to go through though. Rab is trying to get the bean counter back on the bridge.

Cycle Track Committee is supposed to meet with the Golf Club on June 27th with Richard Lohead MSP chairing the meeting, but the golf club has pulled out.

Malcolm would like to come speak at one of our meetings.

Seafest would like to do the Pensioner's Christmas Meal, we agreed on this a few months back.

The Seafest programme for 2022 should be finalized this week.

Surfable Scotland: They have submitted their project for pre-planning approval and t may not have to go to the full council for approval. Pre-planning application should take 6 weeks, and they are still looking at Gregory Place for their location. Their funding is through the Menzie’s Charitable Foundation.

8- Councilors Updates: Nothing additional to what was already discussed.

8- Treasurers Report: We have received our admin grant, everything else is still the same as last month.

9- Chairman's Updates: Nothing additional to what was already discussed.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 15 August 2022, 19:00 location will be announced closer to the time.