

Lossiemouth Community Council Minutes of Meeting

Date: 18 August 2025

Time: 19:00

Location: Lossiemouth Community Hub

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Kristi Lunt, Lily Mulholland, Marian Evans, Dave Walker, Peter White, Maureen Haukett, Louise McBride, John McClain (Skate Park), Magnus Malcolm (Skate Park), Kerry Peace (Skate Park), Donald Peace (Skate Park), John Cowe, Neil Cameron, Alison Read, Andrea Dowds

Apologies: James Allan, Donna Jamieson, Bridget Mustard

Agenda:

Carolle began the meeting by thanking Kirsty Middleton for all her work as a member of the Lossiemouth Community Council. She has stepped down due to family commitments.

1- Police Update:

Lossie had 13 assaults between June and July, please see the report which was emailed.

RAF Update:

King Charles visited the camp to re-present the standard to 42 Squadron. Andrea thanked Carolle representing the LCC and Dave representing the Men's Shed for attending. It was a successful event. President Trump's visit was quite busy for the camp.

The camp has received funding for a second childcare centre that will be based in Elgin. It will hopefully be completed by 2027 and will offer wrap around care along with infants and 3-5's.

Community Groups Updates:

Lossie Skate Park Initiative: They gave an update that the park design is in place, the land is secured but they are still working on funding. They need to raise £25,000 for seed funding and once they have that they can apply for capital funding.

The committee has been working on the project for 10 years and at the last LCDT meeting they put out a call for help with fundraising.

Marian has been contacted by parents of Hythehill students who are interested in helping with fundraising.

The LCC has said we will help with fundraising, and Louise has offered the Hub's help with reaching the youth and hosting meetings etc. Louise and Maureen have both said they would help with fundraising. Andrea and Marian have both asked for the contact information for the Skate Park Committee.

We have asked if the Skate Park committee can do a short video that we can share on social media and have asked them to come to the next LCC meeting with a short-term timeline.

John Cowe has suggested that once they have the funding, they have it put through the council so that they will not have to pay VAT. The quote for the work last year was £311,000.

Lossie Community Hub:

Louise brought up that drug use especially cocaine and ketamine is skyrocketing. The hub will be

starting support groups for drug addicts.

Designer drug use is becoming more prevalent.

How can we help with anti-drug awareness?

2-3 Group have a new family liaison officer. They have several different staff training courses coming up.

The sewing group has made four quilts from Project Linus.

They had a successful family's trip to Cadona's with 140 people attending.

They are looking to hold a disco once a month at the Sports and Social Club.

Soup and Sweet will be restarting on 4th September.

There will be a Bingo fundraiser in November to raise funds for the Soup and Sweet.

Men's Shed: They were invited to attend the event with King Charles on the camp, and they made the gift that was presented to the King.

They will be hosting a talk about the North Passage later in the month.

Davey Thompson is leaving the group to go back to Helensburgh; he will be missed by the group.

LCDT:

Scotland in Bloom representative will be in Lossie Wednesday morning.

The planters are done, and planning permission has been approved.

3- Minutes of June Meeting:

We are waiting on the plumber to repair the leak at the Square.

The Highland Council Officers were impressed with the Christmas Tree Project when they visited the site, and they asked how we got people involved and were told we just asked and reached out.

The Beach Wheelchairs will be stored in the Station Park Store, Maureen will hold the keys at Unique and Alison and Maureen will coordinate the use of the chairs.

4- Matters Arising:

West beach car park: There many meetings for the Friends of the West Beach Carpark group over the summer, they are looing for funding for the Radar Survey.

Volunteers have been down counting the cars and speaking to the car park users. There have been some donations made to the group.

The group is made up of the LCC, LCDT, LBA and the Golf Course.

Christmas tree Project: We are looking at where we want to take the project this year. They need to start planning so we can sort the time scale. We will arrange a meeting this fall for the committee.

The Golf Course has shared a report on coastal erosion and what they are doing with Scottish Water.

Library users group update: The library has been approved for additional hours from 16 to 20 a week, the library has been made more user friendly, and Moray Council is taking on community feedback about the

libraries and their uses.

We can look into funding for a car park closer to the community centre. A new Public Based Investment Fund for Community Out with Elgin is going to be announced and we could look into it for the car park.

The swimming pool usage is going down; we will start promoting the use of the pool.

Community Council elections: The advertising is going out in October which is later than we thought. The JCC will be putting an advertisement in the September Spotlight to get publicity.

Play Park: Tenders due back to MC last week in August, the online voting will be the first two weeks of September. The community can vote at the library and Moray Council will be visiting the schools. The park will hopefully be completed by May 2026.

Station Park: There were a number of events held there over the summer and the need for parking has been highlighted.

Craft Fayre/Christmas Extravaganza:

The Craft Fair will be on 29 November. The town hall has been booked, and the fee will be £150. Those who supported us last year will get first refusal, after that it will be opened up to charities and individual crafters and if there are still tables free, they will be opened up for businesses.

The extravaganza will be 30th November also in the Town Hall. Santa has been booked; the band has been booked as has the hall.

Christmas Lights Square: Spynie Farm Estates will donate the tree this year.

We will organise a committee meeting before October.

JCC feedback: Elaine Penny made a presentation on the reduction of the speed limit from 30 to 20 mph in certain areas. They will be doing speed surveys at 100 locations.

Changing Places Toilet fund: We have been encouraged to apply for this.

Raft race: The Elgin Round Table contacted us about restarting the race, we put them in touch with Moray Council and RAF Lossiemouth to get help to organise and coordinate the event.

5- Correspondence:

6- Community Councilors' Issues:

Kristi asked about the Seatown Bridge and was told that the project cannot go further for a number of issues and there is no way forward.

Lily has had many compliments on the gardening, and the group has received some donations.

Marian has had many compliments on how clean the town is and along with comments that the support we have isn't seen in other communities.

The Moray Flag is damaged, faded and needs to be replaced.

Marian will organise the raising of the Red Ensign on 3 September.

Maureen spoke with Sarah Riley-Evans about the landing lights being in a state of disrepair.

The calendars are selling well.

Louise asked why the Action for Youth bus was only for Elgin, we were told it was due to how the funding was done.

7- Councilors' Updates:

John:

Spoke to the East Beach Caravan Park financial managers, they are looking for permanent caravan residents not holiday lets. They don't know what their plans are regarding the additional space they have the ofor.

Neil:

Kim Slater and Denise Whitworth met with Lossie United to discuss the use of the football pitch at Phoenix Park. They are not blocking the usage of the pitch, but they do have priority. Others can book it through Moray Council.

8- Treasurers Report:

Finances as of 31 July

Balance. £23,948.77

This is allocated to many different funds. We have also received enough donations to cover the cost of the toilets.

9- Chairman's Updates:

Keiran's Legacy cancelled the meeting; the United Free Church needs new children's pads for the defib they will be £130 but there is a backlog. Carolle is looking to reschedule the meeting.

The Ukraine project is still going strong and they are looking to see if the schools would like to help with the Christmas Project.

10- Planning Issues: Tulloch's Brae Shed is still an ongoing issue.

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 15 Sept 2025 at the Community Hub. Carolle and Louise will both be away.