



# LOSSIEMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in

The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall

On Tuesday 17 March 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, Cllr Allan Wright, Mrs Fiona McPherson (Northern Scot), Ms Iona Keilhorn.

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

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
1	<b>Apologies.</b> Apologies were received from PC Roy Thomson.	
2	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting.</b> The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of that meeting and signed as such by the Chairman.	<b>The Chairman</b>
3	<b>Matters Arising.</b>  <u>Clifton Road.</u> Anti-social driving - with no police representative in attendance again, an update was not received. However no major problems were noted.  <u>Planning.</u> Cllr Allan Wright suggested that a Moray Council Planning Dept. spokesperson could possibly come along to a future meeting and advise us on upcoming changes to the Scottish Planning System. He outlined some updates to the current system which involve more applications being dealt with by delegated powers, and assured members that Community Councils will remain as statutory Consultees. Cllr Wright reminded members to raise any points on this issue at the next JCC meeting.  <u>Old pier at East Beach.</u> Cllr David Stewart advised that work will be done in August as planned.	

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4	<p><b>Planning Applications.</b></p> <p>Mr. Tom Bothwell informed the group that he had raised an objection on behalf of a part of the community regarding an application for an extension to an existing foreshore property in which vehicular access would be deemed dangerous.</p> <p>Cllr David Stewart reminded members of the need to specify exactly which policy an objection relates to when one is raised.</p> <p>Ms. Iona Keilhorn advised the group of rejection by the James Square Project Committee to a request to erect portakabins on the Square by the Baptist Church, which is undergoing an extension. The Project has an intended opening date in December and this would be difficult if portakabins were in place with ongoing development. It is understood the issue has been referred to the planning dept.</p>	
5	<p><b>Correspondence.</b></p> <p>See list attached to agenda.</p>	Secretary
6	<p><b>Citizen of the Year.</b></p> <p>Some members informed the group that the planned 'open forum' on April 14<sup>th</sup> had been postponed, although no formal notification had been received by the secretary. This had included an invitation extended to Mrs. Ross for an opportunity to present the trophy to her by the RAF, the previous holders. It was deemed appropriate to contact RAF Lossiemouth to arrange another suitable date between them and Mrs. Ross, rather than have her wait unreasonably long for her award.</p>	Secretary
7	<p><b>Any Other Competent Business.</b></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman reported that he had recently witnessed a police patrol unit specifically patrolling on the dog fouling issue.</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman also advised on the imminent Lossiemouth Marina website coming online soon.</p> <p>Cllr David Stewart told members of a memo he had received about the Raft Race boundaries including the alcohol by-law which should be in place by July.</p> <p>Mrs. Stewart mentioned the new '30'mph speed lights on Coularbank Road and suggested that they are not a deterrent to drivers intent on speeding and they are at an ineffective location, and she enquired as to why the Community Council was not informed or consulted about them beforehand.</p>	

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	<p>Mrs. Stewart asked whether Lossiemouth would benefit from the alleged £100,000 available through the Moray Towns Partnership.</p> <p>Cllr Allan Wright replied that a meeting of the Business Associations from Elgin, Lossiemouth, Keith and Buckie was informed about the money being made available, and this will come to a committee meeting on March 31 where its division between those towns will be decided.</p> <p>Mr. Charles French told members of the availability of 'leader funding' if we want it, and the Chairman suggested we think about ideas for projects and opportunities within the community which could be funded by this.</p> <p>Ms. Helen MacIntosh wished to congratulate a young local music band for their recent concert held at Lossiemouth Town Hall which was well attended, well behaved and raised some money for charity. Members agreed this was a positive sign of goodwill from teenagers and it created a good impression of young people which was to be encouraged.</p> <p>She also stated however that they lack adequate space for practice, affecting relationships with neighbours, and asked members for ideas towards perhaps a permanent place where young bands could practice and store non-portable equipment.</p> <p>The Chairman remarked positively upon the new edition of the Lossie Local magazine having been distributed recently.</p>	
8	<p><b>Time and Date of Next Meeting.</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held in the Seaview Suite, Town Hall on Tuesday 21 April 2009 at 1930hrs.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2120hrs.

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

Date: