



LOSSIEMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in

The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall

On Tuesday 21 July 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, Mrs Anna-Mary Overing, Cllr Dave Stewart, Cllr Allan Wright, Mrs Fiona McPherson (Northern Scot).

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

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
1	Apologies. Apologies were received from Mrs Joyce Stewart.	
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>Police report.</u> PC Roy Thomson was not available to attend. Mr Tom Bothwell raised concerns again regarding 'boy-racers' being prevalent, and the Chairman suggested that Grampian Police are still monitoring the situation but are hampered by resources. <u>Coulardbank Road upgrade to neglected land.</u> No response had been received as yet to the proposal. <u>Blind corner at Seatown.</u> Cllr David Stewart informed the group that an application had been made to reduce the speed limit to a 20mph zone. <u>Buggy-style beach access project.</u> Mrs Anna-Mary Overing told the group that she is ongoing with this project, and was informed about LEADER funding towards projects such as this, and was subsequently given relevant information.	

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	<p><u>Thorn's Brae pavement/cycle path.</u> Cllr Alan Wright will look again into the details regarding this path and inform the group accordingly.</p> <p><u>Beach safety.</u> Cllr David Stewart said that the Lands & Parks Dept at Moray Council have erected new signs informing of potential dangers, which was widely appreciated within the group. The Coastguard have made information leaflets available. The Chairman commended <u>all</u> groups who have contributed to taking steps to highlight this issue and rally round whether individually or in partnership, but all taking steps strategically towards the safety in and around Lossiemouth beaches, including the steps taken by Ken Kennedy and James Smith (Moray Council) to expedite signage and the noticeable positive rubbish collection arrangements. A letter of appreciation and recognition will be sent. Vice-Chairman Ian White reminded the group that there is an existing auxiliary coastguard service who take care of the area when advised of incidents.</p> <p><u>Tennis Courts.</u> Cllr David Stewart stated that nets are up on the tennis courts at Marine Park and are being well used at present.</p> <p><u>Horses on cycle path.</u> Following the previously reported incident, the Chairman Bill McLean reported communication with the person responsible for the horses, and communicated her apologies for the incident, including her statement of cleaning up the aforementioned mess once she was able to, upon return to the stable. The meeting was informed that horse riders are entitled to use public right-of-ways if they act in a 'responsible way' (including safety of other users, and cleaning duties) as per access legislation. The lady was deemed to have acted responsibly in this instance, to the best of her knowledge and capabilities.</p>	Secretary
4	<p>Planning Applications.</p> <p>No contentious applications were raised; however 2 objections have been submitted to the appropriate department for consideration.</p>	
5	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>See list attached to agenda.</p>	Secretary
6	<p>Citizen of the Year.</p> <p>Members are reminded to bear this topic in mind for upcoming meetings so we can discuss potential candidates.</p>	

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7	<p>Any Other Competent Business.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman Ian White commented on the recent sad loss of a Lossiemouth stalwart and wonderful person for the community, Mr Andrew Christie. The group echoed Mr White's sentiments.</p> <p>Mr Tom Bothwell raised the problem of people deliberately feeding seagulls, which creates a hazard for some neighbours who are attacked by them with aggressive behaviour during nesting times. Additionally, several members complained of health issues surrounding this ongoing problem, such as from the birds fouling gardens, cars, washing lines and so on. The press agreed to submit an article on this problem in the hope of dissuading the public from feeding them, on nuisance grounds.</p> <p>Mrs Anna-Mary Overing queried whether it might be preferred to have a menu visible in the window/door of the Harbour Lights Restaurant during its closing hours. Many visitors wander during the evening, and in other locations, a menu is visible for potential customers to view what is on offer. Lack of one may be a hindrance for the company, and for visitors to Lossiemouth looking for alternative dining, and it was perceived that a visible menu (and copies of a takeaway menu) might aid their business, and other local businesses in the area.</p> <p>Cllr David Stewart informed the group that the 'no public drinking by-law' would be in place from 3 August. The Chairman thanked Cllr Stewart for his efforts towards this scheme, which it is hoped would prove positive for Lossiemouth residents and visitors alike.</p> <p>Chairman Bill McLean welcomed the opening of the Canal Bank development. He was impressed with its properties and the concept of utilising 'waste' land in a positive manner for the community.</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 18 August 2009 at 1930hrs.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2100hrs.

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

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