

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 15th Sept 2025

Time: 19:00

Location: Lossiemouth Community Hub

Chair: Lily Mulholland

Attendees: Lily Mulholland, Gina McNicoll, Marian Evans, Dave Walker, Peter White, Maureen Halkett, Magnus (Skate Park), John Cowe, Neil Cameron, Andy Dodds, James Allan

Apologies: Carolle Ralph Louise McBride, Bridget Mustard, Andrea Dowds
Kristi Lunt, Alison Read

Agenda:

Lily began the meeting by welcoming Andy Dodds to the group. Introductions were made. It was agreed to discuss skatepark first to allow Magnus to leave.

Skatepark

They must raise 25k and at moment about 7k in funds. They do have a bag packing session at Tesco. Date to be agreed.

Maureen will meet Magnus to discuss different ideas for fundraising on Wednesday 24th at lunchtime in Unique. Maureen made it clear that LCC will help but we are not organizing fundraisers. This will be up to the Skatepark Committee

-Police Update:

No Update received

RAF Update:

No update received

Approval of Minutes:

Approved by Marion and Dave

LCC Items to discuss.

Important dates:

Curry Night. 9th October Tickets on sale. 25 of those already booked.

There will be a small raffle if anyone wishes to donate.

Craft Fare: 29th November. Maureen contacted those who took part last year as they have first refusal. There is a waiting list. Will require some help for our own stall. Calendars, how many coins are in the jar? Lucky dip. Prize donations welcome.

Refreshments were discussed.

Proposal: teas coffee biscuits and soup /crusty bread. Details to be finalized. Donation or fixed price?

Christmas Extravaganza 30th November.

Will require volunteers. Looking for ideas for new games

Have approached Alex Lauriston as regards refreshments. He will discuss it with his committee.

Louise has suggested a tuck shop up in the hall as a back up.

Christmas Square Lights

These will be switched on Sunday 30th November at 4pm ish.
Lights will have to be checked early November to make sure all are working.
Will contact a few of the garden centres for quotes for Christmas trees.
Lights to be installed hopefully before the 29th of November.
Suggestion. We ask Ian (electrician) to check out the electrics in the square.

Soup & sweet

As LCC are in partnership with 2/3 group in running this Gina brought to LCC attention that we have never made a financial donation and with cost of living on the increase, donations much lower and ingredients more expensive.

Lily proposed that LCC donate £ 200. Everyone agreed

James Alan said that his bingo group would donate also.

Dave (men's shed) said he would discuss with his group as regards a donation.

Gina thanked everyone.

15th November a fundraiser for soup and sweets is being organized. Suggested family beetle drive plus refreshments.

Zoom: It was agreed that the subscription should start in December for at least the next 3 months

CC elections: Nominations can be submitted from Monday 6th October until Tuesday 21st October more details are to follow.

Inaugural Meeting: Monday 17th November 7pm at the Community Hub

Financial Year End

September is the end of our year.

Would like to propose that we contact Ms E Harris to do our external sign off.

It was agreed.

Our yearly figures will have to be discussed with the New LCC in November at our Inaugural meeting.

Community Groups Updates:

Lossie Community Hub: No Update

Men's Shed: There are now 39 members. On average 12/15 people attend the different sessions.

LCDT:

No Update

Community Council updates

Marian -Raf planning a beach Cleanup at East Beach on the 17th of September.

Marian planning an LCC beach cleanup on 3rd/4th October details to follow.

Lily: within the cemetery roads need repairing

Water leak in square – awaiting plumber. Water supply is now to be paid by the community council.

Maureen: Dumping at the end. of Shore Street behind the businesses. Looked like someone tried to set alight.

Neil was asked if he could report this to MC.

Gina: Old railway line also a fire risk due to the overgrown bushes. Suggested that the Criminal Justice team could maybe do this.

Monday September 29th East Beach. High school doing a team bonding event. Anyone who can help set up 8:15/8:30 at bridge -beach end. Discussion about Resilience with the pupils about 10:15

Peter: A lady on Moray Street said lots of broken glass on path. It was suggested that perhaps the lady could sweep up if not in a position to do so should contact Moray Council

Geoff McKee (minister at Lossiemouth Church) is leaving at end of month, and the church have arranged a special church service followed by refreshments (27th) in the hall. Communion will be held on the Sunday

Andy -has some new ideas for next year e.g. Outdoor Craft Markets. Christmas Event. Agree to look at this early next year

7- Councilors' Updates:

Neil: Nothing to report

James: Cash hub doing well.Considering looking for a Permanent Office.

Post Office: Business in Lossiemouth actively pursuing this.

John: The bollard at the end of east beach bridge should be replaced by one which folds down to allow emergency vehicle across. It was pointed out that the bridge does have a weight restriction as we found out when doing the Christmas tree project. John will contact the relevant department within MC

John met with HIE representatives. HIE have made it clear that money will be very tight next year and only certain categories of funding will be considered

Lossiemouth Leisure Centre doing very well and No 1 in efficiency. Noted that car parking is still an issue and quotes are very high. The land at side of the road down to Centre would be ideal for extra parking but seemingly it is categorized as common good and could not be used. Marian suggested to go for an exception due to the benefit it would provide those attending the Centre. We all agreed that we will have to keep the pressure on Moray Council for extra parking

The recycle place on Shore Street will be moved sometime /somewhere and the land /buildings sold

8- Treasurers Report:

Finances as of 30th September 19, 2025

Balance. £23,487.44

This is allocated to many different funds.

9- Chairman's Updates:

LCC would like to thank Michael Burns for raising the flag at Station Park for Merchant Navy Day
LCC wishes to thank our emergency services for their quick reaction in controlling the fires at Sun

Bank Quarry

Remembrance Sunday: Lily to place order for wreaths. Poppy displays will be part of the formal display down at Station Park also in the square

Bill Tweedle from Men's Shed will be asked to raise the flag

This will be our last “formal” meeting until after the elections. There will be some meetings over next few weeks for our events which we have already organized

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

AOCB:

Maureen received feedback from campervan people who use Gregory Place Need a donation box there Of course it would have to be something substantial.

Dave told us about a conversation he had with a campervan at West beach. Was happy to donate and support the community café (Beach Hut)?

The Beach Hut now has a donation box for the West Beach Project

11- Next Meeting: 17th Nov(7pm) at the Community Hub