



LOSSIEMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in

The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall

On Tuesday 17 February 2009

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

Present Mr Bill McLean, Mr Ian White, Ms Helen MacIntosh, Mr Tom Bothwell, Mr Des Donaldson, Mr Charles French, Mrs Anna-Mary Overing, Mrs Joyce Stewart, Cllr Dave Stewart, Ms Sarah Riley-Evans (RAF Lossiemouth), Mrs Fiona McPherson (Northern Scot).

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1930hrs after welcoming all those attending and introduced Ms Helen MacIntosh as new Secretary/Treasurer.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
1	Apologies. Apologies were received from Cllr Allan Wright, David Haytack, and PC Roy Thomson.	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting were queried as to the correct terminology of 'James Square' or 'St. James Square'. Confirmation is awaiting verification, perhaps by Ms Iona Keilhorn. The minutes were then accepted as a true record of that meeting and signed as such by the Chairman.	The Chairman
3	Matters Arising. <u>Clifton Road.</u> Anti-social driving - with no police representative in attendance, an update was not received. However no major problems were noted. <u>Planning.</u> Plans lodged in the Post Office are primarily for neighbours of intended planning applicants to view and lodge a protest if they wish. Mrs Joyce Stewart queried whether the Community Council could be made aware of such plans by the Moray Council before they are advertised in this way, due to problems timing-wise should there be any contentious applications and the difficulty in raising them at meetings on a monthly basis, when deadlines may have been missed.	

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	<p>Mr Tom Bothwell suggested we could obtain an A4 sized copy similar to those in the Post Office with respect to possible contentious cases, and it was agreed to request this from MC planning dept, whereupon the LCC sub-committee may potentially visit property for clarification of views or pitfalls. The Chairman reiterated that the sub-committee may place an objection if necessary in between meetings, on behalf of the Community Council with its full backing, and should then email members advising of same until a meeting allows full discussion.</p> <p>Mrs Stewart also raised the question of whether respective 'neighbour notification' people are aware of the Community Council as a body of reference for advice, comments, information and a possible course of action. This raises the issue of the profile of the Community Council and public awareness of our ethos and duties.</p> <p><u>Old pier at East Beach.</u> Cllr David Stewart advised that work will be needed on the pier and will be very expensive, but it is definitely necessary and therefore is being looked into further.</p> <p><u>Outfit Moray.</u> This group is dedicated to supporting youngsters to reach their potential. Mrs Anna-Mary Overing informed the group that they take autistic children on trips to Inverness and suchlike. More information is expected.</p> <p><u>West Beach Café.</u> The owner has been informed by Moray Council that his lease may be terminated if it is not open by Easter. Cllr Steward said the Moray Council terminology stated 'march' rather than 'Easter'. We await the opening.</p> <p><u>JCC meeting.</u> The Chairman notified members of his attendance at this meeting and advised that some 'interesting' items were raised. These included a presentation on potential changes to Community Council elections and the possibility of raising the numbers of members during the co-opting process; and postal voting being considered to make voting easier and increase 'turnout'. The aim seemed to be to get more of the community involved with Community Councils.</p> <p>The Chairman believes Community Councils are finally getting more recognition lately and could therefore perhaps have more financial support from the Moray Council. The secretary asked members for suggestions of how this could be achieved and will request monetary assistance for IT equipment and possibly broadband costs.</p> <p>Finally, it was noted that Burghead CC had reported success with a recent project to tackle under-age drinking. This was agreed as very positive for the area.</p> <p><u>Stotfield Road safety improvements.</u> A map of the intended improvements (which were already underway) was distributed to members. One part of the pavement appeared unclear and showed a broken gap in the design construction, but overall it was agreed this was a welcome improvement, and hopefully it will achieve the desired results.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Planning Applications. No contentious planning issues.</p>	

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5	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>A letter from Grampian Police regarding 'community engagement' will be scanned and circulated to LCC members following the meeting.</p> <p>MSPs and Councillors are holding a 'Question time' event for Community Council members on Saturday 21 March. Mr McLean, Mr French and Mrs Stewart indicated willingness to attend and the secretary will notify Tracey Rae of their names.</p> <p>A document about a 'Spring Clean Event' in April was given to Fiona McPherson.</p> <p>Northern Textiles. We have received notification of a change in the textile recycling scheme by Moray Council, which will now be done by this company on many sites. The Salvation Army collection will still be sited at the Coularbank Co-op and is independent of this scheme. The meeting was informed of potential financial benefits to Community Councils, however exact details were not to hand and will be investigated for future discussion. Members agreed that without meaning to compromise the Salvation Army recycling collection, this could be a welcome opportunity to raise funds for use within the community, pending clarification of funding details.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
6	<p>Citizen of the Year.</p> <p>After some discussion by members on various contenders for this annual award, it was agreed that Mrs Margaret Ross is a worthy recipient for 2008 for her tireless efforts within the community, including her infamous Xmas lights display at her home which raises money for charity each year, and her work at the charity shop.</p> <p>The Chairman asked Mr Tom Bothwell to advise her on behalf of the Community Council. The secretary will write a formal letter afterwards.</p> <p>An arrangement will be made to recover the trophy from RAF Lossiemouth.</p>	
7	<p>Any Other Competent Business.</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman congratulated the Moray Council on removal of graffiti a month after notification of it.</p> <p>The topic of dog fouling was again raised. Mr Tom Bothwell was incensed at the behaviour of dog owners who allow their dogs to foul in the cemetery grounds. Members were in unanimous agreement that it is disgusting, abhorrent and disrespectful. It is an offence and offenders should be punished and named, with the full support of the Community Council behind this concept.</p>	

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	<p>Mrs Anna-Mary Overing mentioned a particular area of the West Beach which is appallingly peppered with dog mess also.</p> <p>Ms Sarah Riley-Evans informed members of an 'open tour' on the morning of Tuesday April 14th followed by lunch then a Civic Military Forum meeting in the afternoon, attended by senior planning heads, Councillors and others.</p> <p>Invitation is offered to the Community Council for attendance to the morning tour and lunch, when the possibility of a handover of the Citizen of the Year trophy could be made to Mrs Ross from the RAF Lossiemouth as current holders.</p> <p>Members were asked to contact Ms Helen MacIntosh if they will be attending, who will forward names to Ms Riley-Evans.</p> <p>Tickets are available for 'Fight Night', a £100 black-tie event in the Officer's Mess on April 25th, with proceeds going to 'Help the Heroes'.</p> <p>Following the meeting but necessary to be minuted was the signing of bank mandates updating co-signatory information by The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the new Secretary/Treasurer.</p>	
8	<p>Time and Date of Next Meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held in the Seaview Suite, Town Hall on Tuesday 17 March 2009 at 1930hrs.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2135hrs.

Signed:(W. McLean).....Chairman

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