

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 20 April 2026

Time: 19:00

Location: Lossie Community Hub

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Kristi Corbett, Lily Mulholland, Gina McNicoll, Dave Walker, Marian Evans, Maureen Halkett, Kevin Lynch, Andrea Dowd, Neil Cameron, James Allan, Brigett Mustard, John Cowe, Val Pastakia, Chis Pastakia, Mike Campbell, Jackie Campbell

Apologies: Louise McBride

Agenda:

1- **Police Update:** The new Sgt Mark Peyton is hoping to send a representative twice a year.

RAF Update: The camp is really busy right now, with three squadrons out on operations.

Carolle thanked the RAF for all of their help with the Christmas Tree Project

Community Groups Updates:

2-3 Group:

Soup and Sweet is still getting about sixty people a week, there are some funding gaps, but donations are helping.

The Hub is being well utilized but they are going to have to start charging a fee for classes, it will be a minimal charge.

Men's Shed: The Men's Shed has invited the LCC to join in a BBQ in July and the LCC has accepted.

LCDT: See West Beach Update below.

3- Minutes of March Meeting:

Lossie High Project: Gina and Carolle met with them along with the Improvement Officer and he was really impressed with the projects.

Town Hall: The town hall committee has negotiated a two-year lease with Moray Council. We have been asked to support them; Maureen has reached out to them but has not received a response. The banking hub will be moving.

New Banners: Carolle is still organising.

Mural- It's been cleaned but now needs varnishing, Carolle will reach out to the Dulux shop for advice, this will need to be done professionally.

4- Matters Arising:

West Beach: MKA report has gone out to the stakeholders. LCDT met with Rebecca Russel and Dave Allen (landowner and her representative) to discuss the project. Per LCDT they are hoping to work out a hybrid solution with the golf club. LCDT has received a grant to take the report to the next stage. The £15 million option in the MKA report is not feasible, no one wants to charge for parking etc. They are looking into two options, one with paying for parking and one without.

Rebecca is not going to make a decision for six months, the Moray Council lease ends in January 2027. The golf club members will have to see the report before they can make a decision on how to proceed. Chris asked for a timeline that includes the associated costs broken down over the timeline. LCC was not involved in the meeting the LCDT had with Rebecca and Dave today.

Christmas Tree Project: They are starting to plant the grass this week with the after-school groups. The tree planting will start on Friday the 24th.

The signs will be put back this Sunday.

We are hoping to get signs for the West Beach asking people to stay off the dunes.

Commerce Street Play Park: Gina has requested an additional bin but has been told they won't put in an additional bin but will empty the current bin 3 times a week. Kevin said he'd been told by MC we'd be getting more bins, he lives across the street from the park and has done litter picking in the park. Kevin also stated that the park is very busy and kids have been riding e-bikes and e-scooters through the park while there are other children present and playing. He's observed multiple children almost running into traffic and he feels that traffic is out of control and that parking is an issue. Residents have had to take to parking in front of their drives to keep the entrances clear of other cars. He said that the park is brilliant, but the infrastructure is lacking, there's also a lack of speed control on the street. He asked why MC did not allow for a car park of any sort in the plans. He also suggested that it needs a fence. Moray Council has said they will not pay for a fence, and they don't feel it's necessary and that residents or another local group would have to fund it.

There was an RTC on Sunday when a resident was trying to get out of their drive but couldn't see because of all the cars parked around the entrance to her drive.

Other Commerce Street residents have sent messages saying how great the park is.

Anti-Social behaviour has been witnessed, and the Beach Bar site fencing is down so the site is fully accessible.

We will ask the Community Warden to monitor the playpark at the weekend and put up a post reminding people to be respectful, and that e-bikes/scooters are not allowed.

Station Park Toilets: The toilets are open and running. Donations have already started coming in, including a £300 donation from Seafest to split between the toilets and gardens, this will be helpful as we are fully funded by donations. Our water costs are going up, averaging £100 a month, and electric is £30 a month.

Arthur's Bridge: Carolle wrote to Nicola Moss questioning what had happened to the funding that had been allocated to repair the bridge and did not receive a response, so she contacted the Chief of Operations office and was told the repairs were unaffordable, so the funding was removed. LCC has been monitoring the bridge use and speaking to the press as Moray Council has been saying the bridge will most likely not last more than two years. We have asked for number plate recognition cameras to help track the bridge usage and Moray Council has declined.

The bridge is a vital link for our local police as the cover Forres, Lossiemouth, Lhanbryde and Fochabers, using the bridge saves police, fire and ambulance services vital time as they can bypass Elgin to reach the A96. Marian suggested speaking with the police about it at the meeting they have

having with the police on the 26th.

Neil has suggested that we contact and work with Innes Community Council as the bridge is in their boundary.

Muirton School Transport: Moray Council has said that 333 bus is not an option and they are unwilling to work towards a solution. We are hoping that our elected councillors will be able to work with Moray Council to find a solution. There will be a demonstration by parents from other school areas on 6 May before the full council meeting.

Marian questioned why the original cuts were made.

The previous bus was a minibus dedicated to Muirton.

The Community Council will email the Chief of Operations.

Improvement Service Visit: Carolle has provided them with a list of dates that would be good for a visit.

Baby Bank: They are associated with the Baptist Church and cover all of Moray, they are currently using a space in the Town Hall but are in need of a new space. John Cowe will speak to estates to see if there is a space they can use.

St. Margarets Crescent Bins: The litter is out of control and is becoming a health and safety as well as environmental health issue. A lot of it is fly tipping, and people are using it to dump everything including furniture.

Moray Council has emptied the bins in the past, but it is Grampian Housing's responsibility. We will email the Community Warden about this.

5- Correspondence:

None

6- Community Councillors' Issues:

Marian: Litter picks started this week, the woods are really in need of a good community clean-up, maybe involving trailers as they are in a real state.

She has also noticed a number of cars that are un-registered and un-taxed parked on the streets around Lossie. People are also running extension cables from their homes to caravans parked on the street, we are querying if this is legal. Neil has suggested that photos be taken and sent to Moray Council in both cases.

7- Councilors' Updates:

John Cowe: The Councilors are meeting with Nicola Moss on Thursday and are also looking to meet with Dave Allen.

8- Treasurers Report:

Our funds are healthy with just over £44,000. Many of these funds are ring fenced including a £15,000 grant from HIE towards the sand dune restoration projects.

9- Chairman's Updates:

10- Planning Issues: None, but we do need to make sure the weekly wards lists are distributed.

11- AOCB

Shore Street Recycling will be closing but we have not been given a location for the new recycling centre.

Locals are using Station Park Carpark to park their vehicles and caravans for over night and long-term parking, it's suggested that we ask them to use Gergory Place Carpark instead.

The Community Council has been working with St. Gerardine's about parking issues around the school.

Water in James Square needs to be turned back on and we are waiting for a bill.

It's been suggested that we ask the school children to do a dog poo pick-up campaign to help clean up the community.

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 18 May 2026 at the Community Hub