

Lossiemouth Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 16 June 2025

Time: 19:00

Location: Lossie Community Hub

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Lily Mulholland, Marian Evans, Louise McBride, Peter White, Maureen Halkett, Alison Read, Dave Walker, Neil Cameron, Carolle Ralph, Kristi Corbett, James Allan, Andrea Dowd

Apologies: John Cowe, Gina McNicoll, Bridget Mustard, Kirsty Middleton

Agenda:

- 1- **Police Update:** Have been in Lossiemouth and have been issuing parking tickets.

RAF Update:

Operations are getting busier, we may start to see additional exercises and aircraft.

Raf Lossiemouth won Station of the Year from the RAF Benevolent Fund.

RAF Lossiemouth had two teams recognised in the King's Honors this year, Engineering Team, Number 11 (Army Cooperation) Squadron, RAF Lossiemouth and Royal Air Force Lossiemouth Mobility Support Section

A community support group is looking into taking on the raft race, Andrea will look into a contact for them.

The area looked at for Veronica's Bench is still to be considered, it has been suggested that we look at the area by the Beach Hut and replace one of the existing benches.

Community Groups Updates

West Beach Carpark group have met and have a second meeting scheduled. They are looking for information and prioritized issues. Neil is waiting to hear back about traffic monitors.

Camper Van Committee: The LCC and LCDT campervan groups have met and discussed what each group has looked into and done. The LCC is happy the LCDT to look into the area at the far end of the caravan park for motor home parking.

LCDT: They are still looking for funding solutions.

Lossie Local will be going out next week.

They asked Moray Council if they could print the Local Places Plan and Moray Council told them no.

Next LCDT meeting will be 23rd of June, Lily will attend on our behalf.

2-3 Group: They have a new family liaison officer starting 1 July, it is a 3 year post with 20 hours a week. They will be running a holiday club in the Football Social Club the first two weeks of July, it will be self-funding this year. They are hoping to get a trip to Cadona's with Stagecoach providing the buses.

They are working with Health and Social Care to hold family events the 16th and 23rd of July in Station Park with various community groups.

Men's Shed: They had a good day at Lossie Fest and have a few events scheduled.

3- Minutes of May Meeting:

Finally after many requests, there is a new large bin at Station Park

Lily and Gina are still waiting for a date for the visit to the sewage plant.

Double yellow lines have been installed on Stotfield Road and other places in town.

Maureen has contacted Moray Council about the holes in the sea wall/defenses at the houses east of the West Beach carpark.

The leak in James Square is quite deep, we need to look into if we can cover

the cost of the water or if we need to shut the tap off again. Carolle to talk to plumber

4- Matters Arising:

Locality Planning Group Attendance: The Joint health and social carer partnership have made it seem like the community is not interested in being involved, Carolle and Louise have both asked that the time could be changed, the head of service wasn't aware that the community groups weren't attending but the planning groups overall are not making it easy for the community to be involved. There is a lack of communication for the community engagement. It was agreed that we need to write to the chief executive about the number of planning meetings and the time required from volunteers along with the lack of respect to the volunteers. Carolle will write the letter on our behalf.

The Square/Water: Moray Council has agreed to cover the cost of the large invoice we have received.

Coastal Erosion: Four officers from The Highland Council are coming on the 19th to learn about the Christmas Tree project.

Will Burnish will be hosting an event in July to discuss what we think the biggest concerns are with respect to flooding and coastal erosion in the Lossie area.

Hythehill Primary School: There have been concerns raised by parents about the high turnover of head teachers at Hythehill Primary School. The new interim head teacher is from New Elgin Primary School, she brings a lot of experience and knows the area. She will hopefully bring some stability while a new permanent head teacher is recruited.

VJ Day: We will have a small ceremony at 9:00, Marian will organise the event.

5- Correspondence:

6- Community Councilors:

Lily will order the Armistice Day wreath.

Lily and Carolle have spoken with the Seafest Group and offered to water the boat, they have given them the code for the taps.

Lily also queried the beach wheelchairs availability. The LCDT one is available for the East Beach it is currently stored in their office and they are working on getting a shed for it. The West Beach one needs to be repaired and they are working on a storage solution.

Allison and Maureen will meet to discuss the storage options and solutions.

Marian has been offered a basketball hoop/stand for the community council. We have agreed and once we get the value we will add it to the insurance. It will be set-up in Station Park. The next litter pick will be 27 of June.

Peter shared that the St James Parish minister will be retiring 31st of October and that there will not be a permanent minister for Spynie, Duffus, Hopeman and Lossiemouth.

7- Councilors Updates:

Neil: nothing to report as they are winding down for the recess.

James: The youth group from Hersbruck just visited and they are now looking for host families for the group in July/August.

There is no further update on the post office.

8- Treasurers Report:

All funds are healthy, see email from Gina for breakdown.

9- Chairman's Updates: None

10- Planning Issues: There is an issue on Tulloch's Brae that has been passed onto Neil as a private matter not one for us to be involved in at this stage. It was agreed that Marian advise the person to contact planning or their councillors.

11- AOCB:

Marian asked about the soak away at the high school, it used to have a nice

fence with a gate which has been replaced with a flimsy fence and is now overgrown and unsightly. We have asked the councillors to look into this and will also bring it up with the head teacher.

It was also discussed that the school pays £220 a week out of their budget for the bird scarer on the 4G pitch which is a big chunk out of their budget.

Carolle has discussed bringing back the Friday Night Club with the head teacher to help build bridges and a sense of community with the high school.

12- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 18 August, 19:00 in the Lossie Community Hub