

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 17 October 2022

Time: 19:00

Location: Zoom

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Lily Mulholland, Gina McNicoll, Kristi Corbett, Marian Evans, Harry Halkett, Peter White, John Cowe, James Allan, Fiona Birse, Dave Walker, Malcolm Campbell

Apologies: Bridget Mustard, Louise McBride, Kirsty Middleton, Neil Cameron

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

No representative or update. We were told this month to use the old email address for the police not the new one they gave us last month.

2- RAF Update:

No update

3- Community Groups Updates

Laich of Moray Active Travel Route, Malcom Campbell representing their group:

they are at a bit of an impasse until we hear back from Moray Council about the request for them to get more involved and to take it forward. The officers must take it up with the councillors as it should be driven through "politically". There is the option to consider a Community Path Delineation Order which may allow the path to go alongside the course. Malcolm also stated that the team has become depleted as various folks are no longer involved. We need to strengthen the team with more local residents who are interested and who have the skills to drive the project forward. Malcolm will be away for several months next year.

LCDT, Fiona Birse representing:

Station Park- Slick 7 has been appointed by Highland and Island Enterprises to help with the business plan and options appraisal for Station Park. They met with them last week and should hear next week what the plan is.

They have been advised to keep the CAT simple to start with. The transfer will be from the red gate at the park all the way to the blue boat, including the car park. The CC does have concerns about the car park as it is a public car park.

Skate Park is going into Planning at Moray Council this month.

Seafest- They will be holding a small event in 2023, the date hasn't been set yet. They will need more volunteers for the event, especially for the set-up.

Next years pensioner's Christmas event will be held 2 Dec. Due to scheduling they will not be holding and event in December but will be scheduling one in the new year.

4- Minutes of Sept Meeting:

Resilience Group: Meeting this week

Parking ad the Community Centre: The school crossing will be going in at Moray Council expense, it

will most likely be done at the Spring Break or during the summer break when the students are off. We have asked about EV charging points being installed at the CC, we need more than two in the community, as part of the participatory budgeting.

There are grants available for green and eco parking. Harry has suggested that we look into a sand battery to power the community centre and pool, it could be installed in the location we'd like additional parking with the parking on top of it.

Remembrance Sunday:

We have been collecting the poppies and will meet and start putting them out the week of 31 Oct. Marian will lay the wreath on behalf of the community council.

James will forward us the email with the information.

The Lord Lieutenant will be attending the services in Lossiemouth this year.

5- Matters Arising:

Toilets- Toilets will be closed on 30 October, reopening for Remembrance Sunday. We will do maintenance over the winter.

PAT testing needs to be done by someone approved by Moray Council, we have until 9/11/22 to get the testing done. We need to put it out to bid. We have one quote for £492 for two zones. We may also need the external boxes tested and that would be an additional £246. Harry will get additional quotes and Carolle will get clarification on which areas are our responsibility.

A timer valve for the toilets with installation will cost about £810, we need to weigh this against the cost of what we pay for water as we will only have the toilets until the LCDT's CAT goes through.

Harry will also look into getting additional quotes for all of this

From Oct 2021-Oct 2022 we have had £4,754 donated to the toilets, most of this is through the donation boxes.

Christmas fun afternoon- Activities will be finalized within the next few weeks.

Mr & Mrs Santa Claus will be there, it will be £2 ahead to visit.

The group will need volunteers to help with the day.

Gina has asked for £200 for funds for the event, Carolle and Lily seconded this.

Finances- The books from Oct 2021-Sept 2022 have been balanced and been sent to an auditor for certification.

£2,820 has been donated from Lossie residents and groups towards aid for Ukraine.

Marian will get the Town Hall bank details so we can transfer funds for the use of the building.

We are still waiting for billing and payment information for the use of Marine Park back in the summer.

Carolle thanked Gina for all of the hard work she has done as the treasurer.

Storage- There has been no further advances on finding additional storage. Donna has been unwell and unable to clear the store at Station Park.

The St Gerardine's church hall has been suggested for possible use as storage. The church is set to close by 2027, it could be sooner.

The cadets hall has also been suggested but we'd need to locate the owner. We can have a search for this through the government registers for a cost of £30.

Ukraine Support- Many groups in the community are supporting the shoe box appeal which will be donated through Stella's Voice charity.

Queen's Green Canopy- The trees have been planted at Marine Park, we need to forward the photo's

the Queen's Green Canopy group.

Memorial Tree- Lily is liaising with them on where to plant the tree etc. We do need to find out if we need to provide protection for the tree.

Lossie was selected by the Lord Lieutenant to receive the tree.

The event will be from 11-12 on 27 October at James Square with tea and coffee at the Baptist Church afterwards. Lily will organise the tea and coffee.

We have been told that we should send out invites to the event. We will be sending them to:

The local ministers

The RAF

The LCDT

LBA

The Councillors.

James will organise a piper for the event.

Seatown Bridge- It is a class B listed building so any repairs will have to go through planning.

Rab Forbes spoke to MC about the bridge a few years back and was told it would be a minimum of £20,000 for the needed repairs to the framework and slats.

Kristi will forward the information she has on the bridge and canal.

Community Calendar – Kristi has suggested that we set up a google or other online calendar for the community groups to use to help coordinate events. Fiona has said that the trust would probably be interested – Kristi has spoken with Donna Milne about it after the meeting and she has said Seafest would be interested in this as well.

Kristi will look into setting it up.

Over 75's Afternoon Tea- It will be held 21 January at the town hall as this was the only available date for the venue, committee, entertainers and vendors. We need to ask the churches to read the date out.

6- Correspondence:

We've had many complaints about parking along Coularbank Road along the playing fields when there is a football festival on.

James has spoken to school sports as they are the organisers and Nicola Moss has said her team will come and evaluate the situation. James has said he will follow up with her.

7- Community Councilors Issues:

Dave- Asked about cars driving along the old railway line and if it is legal. It is the in the Woodland Walk area, John Cowe will check to see if it is Pitgaveny land and Dave will check with Moray Council and the legalities.

Kristi asked if we have had feedback yet from Elaine Penny on the crossing situation at the Queen Street Co-Op.

8- Councilors Updates:

John has reminded us about the Participatory Budgeting meeting and that we should send a representative.

9- Treasurers Report:

These are the figures for our financial year.

Oct 21 Opening balance. 19821.83

Sept 22 Closing balance. 29,977.94

These figures have been verified from our bank statements

As you know we had a few big grants awarded to us and of course Toilet donations of 4,754.58.

Balance of our pots as of 30th Sept 2022

CC Admin.	456.01
CC Projects.	4234.08
Gardens.	4807.37
Toilets.	2851.09
Food Larder.	246.22
Pensioners.	1023.83
Resilience	4500
Ukraine.	48.25
Tulloch s.	4000
School Crossing.	7811.09

Just to confirm that thru donations, charity shop and soup and sweet £2820 pounds were donated to the Ukraine appeal.

Once the financials have been checked by Ms Harris and approved at our next LCC meeting, these will then be sent to Moray Council.

10- Chairman's Updates:

It has been agreed to hold the community council meetings over Zoom through the winter.

11- Planning Issues: The house on Stotfield Road wants to extend to add two flats, we have no objections to this.

12- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 21 November at 19:00. Meeting will be held over zoom.