



LOSSIEMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in

The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall

On Tuesday 16th September 2008

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

Present. Mr Bill McLean, Mr Ian White, Mr Tom Bothwell, Mr Des Donaldson, Mr Ken Scofield, Mrs Anna-Mary Overing, Cllr David Stewart, Cllr Allan Wright, Mr David Haytack (Community Warden) and 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 Joyce Stewart, Ms Sarah Riley-Evans and PC Roy Thomson.	
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	<p>Matters Arising.</p> <p><u>Bus Shelter.</u> The meeting was informed that the position for one of the bus shelters had been marked out and should be erected within the next 14 days. <i>Secretary's Note: Bus shelter now in place.</i></p> <p><u>Lossiemouth Community Magazine.</u> The poor distribution of previous editions of this magazine was discussed and apparently the proprietor had been let down by her selected distribution agents. The latest edition had been distributed by the Scouts, which had earned themselves a fee of £370.00 for scout funds. It appeared that in future other organisations in Lossiemouth would be offered a similar opportunity.</p>	

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	<p><u>Marine Park Terrace.</u> Still ongoing.</p> <p><u>Local Area Committees.</u> Cllr Allan Wright reported that due to the mostly negative feedback regarding the Local Area Committees that a decision had been made at The Moray Council to put this matter in abeyance until further consultations could be carried out.</p> <p><u>Raft Race.</u> The Chairman expressed his concern at the mostly negative side of the press reporting of this event. Few column inches had been devoted to the fund raising side and family fun day.</p>	
4	<p>Planning Applications. No contentious applications were presented to the planning sub-committee.</p>	
5	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p><u>Coach Drivers Guild:</u> Renewal offer for the Lossiemouth entry in the gazetteer.</p> <p><u>The Moray Council:</u> Draft copy of the Moray Road Safety Plan for consultation.</p> <p><u>The Scottish Government:</u> Result of the Waters Edge appeal with regard to the path.</p> <p><u>The Scottish Parliament:</u> Letter fro Peter Peacock MSP detailing the questions he has asked at Holyrood.</p> <p>Digitaluk: Invitation to presentation re digital switchover to be held in Inverness.</p>	
6	<p>Any Other Competent Business.</p> <p><u>Moray Recycling Strategy.</u> Recent reports in the local press intimated that The Moray Council was reviewing their recycling strategy especially with regard to the kerbside collections. It appeared that the council intended to distribute yet another wheelie bin for use with paper and tins in the same bin and getting rid of the at present orange and blue containers. The recycled material would then be transported to Moycroft Industrial Estate where it would be sorted into separate paper and tin for recycling elsewhere. The cost of setting up this sorting depot was quoted as £1.2million pounds. Mr Scofield wondered where the new wheelie bins would be obtained from as reports in the national press quoted a world wide shortage of these bins; also he wondered why the council were going to the expense of the new bins and the sorting depot when the present system seemed to be working fine. Cllr Wright suggested that the community council invite a member of the Environmental Department to attend a meeting and explain why it was felt necessary to change the system</p> <p><u>Parking on the Playing Fields.</u> Mr Scofield informed the meeting that he had been telephoned by the secretary of the Lossiemouth Junior Football team with regard</p>	

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	<p>to a report in The Northern Scot about car parking on the fields. The Secretary maintained that the community council were targeting the Junior Football Team with regard to the parking. Mr Scofield went on to say that he had put the matter on the agenda to clarify the situation in that the community council wished to stop all cars parking on the sports fields regardless of the owners of the cars. Mr Haytack commented that he had in fact spoken to some owners who were parked on the fields already.</p> <p><u>Pitgaveny Street Car Park.</u> This car park had just been resurfaced and members were concerned about the general quality of the workmanship. Also the parking bays had not been delineated yet.</p> <p><u>Burger Van.</u> Mr Scofield enquired as to whether the burger van that had appeared on the car park opposite the sports field was authorised. Cllr Stewart replied that the proprietor had been visited by a member of the Environmental Health staff from The Moray Council and had a street trader's license and complied with health regulations. Concern was expressed over the possibility of school children being involved in a accident crossing the road to use the burger outlet but as was pointed out there was a bend in the road there and traffic would be slowing down. Members felt that in view of the governments healthy eating strategy school children eating from the burger van went against the spirit of the strategy. However, Cllr David Stewart said that as the proprietor was fully licensed to trade there was nothing that The Moray Council could do to prevent school children using the van services. It was thought that if the van caused a noticeable increase in litter in the area then the situation could be revisited.</p> <p><u>Car Parking.</u> Whilst admitting that the Stotfield Road in the most part was a very wide road, it was felt that the car parking on the road from the Skerry Brae Hotel towards Thorne's Brae left a lot to be desired. Cars parked either side of the road causing passing traffic, especially HGVs and buses to have to manoeuvre around the obstructions.</p> <p><u>Road Safety.</u> The Community Warden addressed the meeting with regard to this matter. He was concerned with the number of cyclists, both young and old, riding around without lights on their bikes. On his own initiative, he had approached the local businesses with a view to rewarding those youngsters who did have lights on their bikes; the rewards would only be a token. He also reported that the Grampian Police would shortly be launching Operation Nightlight against those cyclists who either had no lights or refused to use them on their bikes. On another subject, he was worried about the congestion that occurred in the vicinity of St Gerardine's School in the mornings. Parents seemed oblivious to their responsibility to the Highway Code and parked either side of the road causing a dangerous chicane for other motorists to negotiate. He had also observed some parents opening car doors into the flow of traffic to let their children out of the car. The number of cars parked there and their proximity to the crossing warden made it hard for moving traffic to see the warden.</p> <p><u>Resignation.</u> The Secretary tabled a card from Ms Kathleen Culyer presenting her resignation from the council as she was going to St. Andrew's University shortly.</p> <p><u>Coach Drivers Guild.</u> The Secretary had received a renewal request from this organisation for the Lossiemouth entry in the gazetteer. The cost would be</p>	

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	<p>excess of £100.00 and personally he thought that this did not offer value for money. The Chairman commented that the community council had commenced this entry in the hope that it would increase tourism to Lossiemouth and also that possibly the Business Association would take over the costs. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the entry would not be renewed.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held in the Seaview Suite, Town Hall on Tuesday the 21st October 2008 at 1930hrs.</p>	

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

Signed:Chairman

Date: 21st October 2008