

Lossiemouth Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 18 May 2026

Time: 19:00

Location: Lossie Community Hub

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Kristi Corbett, Bill Burt (Elgin Roundtable), Mark Peyton (Police), Gina McNicoll, Dave Walker, Lily Mulholland, Marian Evans, Kevin Lynch, Val Pstakia, Chris Pstakia, Neil Cameron, Maureen Halkett, John Cowe, James Allan

Apologies: Allison Read, Andrea Dowds, Bridget Mustard

Agenda:

1- Police Update: Police are going to look into extra plain clothes patrols around the high school area due to antisocial behaviour.

Willfully set fires have started up again, there's been four between the two beaches. Lossie doesn't have a 24/7 manned station, the manning depends on availability.

The Sgt in Forres has been in touch with lorry companies who have been known to use Arthurs Bridge. It is not easy to ticket them due to regulations and distance to the weighing station. The police are looking at doing a couple of days of traffic Opps at the bridge even if it's just information gathering.

Carolle has asked if the police have had any feedback from Moray Council about the bridge as they use it frequently.

The Quarry Fire Break is in good condition.

The mugging suspect has been arrested.

Louise brought up the Community Alcohol Partnership that will involve working with the police.

The police have put in a request to Moray Council for additional funding for a police parking operation to help stop the people parking on double yellow lines. Buckie and Elgin have both done this and Neil will follow-up on it.

Kevin brought up that there's been motorbikes racing up and down Commerce Street, it's unlicensed and they had kids riding with no helmets, he had to phone 999 about it.

RAF Update:

Community Groups Updates

Elgin Roundtable - The Raft Race: They are finalising the entertainers license. This is their first big even and the RAF is not involved this time. They are looking to start small and build up to a larger event. They will be advertising in the Lossie Local and delivering the July edition.

Road Closures will be in place day of 6:00-16:00. St. Geradines is hosting the carpark.

There will be a fun fair on the grass at Station Park.

There will not be any food stalls that interfere with Lossiemouth businesses.

They will not be getting an alcohol license at this time.

They will be putting in extra toilets at Gregory Place and we're to let him know what we will need for Station Park toilets as a donation, ie toilet roll, cleaning products etc.

Moray Council has said they will empty all the esplanade and area bins the day before.

They are not a charity and will not have any fundraising for a specific charity, they are looking to build a perpetual fund at this stage.

They will be profit sharing with the stalls

Marian has suggested that they speak to Andy Jamieson from Elgin Rotary for advice on running the event.

RAF:

New E7 Wedgetail Aircraft arriving this week, may generate increased interest from the spotter community, Police Scotland aware in case of more traffic on the roads around the base.

Families Day is 25 Jul, as with before sadly only open to Stn personnel and their families due to limited tickets - more details re air displays to follow.

Looking forward to hosting some of the Community Council members when they visit the unit.

Town Hall: Maureen contacted them multiple times offering to assist them but was told they did not help at this time. They said what they needed is support from community groups and elected officials which they feel they did not receive and are re-examining their position. We offered assistance when we first learned they were in crisis through the media.

There is no named person on the communications just Town Hall Committee. They are difficult to get a hold of. Chris Pstakia suggested that we invite them to a future meeting. We have offered previously and they have declined.

3- Minutes of May Meeting:

Carolle spoke to Cammy about banners and story boards, they need the design

Muirton School Transport – Carolle wrote to Moray Council again and received a final email stating that there will be nothing done and the service will not be re-instated.

Neil asked Moray Council what's changed to make it safe when it wasn't before and has not received a reply.

The Councillors will going to keep pressure on Moray Council as they have a contract to pick the kids up at Ardivot Farms and Windy Ridge and this service goes past Muirton. The next step is to bring it up at the Economic Development and Education committee meetings as a motion.

Per Maureen the Muirton Road is becoming quite dangerous with speeding and over taking.

4- Matters Arising:

Arthur's Bridge: Carolle has spoken with Will Burnish at Moray Council and he said that even if we get funding in place it will be one to two years to get the bridge in place. We need to start lobbying the MSP to visit the site.

Sand Dune Restoration, Next Phase:

We have approx. 300 trees left, Carolle and Gina spoke to the golf club and they are going to identify an area past the cafe where the trees can be used.

Golf Club is making paths across the dunes but needs signage, is that something we can help with? Moray Way has signs for the Golf Club.

Maureen will ask Andy from Driftwood Designs for help on our signs, we need way markers.

We need to look into public education on dune restoration, prevention and how to prevent damage to them.

Over 500 grasses have been planted, we are looking to plant more in September. Chris suggested that we use lime grass and the marram grass as lime grass is a pioneer grass.

Lossie High Project

Gina has a lot of artwork for us to choose from. We need to pick art work and a design for the storyboards. We will hold a meeting to do that, there is no time scale and a small committee can pick the work and design. The story boards will be about the bridge and dune restoration project. They are still working on a QR code for the project.

Meeting with St Gers Head Teacher: The meeting went well and she would like to know what the kids can do to help in the community, litter picks were suggested.

Lossie to Elgin Active Travel Route: See School Transport above

Visit to RAF Lossiemouth: The visit is scheduled for 27 May.

West Beach Carpark: The LCDT and Golf Club had a meeting that we were not included in and we were told that they were enthusiastic about working with one and other. Gina was very diplomatic in her response to finding out about the meeting and how much had been spent already on this project. They have received funding for another survey to be done by MK.

See LCDT minutes, they are waiting for Moray Council to fix the carpark and are wanting to start charging for parking. The Lossiemouth Community Council does not support charging for parking.

Dave Allan will be chairing a stakeholders meeting on Monday the 25th.

Chris brought up the time based funding and time line for West Beach and what is needed for the initial work. The initial focus needs to be on the surface and then the focus can shift to the sea defences. The sea defences should hold for another 10 years and we do not need all of the funding at once.

5- Correspondence:

6- Community Councillors Issues:

Lily has asked that LCDT make a public announcement that they have moved on from their plans for Station Park.

The planters around town will be filled this week.

Gina- The sandbank at the river mouth is building up and turning into another beach, sand is not making it's way out to the sea and dunes due to the state of the sea wall. She has suggested we invite Will Burnish to see it.

Marian- Reported the abandoned cars around town one has moved and the other has a sticker on it now.

There will be a litter pick on 5 June and hopefully that Sunday there will be a family litter pick geared towards cleaning up the woods.

Dave- Asked if the railway line can be cleared, Carolle will speak to community justice about it.

Maureen- The Skatepark has new committee members and have raised about £10,000 and are continuing to fundraise.

She is also still looking for photos for the next calendar.

Carolle- she will do the article for Lossie Local.

Outfit Moray Cairngorm Coast to Coast will be at Station Park this weekend.

School Prize Giving is 23 June

We've had many complaints about the recycling depot, John Cowe has said CCTV is being checked by

Moray Council, we will raise the issue again.

7- Councillors Updates:

Neil- Laich of Moray Active Travel Route AGM is next week.

All community councils are having issues with the planning reports so a senior planner has been invited to the next JCC meeting.

James- The Postal Counter is still coming and the banking hub is looking for a new home as the town hall is not working for them.

They are looking to find a space that is big enough to hold the Post Office and banking hub. There is not enough room in the Spar for both of them.

8- Treasurers Report:

All bills related to East Beach Phase I are funded.

9- Chairman's Updates:

See Carolle above

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 15 June 2026 Lossie Community Hub