

Lossiemouth Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 15/06 2026

Time: 19:00

Location: Lossie Community Hub

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Gina McNicoll, Dave Walker, Lily Mulholland, Marian Evans, Kevin Lynch, Chris & Val Pastakia , Neil Cameron, Maureen Halkett, John Cowe, James Allan, Andrea Dowds Bridget Mustard, Paul Bowden

Apologies: Alison Read, Neil Cameron, Louise McBride, Mark Payton (Police) Kristi Corbett

Carolle welcomed everyone to the meeting She apologized that the LCDT report from last meeting had not been circulated with the minutes and would send.

Police Update:

Ref Moray Council providing funding for extra patrols as regards yellow lines Neil Cameron confirmed that there is no funding.

RAF Update:

New station commander will take over August 1st – His name is Rob Croft

Family Day on the 25th of July – There will be no official flying displays

E7 (wedgetail) has arrived on base

Carolle thanked Andrea for our visit to the station

Community Groups Updates

The Lossie community hub will be piloting a community pantry through the summer holidays.

Paul from the LCTD provided more information as regards the West beach project (see below)

Items for discussion:

East beach sand dune project

Signs are with Andy (Moray Driftwood Designs) He will be organizing posts. Gina to pop in tomorrow and check if completed.

Met with Hopman Association as they are interested in trialing a Christmas tree project

September/October organizing more family planting days for grasses

Muirton School Transport –

Moray Council are not going to provide school transport even though LCC Councillors and the families have been in constant contact with Moray Council. This is a Moray issue not just Lossiemouth

Arthur's Bridge

Latest news is the estimation for replacing the bridge is in the region of 7 million. The bridge will be top priority for the next financial year (updated by Bridget)

We have continued to lobby MP's and MSP's

BBC radio would like to do an interview

Elgin Community Council are supporting us because this will have a major impact on Elgin

Closure of the bridge could increase response time to get to the RAF base in an emergency

What else can we do?

Formal letter written signed by all services who would be impacted by the closure e.g. RAF NHS, Fire Brigade.

Contact all businesses who would be impacted and get their input as to what it would mean to them e.g. Funeral directors Maureen to contact LBA

Petition

Keep the pressure on Moray Council and our elected representatives

Andrea to contact Kinloss

It was noted that the closure would have a negative impact on the Muirton junction due to increased volume of traffic

Clearing of Railway Line

This is on the criminal justice to do list

Lossie Local

Carolle has submitted an article

Breakwater and River mouth clogging up with Sand

Kevin brought this subject for discussion. Carolle updated him on the many attempts LCC have tried to get repair work done on the breakwater. In 2010 a report was prepared and at that time there was money and was scheduled for repair in 2014. But that date has passed and now no funding available

West Beach Carpark:

This is a work in progress. Both the LCDT and the Moray golfclub are working on different proposals for what could be done in this area. All stakeholders involved in discussions BUT until the landowner makes her decision as to which is the best option nothing can progress further. At this point we don't know what or when repair work on the carpark will take place by Moray Council.

LCC working with Moray Golfclub as to trial the Christmas trees at the west beach Criminal justice guys will move the trees from East beach to the West

Paul also advised us that repair work is required on the access ramps and that the pavement is out of scope of Moray Council

Shore street recycling: items being dumped on a regular basis.

Bins at St Margarets - Although the housing association and Moray council have been contacted many times -very little improvement. Bins overflowing encourage more seagulls. Kevin has informed us that it is causing major issues at the Hythehill playground with seagull mess. He has contacted Moray Council as regards this environmental issue

LCC Financial year end September

Gina asked for approval to contact MS E Harris to see if she will do the audit for us this year. This was agreed

Soup/Sweet. Last one for the summer is on Thursday 18th June v Still averaging 60 people per week

Christmas events (town hall)

Still no confirmation of our bookings or an answer to my email. I will email again

Maureen informed us that the Laich of Moray Church is planning a “Big Sing “in December

Lily advised that the Baptist church also planning an event early December (Cantata. Joy Unspeakable Joy

Could this be part of the Lossie Does Christmas

Esplanade Bins:

They are too small even though emptied 3 times a week. Moray Council say no funding so do we approach the businesses in that area whether they would sponsor a bin. Maybe use it as advertising Maureen will contact LBA

Playpark Commerce Street

Kev said more hygienic bins are required as the 1 bin is also used for poo bags. Again, we did request more bins but the answer was no but would empty more regularly.

Webcam at East bridge. Still on the LCDT agenda but cannot find any company to install

Andrea said to contact Donut Pig

Benches at bridge

The benches have had their screws removed once again Dave has fixed them and glued them

Mural

Still planned to “test” a small area with the varnish if we get a few dry days.

Defibs

Been contacted by Keirans Legacy that they have replaced pads at 4 different places in Lossiemouth The pads have to be replaced every 3 years. Lcc has some funding to cover this so will pay. We will contact the Beach Hut to enquire whether they are able to contribute.

It is recommended that all DEFIBS are not locked. To ensure access to them is in a timely manner as in past issues with obtaining the codes

Station Park/Campervans

Campervans at Station Park requesting whether they could remain more than 1 night. Marian advised

Maureen the answer is no although we cannot stop them. BUT it is campervan etiquette to follow rules displayed and remember this is a Carpark not a Campervan site

Community Centre Meeting

Fit-life survey going well.

Discussions on Pricing structure and new ideas for the centre

Position of receptionist is available otherwise well manned

Maintenance on schedule and planning a sauna in the pool area with funding received from ASN

Abandoned Cars

Marian pointed out that the vehicles outside McRaj restaurant were still there. Also, a car at end of Tullochs Lane which has been under investigation for months

Litter Pick

There will be a family litter pick geared towards cleaning up the woods. Organised for Sunday 28th

Trailer will be required. Dave happy to assist

East beach litter pick – Friday 26th June 8am

Muirton Cycle Path

The sand is building up once again. Could trees be an answer to prevent the sand blowing from the fields. Would need to discuss this with farmer.

Councilors Updates:

James- Ref post office and bank. Proposed to have a combined service at the Spar shop No confirmed date.

John – will follow-up with Sharon as regards larger bins required on esplanade.

Bridget updated on Arthur's bridge as above

Treasurers Report:

Donations of £850 been deposited for the toilets.

Planning Issues: None

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

NO meeting in July

17th August 2026 Lossie Community Hub

Update from the Lossiemouth Community Development Trust (apologies this should have been in the minute of last month's meeting)

WBCP - We are arranging a stakeholder meeting for next Monday 25th at which we will finalise the terms of the scope for the next phase of work. This is likely to include a detailed engineering spec for minimal cost sea defences, and a schedule of work for operating and maintaining the car park and beachfront area.

Herb planters - Now installed in James Square. They will be officially launched on the weekend of June 6th and June 7th as part of the Moray Community Garden Festival, with activities planned between 2 and 4pm each day.

Visitor Centre - we're still hoping for a few more volunteers to support the visitor centre, which is due to open for the summer season on Friday 5th June.