

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 21 November 2022

Time: 19:00

Location: Zoom

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Louise McBride, Kristi Corbett, Carolle Ralph, Gina McNicoll, Peter White, Lily Mulholland, Kirsty Middleton, Marian Evans, Bridget Mustard, David Walker, James Allan, John Cowe

Apologies: Fiona Birse, Neil Cameron, Harry Halkett

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

The two community wardens are interested in a meeting to discuss local issues, especially with the youth. Tracey Robbie is trying to organise a multi-agency response.

RAF Update:

No RAF Update

Community Groups Updates:

Active Travel Route: Moray Council has not been as supportive as we hoped they would be. Moray Council wants to see the funding before they agree to help but we need Moray Council to take the project forward before we can apply for the funding.

It was suggested that Gareth Jenkins be approached about joining the committee, Marian will look out his contact information.

John Cowe will speak to Dave Allan about joining the committee.

Lossie 2-3 Group- They are waiting on quotes and applications, but they should be ready to move forward in the New Year.

They will be doing the Santa Bus 18 December.

They've had double the MFR referrals this year. They have been asked for nominations from Rotary Elgin for the Giving Tree which will be in Unique.

3- Minutes of October Meeting

Thank you to everyone involved in the tree planting.

4- Matters Arising:

Multi Use Games Area: It has been asked if we've had any information on extended opening hours for the space.

John has said that he will ask about having longer hours.

Per James, the issue has been brought forward but budget is the issue.

It was asked if we could use participatory budget to extend the hours, Bridget said that it might not be able to use it towards capital costs.

Anti-Social Behaviour:

We need to engage with the schools, and parent partnerships to address the youth issues. Louise, Kristi, Carolle and Marian are interested in helping with this.

Per John Cowe, the police are doing everything that they can and it is local youths causing the issues.
Per Louise there is an issue with drugs being dealt in the school.

Community Centre/Playing Fields Parking:

James has spoken to the football clubs about the parking along Coulard Bank Road and they have said that they will speak to the parents.

It was asked if Stagecoach could report it or complain to Moray Council about the issues as their buses struggle to make it through the traffic on days when football is on.

It's also been asked if the community council can write to the football clubs about the parking issues. Carolle spoke to Roddy Burns about the Community Centre parking and he thought that the issues had been resolved.

Remembrance tributes: Thank you to everyone, we had amazing community support and involvement this year.

We are looking into doing more next year.

It has been suggested that we look into getting a PA system for next year.

Oakenhead Wastewater Plant: We have had many complaints about the smell from the plant, they are saying that there is no issue with the filter and asked that we have the public phone in complaints so that they can pinpoint the issue.

Warm Banks: United Free is looking at starting a warm bank and the Baptist Church is starting one the end of the month.

Volunteers are the biggest issue for both groups.

Funding application:

We need to sit down and plan for next year to determine what we can do and what grants we can apply for.

We need clarification on the grant for flowers; do we need to play up front and then be reimbursed?

Meet on the 28th to discuss the TSI Fund.

Christmas Event:

It will Dec 4 at the Town Hall, it will be a fun family afternoon.

Ladybird Christmas Visit: We just need to organise a date.

Gina proposed that the CC pay for the selection boxes and everyone approved.

Corporate Planning Event: The biggest message from the meeting is that there is no money and will be even less going forward. We did get our points across.

Project Updates: No updates

Afternoon Tea: Scheduled for 21 January, we just need to check to make sure it is all on track.

Toilets: It will be £393.60 to pay for all electric testing

Resilience: Dave Gina and Lily meeting regularly to discuss and plan. Gina and Lily will evaluate the storage at Station Park.

They are putting money aside in case we need to pay out for anything.

We do need more community storage.

Community Spirit Award: The high school is keen to join, Hythehill Primary is already planning and starting projects. We have not heard anything from St. Gerardines.

5- Correspondence:

None

6- Community Councilors Issues:

Carolle has asked the surgery for a statement, but we haven't had one from them. We have had a number of complaints from people who are trying to get a hold of the surgery.

Marian asked if we can buy a Union Jack and it was approved by the Community Council.

Marian will contact the company we purchased the Remembrance Day Bench from about the rust on it.

7- Councilors Updates:

John Cowe:

A decision will be made on the Hopeman and Burghead Surgeries in January.

Bridget: Please let her know what the community storage needs are and she will pass them onto the town planning group.

The Christmas tree is ready to be collected and Lily will organise what is needed.

Attended a Scottish Government Meeting for Active Travel Routes and additional funds will be available for 2023/2024.

The Moray Badge will continue through next year and is being sponsored by Gordonstoun.

Moray Council is looking into a Moray Flag that organisations in Moray will be able to use.

£36,000 in the Boyd Anderson Fund.

Can the pavilion in the playing fields be revamped for the youth to use?

James Allan:

Youth are making a mess at Hythehill school grounds in the evenings and the school is having to clean it up before they can open to students in the morning.

8- Treasurers Report:

The Year End final reports have been finalized and will be submitted to Moray Council.

9- Chairman's Updates:

The Coastguard and RNLI are putting a report together for Moray Council for new signage and additional lifebelts at the East Beach bridge and Esplanade.

Carolle attended the LBA meeting to hear about the challenges facing local businesses.

We had over 500 shoeboxes and other supplies donated for the Ukraine Appeal and we are still collecting.

She looked at the Burghead Democracy Day and is curious about the possibility of Lossie holding one in the New Year.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 16 Jan at 19:00 over Zoom