

Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting

Date: 20 March 2023

Time: 19:00

Location: Lossiemouth Youth Cafe

Chair: Lily Mulholland

Attendees: Lily Mulholland, Kristi Corbett, Kirsty Middleton, Louise McBride, Bridget Mustard, Dave Walker, Harry Halkett, Neil Cameron, Peter White, John Cowe, Gina McNicoll

Apologies: Carolle Ralph, James Allan, Marian Evans, Fiona Birse

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

No rep, see anti-social behaviour below.

RAF Update:

No update

Community Groups Updates

Emma Gordon: Moray Council, discussed Moray Council Strategic Planning and Development for 2027. They are looking for help advertising a community consultation event in June. The event will be help find out what the community wants and help identify funding sources. This is different from the Town Centre funding.

We have suggested an event with reps from the Community Council, LBA, LCDT, Lossie 2-3 Group and RAF.

LCDT: email from Fiona as she was unable to attend.

-I am pleased to announce that Alison Read is to join the LCDT as a Job Share with myself from May.

-We are hopefully moving into a new office in the next few weeks.

-Seafest should have its programme of events finalised over the next few weeks.

Craft and food stalls are filling up fast.

There is a Seafest tombola on the 5th May at the football club.

There is a Seafest Coffee morning in the town hall on the 13th May.

-Men's Shed has now applied for charitable status and is continuing to repair its shed.

-Skate Park is in for pre planning.

-LOMATR a motion is to be raised by John Cowe on the 2nd of May at the council to move this forward.

Station Park: The initial document from Slick7 after the stakeholder meeting is currently being reviewed and once this has been done it will be sent out to the groups who attended for comment.

2-3 Group

The new facility will be opening in August, they are going to be appointing a project manager to oversee all the work.

Mens Shed:

Their meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month.

They have 12 members and are looking to publicise.

Tulloch's is helping them with the walls and roof.

They have applied for the charitable status.

The Lossie 2-3 Group is organising their first aid training.

3- Minutes of Feb Meeting

Accepted as correct.

4- Matters Arising:

Breakwater: To be discussed at the next meeting.

Sea Wall: It will need a days' worth of repair work before we can clean it. Once it has been cleaned and repaired we can decide on art work.

John Cowe thinks that Moray Council may own the seawall and he will check to verify.

Canal bridge: John Cowe wrote to Watson and Bell, the reps for the owners, on 6 March and has not had a response.

Carolle has had communication and they have said that they would provide materials but do no work on the bridge.

The residents don't know who owns the bridge but have put in complaints to Moray Council about the state of it.

It was asked if we could speak to the Engineers at Kinloss for help.

We have been told previously that the bridge is irreparable and needs to be replaced. If works are not carried out Moray Council will close the bridge, without notice due to safety.

Feedback from tourism event:

Duelling of the A9 and A96 was a main topic for discussion.

Landlords and Air B&B owners have an issue with the holiday lets registration fee.

Lack of transport especially along the coast is a big problem for tourism in the area. Bus Revolution was discussed as a possibility.

Dave said that the Lossie Hopeman transport forum was never mentioned.

Toilets:

The smart meter has been installed and we will be paying by direct debit as this combo gives us the best pricing.

Dave and the Men's Shed group have painted the toilets.

Due to the way it's set-up we cannot put a timer on the men's latrine.

Community Projects:

There is a Litter Pick on 14-15 of April

Community Awards, Gina will send an update from the high school. St. Ger's has 4 projects that they are working on.

Resilience (please see emailed documents before the discussion at the meeting): Lily, Gina and Dave

are the committee.

The leaflets have been costed for postal delivery.

Anti-social behaviour:

S1 & S2 students have been banned from St. Gerardines Primary.

Carolle, and Louise along with Kayleigh from the 2-3 Group and Alex Lauriston attended a meeting with the police on 10 Feb they were then sent out by the police and fire dept to patrol, they interacted with a group of youth at the high school.

They have found out that there is a Moray wide Whats App chat that the youth are using to organise.

On 18 Feb Carolle, Louise and Kayleigh went out again, the police were there along with John and Joan Cowe. Two separate groups of youth combined at the high school after one of them was chased off of the golf course. There were 40-50 youth, some of these were Lossiemouth High students and the head teacher has communicated that she will be looking through CCTV footage to identify the students and they will be spoken to.

There was an incident where one of the youth who was intoxicated climbed the fence and kicked in the door to the ASN shed.

There was one incident of shoplifting at the Co-Op right in front of the reps while they were speaking to the manager. The Co-Op has had many cases of alcohol being shoplifted by the groups of youth.

The police don't have the manpower to do anything other than make sure that nothing big kicks off.

The councillors were told that the Locality Network would be dealing with the anti-social behaviour but they have not responsive or shared a plan.

The police are speaking to students at all of the Moray high schools.

It was asked if the Prince's Trust might be able to help in some way with the issue, many of the youth that are involved are not engaged with the schools so we need other ways to reach them. This would be something to speak to the Lord Lieutenant's office about.

Youth Café Project: Funding is in place and looking at opening in April for the P6/P7 students for 12 weeks.

5- Correspondence:

None to address at this time.

6- Community Councillors Issues:

Louise: The health and social care locality group is wanting to introduce support for emed in the libraries. Louise feels that this would be an issue for privacy and because the library staff and other community support places do not have qualified staff. They have asked to come to the Soup and Sweet to discuss this with the community members, Louise has said that she will speak to the Soup and Sweet members to see if they would support this before saying yes.

7- Councilors Updates:

John Cowe:

There will be a full council meeting where there is a notice of motion for the cycle track to ask for a path delineation if they cannot get the landowners on board. Moray Council will not need to fund.

£15,000 is available for infrastructure projects in the Heldon and Laich Ward. This is for the councillors to decide so please let them know if we have any ideas.

There is not planning application in currently for Surfable Scotland.

Moray Council is looking at the sinkhole situation in the Station Park carpark.

The school crossing on Coularbank Road at the high school will be put in this summer.

Signs with directions to East Beach parking will be replaced next year with larger print.

No further updates from Bridget and Neil

8- Treasurers Report:

It was proposed by Marian and Gina that we purchase a new flag for £70, this was seconded by Kristi and Kirsty.

Gina has proposed a donation to the Men's Shed as a thank you for all their work, this was seconded by Lily and Louise. Dave will think about what they need as they don't have a bank account yet.

We still have not heard from Marine Park about the bill from using the space last year. We have tried multiple times to contact them.

9- Chairman's Updates:

None

10- Planning Issues: None that involve the community council

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 17 April, 7:00 pm at the Youth Cafe