

**Lossiemouth Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Date: 17 Feb 2025**

**Time: 19:00**

**Location: Zoom**

**Chair: Carolle Ralph**

**Attendees:** Carolle Ralph, Louise McBride, John Cowe, James Allan, Neil Cameron, Bridget Mustard, Marian Evans, Dave Walker, Kristi Corbett, Gina McNicoll, Lily Mulholland, Kate (LCDT)

Apologies: Peter White

**Agenda:**

**Police Update:**

None

**RAF Update:**

No updates.

Marian will contact the RAF to organise dates for them to wash the seawall. The work needs to be done by 21 April.

**Community Groups Updates:**

LCDT:

The herb garden in James Square is going ahead.

They have received funding for a bus trip to visit other community gardens.

The tourism office will re-open in April.

They have received funding to do a feasibility study and business plan for Station Park.

They now have their entertainers' license for Station Park.

The costs for the skate park have increased, we need a community drive to regain enthusiasm and interest in the project.

They do still have some funds left from the bust trust. Groups are encouraged to apply.

Lily expressed that she feels the community is losing interest in the Skatepark and Station Park because of a lack of updates and nothing has happened publicly with the projects.

She also suggests the LCDT Community Gardens change its name so that it is not confused with Lossiemouth Community Council Gardens Group.

2-3 Group:

They have several trainings, Scottish Mental Health, and Food Hygiene along with others coming up. They have started a community numeracy group which has a very relaxed environment.

Their stair lift is now in place.

The food larder is back up and running on a small emergency basis, it is use in increasing.

Men's Shed- AGM is 18 Feb.

**3- Minutes of January Meeting**

The Local Place Plan is still in progress, Allison's work on this is very appreciated.

Seawall: The school has been in touch to ask if we still want art. The artist is one who has worked with Mikey's line. Mikey's Line is sponsoring artists' travel, and we will cover his accommodation.

**4- Matters Arising:**

Coastal erosion West beach car park, Breakwater: Per Neil the golf course has a coastal erosion group for their part of West Beach, Carolle said we did suggest this last year and questioned Neil if this is something that we could join. He says that they would be keen for us to join and Marian agrees that it would be good for us to join. Carolle is confused because we agreed with them last summer that we would join their group, but we never heard back from them. Neil is happy to liaise with the golf course to find out what happened to us being involved.

This is something that we need to be proactive about and if we were to lead a group it would be seen as for the good of Lossie. We need to find ways to involve the public, maybe a public meeting/presentation.

Carolle will speak to Will Burnish about him bringing his presentation to a public meeting.

There will not be any work on West Beach car park until the new financial year at the soonest. The lease on the car park ends January 2026, there are questions on if Moray Council will renew the lease.

Marian's report on caravan parking was read but consultation has gone through the committee. Marian thinks that West Beach car park needs to be closed to caravans, but Gina says that it cannot be done. We have agreed to reconvene the caravan sub-group.

Sand dune restoration/Christmas tree Project: The media attention was unexpected. Gina and Marian both expressed that it was a good collaboration and wonderful to see so many involved.

Gina and Louise will be meeting with the local primary schools to discuss getting the children involved in the next phase.

We have been contacted by many groups and organisations that are interested in the project.

Library update: We will know on Wednesday if the library is safe. The usage of the Lossie Library is at 100%. Per Bridget this is a confidential item so the public is not getting feedback from the consultation, hopefully it will become public at some point.

Play Park survey: The survey closes in March, it is a very slow process, it will possibly take 1-2 years for the results and parks to be refurbished.

VE Day 8 May 2025 80 years commemoration: Marian will raise the flag; she will also ask RAF if they will be lighting the beacon that evening.

Per John the Lord Lt.'s Office is still organising what they are asking the communities to help with.

The theme this year will be Peace.

RAF Lossiemouth Military Wives Choir is unavailable during the day.

The UK government has set funding aside, we will investigate how to apply.

Bank/Post office: Thank you to James Allan and all the other politicians for their hard work to secure a

banking hub and post office. Carolle received a phone call today from Cash Access UK, they are coming tomorrow to look around for space for a banking hub. They have been tasked by Link to find a space. They are looking for a space in a community space, it needs to be a 2.5-meter square space. This will be for a banking hub which will be run by the Post Office but will not have post office duty.

JCC feedback: There was a presentation from the manager of the Moray Growth Deal, there is nothing for Lossie after the cancellation of the Aerospace Project. The m.Connect bus service is the only part of it that will have an impact on Lossie.

Debra Duke gave a presentation on doing Community Council Health Checks. It is a thirty-page document.

Cemetery toilet: The quote from Moray Council to replace the soak away is £6000 and it is not a priority for them. We are looking into options on the repair to see if we can get it at a better price and into running it. It is felt that this toilet is needed because of how out of the way the cemetery is.

Canal bridge: Carolle spoke with Tulloch's, and they feel the bridge has structural damage. Carolle has forwarded them the report from Moray Council, and it is worse than we were originally led to believe.

Venue for the next meeting: The next meeting will be at the community hub.

## **5- Correspondence:**

### **6- Community Councilors' Issues:**

Lilly: The garden volunteers are all on board and making plans for the year.

### **7- Elected Members Updates:**

John: 2025/2026 Budget is 26<sup>th</sup> February. He thinks that going forward CATs will be easier to get.

Neil: The Leisure Review is tomorrow.

Bridget: A lot of big items are being looked at the library services, the budget and leisure to name a few.

James: They have tried to get vending machines back in the community centre but have not been able to. Hythehill 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be in May.

The Boy's Brigade is hosting an over 70's Easter Tea at Hythehill.

### **8- Treasurers Report:**

We have received our admin grant.

The new contract for electricity at the toilets is less expensive.

The water for the toilets is averaging £69 a month.

**9- Chairman's Updates:** Nothing additional

**10- Planning Issues:** None

**11- Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 17 March, Lossiemouth Community Hub at 19:00