

**Lossiemouth Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting 16 March 2026**

**Date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Time: 19:00**

**Location: Zoom**

**Chair: Carolle Ralph**

**Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Lily Mulholland, Gina McNicoll Marian Evans, Maureen Halkett, Dave Walker, John Cowe, Neil Cameron, Bridget Mustard, Alison Read, James Allan, Louise McBride, Jason, Fiona, Chris Muir (Muirton residents )**

**Apologies: Kristi Lunt, Andrea Dowds, Donna Jamieson**

**Agenda:**

**1- Police Update:**

No police representative present. Only issue raised again was continued complaints about parking beside the playing fields despite the double yellow lines on busy match days. Police may need to issue some parking fines  
Crossing at Co-op is very hard due to parked cars Will need to ask MC what has happened to the crossing. Lily will contact Elaine Penny

**RAF Update:**

Andrea on behalf of RAF Lossiemouth would like to thank the residents of Lossie for their patience and support during their recent exercise and of course the incident with an unknown package. Thanks also given to all the services which took part.

**Matters Arising ( Arthur's Bridge )**

There are no finances available to repair bridge and expected life is 2 years

The weight restrictions are not being adhered to.

Councilors have written to Moray Council but as yet no solution

A camera has been suggested to MC but doesn't appear that they want to go down this route.

Possible solution would be to reduce the limit to 3.5 ton.

LCC will review the possibility of doing some manual monitoring and providing this info to MC. And if need be, to the local press. If the bridge closes this will have a major impact on traffic having to go via Elgin to get to Lossiemouth and to residents of Lossiemouth

Sonya Warren is also concerned about the impact of the bridge being closed.

## **Muirton School Travel**

Representatives of Muirton made their case as regards the proposed “safe route” for their children having to walk to school due to MC changing the distance limit to provide transport. The foot path is unlit and not well-maintained. Speeding cars are also an issue. They were very disappointed in the lack of any prior discussion or engagement with the Muirton Community. The decision had been made in September 25 but parents were not advised of any changes until February 26<sup>th</sup>. They will be talking to the P&J and will continue to campaign for a better solution.

A suggestion was made that they investigate the M Connect service (333) which could do a pickup /drop off as part of its scheduled route. All the children are eligible for free bus passes.

Councilors have also approached M Connect. Hopefully a suitable solution will be agreed.

## **Christmas Tree project**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. – moving the trees to the beach

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March- digging the trees in

All welcome to help

RAF Lossiemouth have volunteers available

Grass planting will take place just after Easter.

## **Project with Lossie High (S1)**

The school is going to help us with a story board for both the Christmas tree project and the story of both bridges.

We have 3 groups approx. 33 in each coming to the beach so we can provide some background on the Dune restoration project.

## **West Beach carpark**

MKA are working on their final business plan and costs which will be presented to all stakeholders for review and open discussion.

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## **Town Hall**

Carolle received an email tonight from the Town Hall Committee that at this point they are not ready to discuss but are still in discussion with Moray Council.

## **Play park**

The playpark is not yet open due to issues with the matting (trip hazard). The company were supposed to return on the 6<sup>th</sup> March but this has now been delayed until the 23<sup>rd</sup> March . They have offered to provide more turf due to the delay.

## **Toilets**

We hope to have the toilets at Station Park open by the 27<sup>th</sup> March  
There have been a few issues but should be resolved soon.  
Happy for any donations of toilet roll etc which can be handed in at Unique  
New donation boxes to be installed due to keys from original have snapped

## **New LCC banners**

Our banners need to be replaced . Maureen mentioned that the Skatepark had banners which had small holes to allow the wind through She will ask where they purchased them from

## **Mural**

Needs to be cleaned with warm soapy water and brushed. Hopefully this will be done very soon. Again, volunteers required

## **Soup and sweet**

The rotary have donated £500 pound and as part of the CO-OP community fund the first £500 has been deposited which helps fill the gap between donations and actual costs

Louise confirmed that TSI funding for 2 years has been approved but this will not cover food costs

## **Group Updates**

### **LCDT**

The tourist office will be pen throughout April. Friday Saturday Sunday & Monday

1pm – 4pm

## **The Community Hub/2-3 group**

As 5<sup>th</sup> August is National Play Day it is proposed in conjunction with NHS and children's/family day at Sation park. This may happen on a few more days – to be decided

New Youth Worker for Lossiemouth has been appointed to replace Tracy Robbie  
At the hub on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March a drop in event being organized to consult with people as to what they would like to see happening at the HUB. Eg chair exercise

## **Community Councilor issues/updates**

Carolle: Forres Community Council advised us that they are talking with stagecoach about the amount of cancellation of the 33 bus services as this is having a major impact of people living in Lossie getting to their work in Forres Lack of drivers and workable buses. As we receive a 30 min service Lossie will be the first to be cancelled

Outfit Moray coast to coast will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May Have been approached as regards access to toilets

Flowers and card sent to Kirsty Middleton on the sad new of her Dad passing away

Lossiemouth Community Council being showcased by Improvement Service A Scottish Gov Quango Part of an exercise to have community councils sharing experiences Carolle and Gina will present to the national group on Wednesday.

## **Lily -**

Gardening season about to start so next few months very busy

The rotary again will maintain the bed nearest the garage and fund all the plants

## **Councilors Matters**

Bridget: Surfable Scotland in discussion with MC to allow them to transport their equipment over the bridge on a lightweight trailer

John: Moray are ranked for their road conditions

A road -5<sup>th</sup>

B road. 1<sup>st</sup>

Unclassified 16<sup>th</sup>

The new cemetery opening has been completed and improved visibility

Sustrans- project approved to provide a cycle path from RAF base along the Coulard bank road

**87k** has been allocated for extending the cemetery .more ground needs to be purchased to meet future demands (Lossiemouth)

**117k** for refurbishment of children's playparks (whole of moray)

**James**

Cash Hub is potentially looking for other premises due to the uncertainty of the town hall

Spar : Post office counters are the reason for the hold up.

**Neil:** He contacted the MC Planning department as regards whether we are receiving all the planning requests for our ward. They say that we are.

**Treasurer's Update:**

Once toilets open expect higher utility bills

**Planning Issues:** None

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> April. At the hub