



LOSSIEMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in

The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall

On Tuesday 19th January 2007

Sederunt	Mr Bill McLean	Chairman
	Mr Ian White	Vice-Chairman
	Mrs Anna-Mary Overing	
	Mr Charles French	
	Mr David Stewart	
	Mr Des Donaldson	
	Ms Helen McIntosh	
	Mr Ken Scofield	Secretary/Treasurer

Present Mr Bill McLean, Mr Ian White, Mr Ken Scofield, Mr David Stewart, Mr Des Donaldson, Mrs Anna-Mary Overing, Mr Charles French, Ms Kathleen Culyer, Ms Danielle Price, Cllr Tom Bothwell, Cllr Joyce Stewart, Ms Fiona McPherson (The Northern Scot).

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1930hrs after welcoming all those attending.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
1	Apologies. Apologies were received from Ms Helen McIntosh, Ms Sarah Riley-Evans and the Community Warden.	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of that meeting and signed as such by the Chairman.	The Chairman
3	Matters Arising. <u>Combined Medical Centre.</u> The turf cutting had proceeded according to plan and an article had appeared in the local press. Although not really relevant to the combined medical centre, questions were asked with reference to the present medical centre and whether there were any plans for this building. Unfortunately no one could answer this question but Mr Scofield (a member of the Patient Participation Group PPG) agreed to pose this question at the next meeting of the PPG. Concerns were also expressed as to whether the present Lloyds Pharmacy would remain open. <u>Stotfield Fishing Disaster Fund.</u> The Vice Chairman informed the meeting that the dedication service of the stern post had taken place on Christmas Day. Also that an information board had been erected on the site to explain the disaster. The painting by John Todd had sold for £1,000.00 and Mr Todd has given permission for a limited edition print to be sold in aid of the fund.	Mr Scofield

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	<p><u>Vandalism.</u> An increase in the vandalism in Station Park had been noticed and there appeared to be no reactive or proactive action taken by the police.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that persons had been arrested for the graffiti that appeared around Lossiemouth recently.</p>	
4	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Due to the hiatus over the festive season, there were no planning applications to consider.</p>	
5	<p>Any Other Competent Business.</p> <p><u>Byelaw to Prohibit Alcohol Consumption in Public.</u> This matter was raised as a result of a letter from The Moray Council outlining a proposed byelaw to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in public places and seeking answers. A meeting to discuss this was arranged by The Moray Council on the 22nd January 2007.</p> <p>A discussion followed on the pros and cons of the byelaw. Whilst the meeting felt that a byelaw would be a good thing, concerns were raised with regard to those members of the public who might like to have a bottle of wine etc whilst enjoying a family picnic on the beaches, especially if the beaches were defined as public places. This then led on to the question as to which boundaries should be used to define "public places". Eventually it was felt that the bus route should form the boundary.</p> <p>Concern was also expressed as to whether exceptions to this byelaw could be made for the organised events in the town like the raft race.</p> <p>Mr White and Mr Scofield agreed to attend the meeting on the 22nd January to represent the community.</p> <p><u>Recycling of Plastic Materials.</u> Mr Scofield addressed the meeting over this matter and though he agreed with the advertisements placed by The Moray Council encouraging recycling, he felt that more pressure should be put on businesses to reduce the amount of wrapping used i.e. the shrink wrapped Swedes recently on sale in the Co-op. However in the light of press articles whereby councils were considering charging for waste disposal by either weight or volume that The Moray Council should institute a recycling policy for plastic materials. Nearly every drink bottle was now made of plastic and when empty took up a lot of volume in the Wheelie Bin. It was agreed by the meeting that the Secretary should write to The Moray Council about this matter.</p>	
6	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held in the Seaview Suite, Lossiemouth Town Hall on Tuesday 20th February 2007 at 1930 hrs.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2145hrs.

Signed:Chairman

Date: 20th February 2007.