



LOSSIEMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in

The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall

On Tuesday 19 May 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, Ms Helen MacIntosh, Mr Tom Bothwell, Mr Des Donaldson, Mrs Anna-Mary Overing, Mrs Joyce Stewart, Cllr Dave Stewart, PC Roy Thomson (Grampian Police), Mr. David Haytack (Community Warden), Ms Iona Keilhorn, Mr Marty Latham (RAF Lossiemouth), Mr Frank Ralph, Mrs Jane Stokes.

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

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
1	Apologies. Apologies were received from Vice-Chairman Ian White, Mr Charles French, and Cllr Allan Wright.	
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>Clifton Road driving.</u> This item raised no specific problems - however PC Roy Thomson gave a very good report on other local issues, a précis of which follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A recent spate of crime, predominantly theft based and by one perpetrator, had doubled crime numbers but this person is now out of the area and numbers are back to normal. -Gorse fire-raising and drink-driving are on the increase and being investigated, as is fly-tipping which is being targeted over the next month. -A daily operation to clamp down on under-age drinking is underway. 	

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	<p>-Mr Tom Bothwell mentioned concerns over boy-racers, whereupon Roy suggested they were becoming 'fly' but Grampian Police had measures in place to hopefully counter this ongoing anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>-Tom also raised worries over speeding cars on Inchbroom Road in the vicinity of the cemetery, to which PC Thomson remarked that also, there are drains nearby forcing cars wide into the other lane. Cllr David Stewart agreed to mention this problem at council.</p> <p>Members thanked Roy for his report and attendance which were most welcome.</p> <p><u>Coulardbank Road proposed upgrade to neglected land.</u> After a query by Mrs. Joyce Stewart regarding structural changes, David Haytack confirmed that his wishes for this project would entail clearing ground to create a safer environment for children to play in, with wood shavings forming an access path, and perhaps nesting boxes and flowerbeds that schoolchildren could look after. These proposals were in keeping with the area and agreed in principle.</p> <p><u>White line upgrading.</u> Mrs Joyce Stewart reiterated that many white lines had been renewed but not the ones at the top of Boyd Anderson drive, leading to Coulardbank Road. Cllr David Stewart said this work began in April and is an ongoing project.</p> <p><u>Planning.</u> The Secretary had not received a reply from the Planning Department regarding their invitation to attend our meeting to enable an update of SPS.</p> <p><u>Blind corner at Seatown.</u> Cllr David Stewart informed the group that the Moray Council will discuss this problem at the August committee meeting, with a view to decreasing the speed limit to 20mph in that zone. Warning signs are a possible option and may be up within 2-3 weeks.</p> <p><u>Citizen of the Year.</u> Mr Tom Bothwell stated that Mrs. Ross had thoroughly enjoyed her recent special visit to RAF Lossiemouth, to whom thanks were given. Chairman Bill McLean gave thanks to Tom for organising this occasion and event.</p> <p><u>RAF Lossiemouth.</u> Marty Latham informed the group that Sarah Riley-Evans will be off sick for perhaps the next 4-6 weeks. However the recent 'Help for Heroes' night had been a huge success.</p>	<p>Cllr D. Stewart</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Planning Applications.</p> <p>Mr Frank Ralph raised a query over a contentious application to build a 'garage and games room' at a nearby property to his home. Plans for building this construction have been submitted on several occasions, rejected, re-submitted and again rejected, and Mr Ralph requested input from the Community Council regarding this latest application.</p> <p>Mr Tom Bothwell will look into the plans on behalf of the planning sub-committee.</p>	

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5	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>See list attached to agenda.</p>	Secretary
6	<p>Citizen of the Year.</p>	
7	<p>Any Other Competent Business.</p> <p>Mr Tom Bothwell raised a query over the West Beach café - the owner of which has been given an ultimatum to open by June 10th. The bottom line is, the Community Council just want it open and running.</p> <p>Mr Bothwell also raised concerns over lack of a bus link to Aberdeen (Dyce) airport, considering the numbers of local people who use that facility and would benefit from a direct bus link which has recently ceased operation. This is particularly frustrating since Inverness airport now has a bus link, thankfully, but not Aberdeen airport.</p> <p>The secretary will write to Moray Council transport manager requesting this.</p> <p>Cllr David Stewart told the group that the anti-public-drinking bylaw has been passed and goes to the Scottish Government on 22 May.</p> <p>Mrs Anna-Mary Overing had spoken with Tony (Lossiemouth Business Association) about their recent financial boost, and questioned whether some of it could be used to fund 'buggy-type' or 'wheelchair-style' vehicles to enable beach access for those people previously denied due to disability or immobility. He had appeared positive towards this idea and Anna-Mary will keep us informed.</p> <p>Ms Iona Keilhorn informed the meeting that the James Square project was ongoing, yet logistics such as different construction tenders, are delaying the actual beginning of the project.</p> <p>Mr Frank Ralph raised the issue of the abrupt end of the pavement at the bottom of Thorn's Brae and Muirton Road, which is where he believes the cycle path ends. Mr Ralph thinks it could (should) crossover and continue along a path through the golf course, onto the beach, where access to Hopeman and Lossiemouth would continue in a natural path. He has had no reply so far from queries to Moray Council.</p> <p>Chairman Bill McLean reminded members that legitimate claims for out-of-pocket expenses should be claimed by community councillors, as per the recent JCC meeting. Also we should think about standardising concepts such as this before the new administration begins in October.</p> <p>Mrs Jane Stokes declined to speak on specific matters but was made welcome and it is hoped she, and any other interested members of the community, would attend future meetings at any time.</p>	Secretary

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8	<p>Time and Date of Next Meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held in the Seaview Suite, Town Hall on Tuesday 16 June 2009 at 1930hrs.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130hrs.

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

Date: