

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 20 Sept 2022

Time: 19:00

Location: Youth Cafe

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Lily Mulholland, Gina McNicoll, Bridget Mustard, Marian Evans, Neil Cameron, Harry Halkett, Fiona Birse, Kristi Corbett, Peter White, Dave Walker

Apologies: RAF, Police, Kirsty Middleton, Louise McBride, James Allan, John Cowe, Malcolm Campbell (he will attend October meeting)

Agenda:

Welcome:

Carolle welcomed everyone and then we held a minute's silence in honor of Queen Elizabeth II.

1- Police Update:

Police were unable to attend the meeting but have provided an updated email address.

Kristi spoke with them about the graffiti in town and although they need more information to be able to do anything they have asked that people still report it as it is also an issue in Elgin.

2- RAF Update:

RAF Lossiemouth continues to deliver a high level of operational activities from home as well as prepare to deploy overseas. The sad loss of our beloved Queen and Commander-In-Chief has meant our focus has quite rightly also been on providing essential support to ceremonial and security duties across Scotland and around London. It has been with great pride that we have been allowed to serve Her Majesty in these final important acts.

3- Community Group Updates:

LCDT:

The trust is starting the options appraisal business plan through HIE for Station Park. The plan will then go to Moray Council and after that the CAT starts which will take about two years.

They will be looking into community interest for a men's shed.

Donna has been unwell, so they have not been able to sort the storage.

Self-Reliance Group: The group is asking for financial backing for their fundraising and sustainability plan. Gina has asked if we are okay with funding it and Harry and Lily have seconded this. Dave suggested that they contact the Masonic Lodge for funding.

4- Minutes of August Meeting

Change to attendees to show that Lily Mulholland was present at the meeting.

Caravan Park:

The holiday park is not allowing residents mail which means they cannot go on the housing list; most are not on the electoral roll.

Bridget spoke to the housing department, and they have said that they will send someone to speak to the residents as it is going to become a homeless situation.

Citizen of the Year: Gina has spoken with the head teacher at Hythehill primary school and bounced around ideas. One is to let the schools and pupils decide on and run a project to benefit the community.

5- Matters Arising:

Afternoon tea postponement: We are waiting for a list of available dates for the Town Hall.

We agreed to have the consumables paid for and donated to the Soup and Pudding group.

Gina proposed we move £50 from the projects fund to the Afternoon Tea budget to cover this cost.

Kirsty and Lily seconded.

Parking at Lossie CC:

All four councillors have tried to fix the issue.

Moray Council has now gone back to saying that the ground has to be turned back to grass.

The community council feels that this is short sighted as people are going to stop using the facilities.

The councillors will work together to try and come up with a plan.

Marian proposed that we petition the council on this issue and Carolle seconded.

Bridget suggested that we phone the council and speak to Committee Services for guidance to find out exactly what we need for a petition.

School Crossing: We have £7,811.09 earmarked for a school crossing. Carolle will speak to John Cowe and Elaine Penny about the community council funding a crossing on Coularbank Road for the high school.

Trees: Marine Park will be planting the trees in September.

Station Park store and toilets:

We need to have everything PAT tested.

We need a contract in place with the LCDDT to keep in line with the insurance, Carolle has spoken with Alan MacDonald and Fiona about it.

The toilets will close at the end of October.

We have agreed that we will do the maintenance needed on the toilets as we will have them for at least the next two years.

Harry has proposed that we get an electrician in to put a timer valve on the latrine and Carolle has asked Harry to chase it up.

Christmas Event:

Gina proposed we join the planning group and Kristi, Marian and Lily seconded it. We also agreed to provide kick off money for the event.

The event will take place 4 Dec 13:00-16:00 at the town hall.

It will be a Christmas Arcade. There will be Santa, Carols, Coffee, teas and more.

Fiona will find out the name of the person who did the Old-Fashioned Games for the LCDDT.

Bins on Esplanade: There are large new bins at the Square and on the Esplanade.

Remembrance Sunday:

Lily will order the wreath.

The War Graves commission discourages anything left on the graves so we will think of some other way to honour Remembrance Sunday. We will form a group to organise something.

Remembering together covid project: Coordinators meeting with other groups and then will come

back to us.

Ukraine update: We have sent another van of donations.

SSEN Resilient Communities Fund 2022:

Meeting on 23 Oct. Lily, Gina and Dave will attend

6- Correspondence:

We have been asked to send representatives to the Moray Council Remembrance Service for Queen Elizabeth II. Peter and Marian will attend.

Lossiemouth has been chosen to a Queen's Memorial tree, it will be a Rowan, James Square is our proposed location.

7- Community Councilors Issues:

Gina:

People are parking on Seatown Road and not using the Gregory Place car park, there are no signs directing people to the car park. We have been told that signs will be put up.

Peter: His father thanked us for putting up the flags at half-mast. And Peter wanted to thank all the volunteers who helped at the Book of Condolences.

8-- Councilors Updates:

Bridget: Hopeman is looking to start a school bank and wants to twin with other areas or a school swap shop.

9- Treasurers Report:

Gina proposed that we spend £20 to renew our gaming license with Moray Council, Carolle has seconded this.

Marine Park hasn't communicated bank information or sent a bill so we can pay for the use of the space. Fiona said it took some time for the bill to come to the LCDT when they used the space.

Gina has proposed having Ein Harris audit the books for the end of year accounting. Marian and Harry seconded this.

10- Chairman's Updates:

The Seatown Bridge is in a bad state and Moray Council has said it is up to us to repair it or they will close it. No one owns the bridge. The bridge has not been galvanized in years. Gina will contact the Canal Heritage Trust to see if they will help us. Marian will also speak with the Reach group.

11- Planning Issues: None

12- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 17 October, 19:00 at the Youth Cafe