

Lossiemouth Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Date: 19 June 2023

Time: 19:00

Location: Lossie Youth Cafe

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Gina McNicoll, Kristi Lunt, Carolle Ralph, Lily Mulholland, Marian Evans, Dave Walker, Kirsty Middleton, Peter White, Fiona Birse, Alex Lauriston (Chair of Lossie United) Joanne Woods, Neil Cameron, John Cowe

Apologies: Louise McBride, James Allan

Opening from Chair:

Sadly, out associate member Harry Halkett has passed away and condolences to Maureen Halkett and the rest of Harry's friends and family have been shared on behalf of the Lossiemouth Community Council.

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

No police representatives present.

The car boot sales have caused several parking and traffic issues on Coulardbank Road as they are using the community centre carpark to hold them.

Lossie United is looking at putting in additional parking if they take over the football facility. This would be down close to the community centre entrance.

Active Schools is the main culprit for the Coulardbank parking issues as the parents/carers are not using the available car park.

RAF Update:

We've been invited to send representatives to the friends and family day on 23rd of July.

The reception was a very nice and welcoming evening.

Community Groups Updates

Resilience Committee needs more first responders, Kristi has volunteered.

LCDDT- Skatepark has preplanning back with a few questions. They do need to raise £25,000.

Cycle track group will be starting a public campaign after the holidays.

Seafest will be going ahead starting 1 July. There will be no road closures and the carpark will be closed. The quiz night and Saturday fair day are the only events being run by Seafest, other events are being run by other groups.

Carolle did ask John about getting extra bins at Station Park during the event.

The new office is coming along although they are struggling right now to get their floors sorted.

3- Minutes of May Meeting

Accepted as correct.

4- Matters Arising:

Breakwater: per Nicola Moss; Moray Council does not feel there is an immediate need to repair or replace the breakwater and it is not economically responsible for them to do anything to the breakwater.

From Neil, there is a Coastal Development Plan Meeting on 27 June at the Lossie Town Hall, we can discuss the erosion there.

School Community Projects: The high school groups presented their projects and received their certificates.

Hythehill Primary School students will be presented this week when they help with the Soup & Sweet. Each school will also receive £100 donation.

Dean Terrace Path/Accessibility: We will raise again at the next meeting.

The steps in the middle of the path make it inaccessible and there is no signage warning that it is not an accessible path. We've asked the councillors to investigate it to see if Moray Council can do anything.

Charitable Donations: It was decided that we will put a £500 limit on annual donations. We can discuss other requests based on needs and available funds.

Armed Forces Day (24 June) – We don't need to worry about

Esplanade Safety: The metal fencing and hedging at the end of the bridge path are gone. This was supposed to help prevent people wandering into traffic. Lily and Gina met with the roads department and were told that the ground won't allow for posts to be placed. Lily has suggested placing the old bridge bench there, a risk assessment would be needed. Alex L suggested that we place raised beds with a bench. Neil suggested that we apply to the new ward fund, Gina and Lily put together and submit a request.

Dumping at Beach Bar Site: Work is ongoing to get it removed as part of the site clean-up.

Canal Bridge: Dave has spoken to a neighbor who has suggested that we apply to the camp commander for assistance from the reserves on the camp. Marian suggested that Kinloss would be a better option as they have the equipment.

We'd need to know who owns the bridge before any work could be done by the military.

Watson Bell are the factors for the canal, but they are not responding, they have said it is the 'heritors for Spynie Canal' who own it and we need formal approval for the work. They did tell Carolle they would provide the materials but not the manpower for the work. Carolle will try to pursue who the heritors are.

Bus Reliability: We've received many complaints about the buses not showing up, at times it's been a 1-1.5 hour wait between buses. This is due to a driver shortage.

Not all cancellations are posted on the app or stagecoach's twitter.

5- Correspondence:

Locality Management Group for Health has asked if we could mobilise residents to attend a digital services knowledge session. We did advertise this, and no one attended.

6- Community Councillors Issues:

Marian has asked if the next litter pick should be held before or after Seafest.

7- Councillors Updates:

Neil: The refugees at Eight Acres are allowed bus passes.

A license is needed to discharge BB guns.

John: Moray Council is already looking at budgeting and wants to know if we would be willing to take over the Esplanade Toilets. We would need to think about it and look at funding options Dave asked if MC would be willing to repair them before we took them over and the answer is no. We will think about it and discuss at the next meeting. If they are closed and we loose the Station Park toilets it would be expensive and difficult to reopen them.

John is very please do see the LBA, LCDT and LCC working together.

8- Treasurers Report:

Gina proposed a £100 donation to Ladybird Development Group to help fund garden repairs. Kirsty and Carolle seconded the motion. It was discussed in a group message.

The toilet fund is looking healthy, but we need donations of toilet roll and cleaning supplies. Alex Lauriston suggested that we contact Niky toilet roll manufacturer about a donation as their brand is the one that fits our holders.

Carolle has asked if we can purchase a roll-up banner, this was seconded by Lily.

Admin.	914.44 (received grant from Mc)
Toilets.	1836.03
Gardens.	1969.02
Resilience.	3164.85
LCC Projects	3879.80
Youth Cafe/club.	1500
School Crossings	7811.09
Tullochs	4000
Food Larder.	246.22
Pensioners.	430.95

Balance. 25752.40

9- Chairman's Updates:

Carolle has emailed Will Burnish about the parking signs for Gregory Place, and they should be up by next week.

Jan 2024 will be the 100th anniversary of Ramsey McDonald becoming Prime Minister, we should look into doing something to recognise this. We can discuss next month.

There was a local development meeting held to fill Moray Council in on what is needed in Lossie, the event was not well organised.

West Beach path has been cleared. Carolle will speak to Maureen about the Beach Wheelchair.

Sea Wall: Frankie will clean it.

Fiona has suggested just painting it white with a big heart and the phrase We Love Lossie.

St Geradine's portrait need to be displayed somewhere as the town hall doesn't want it. We can discuss next month.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 21 August 7:00 PM location TBD.