



LOSSIEMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in

The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall

On Tuesday 18 August 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), Donna McAllister (Press & Journal), Marty Latham (RAF Lossiemouth), Inspector Alistair Robertson and Sgt Steve Carmichael (Grampian Police), 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 Mrs Joyce Stewart and Mr Charles French.	
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> Inspector Robertson informed the group that crime levels have lowered and no significant issues were highlighted. The recent raft race had been a first rate success, in part due to the drinking by-law which had created positive feedback, with no tension, broken glass or difficult evenings as in previous years. He paid tribute to the committee and Moray Council for implementing this by-law, and also praised local licensed premises for their co-operation regarding the 5pm exemption zone, and all local traders. On the topic of 'boy-racers', Inspector Robertson stated that operations were planned periodically over the next few months to tackle the problem, and especially that of loud modified exhausts with over-revving, creating extra noise due to the geography and physical makeup of certain streets such as Queen St.	

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	<p>Inspector Robertson assured the group that every complaint is logged and the individuals are approached, with due action taken as necessary. Chairman Bill McLean thanked the police for their report and attendance.</p> <p><u>Coulardbank Road upgrade to neglected land.</u> Secretary Helen MacIntosh informed the group that she had attended a meeting with Tim Barry of Moray Council and Dave Haytack (Community Warden). We surveyed the land together and having listened to Dave's ideas, Tim went away to investigate potential funding and procedures for implementing this project. We await further information.</p> <p><u>Blind corner at Seatown.</u> Cllr David Stewart informed the group that the speed reduction to a 20mph zone had been passed today (18/8/09). Vice-chairman Ian White thanked Cllr Stewart for his co-operation and prompt attention to this matter, after only raising the query recently.</p> <p><u>Buggy-style beach access project.</u> Mrs Anna-Mary Overing told the group that she is continuing with this project. Communications are ongoing, although it may not be completed this year.</p> <p><u>Thorn's Brae pavement/cycle path.</u> Cllr Alan Wright is delving into details regarding this path, such as funding and resources, and the group were shown a map of existing and potential routes.</p> <p><u>Seagulls.</u> Mr Tom Bothwell asked why Moray Council are not taking action against the seagull menace problem in the way that other authorities have done, for instance Highland region, Aberdeenshire, Strathspey and others. He requested that the topic be raised at a Council meeting such as the Environmental Department. Cllrs Stewart and Wright agreed and will pass on the request. The group were in unison that press coverage to deter feeding the gulls would be beneficial.</p>	Secretary
4	<p>Planning Applications.</p> <p>Mr Tom Bothwell raised concerns over the application for 4 apartments on land near to St. Gerardine primary school, and the inherent problems of access, increased parking difficulties and additional street parking where problems already exist. The Secretary will submit an objection to the application.</p>	Secretary
5	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>See list attached to agenda.</p> <p>A discussion was held regarding money for the election pilot project. It was agreed to give £100 of our allotted £500 towards the JCC for area-wide advertising, as are many other CC's. Radio advertising was thought to be unhelpful for Lossiemouth in particular, so we agreed to make posters to display in local businesses.</p>	Secretary

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	<p>The Secretary will look into costing these ideas and enquire whether the Lossie Local will be due soon and if a suitable article could be submitted, or leaflets delivered.</p> <p>Other CC's have held (or will be holding) coffee mornings and suchlike but it was deemed to be too short notice to organise this for Lossiemouth, and unfeasible to attend and cater for.</p> <p>Bill, Helen and Anna-Mary agreed to be a sub-committee for this project.</p> <p>Candidate nomination forms were handed around the table for existing members.</p>	
6	<p>Citizen of the Year.</p> <p>A suitable candidate was agreed upon but not made public yet until year-end.</p>	
7	<p>Any Other Competent Business.</p> <p>Mr Tom Bothwell announced his retirement from the Community Council. The group stated their sorrow to hear this news but thanked Tom for his dedication over many years and wished him well in the future.</p> <p>Marty Latham stated that Sarah Riley-Evans is off sick until at least September. He also stated that the recent Help the Heroes event raised over £17,000, and he passed on thanks to LCC from the RAF community for continued support.</p> <p>Mrs Anna-Mary Overing told the group that she now has more students in her accommodation, which is good for the local area.</p> <p>Cllr Allan Wright reported on a letter from Alastair Kennedy suggesting Lossiemouth and Burghead Community Councils jointly take over the role of the now defunct Laich Forum, meeting quarterly to discuss strategic matters. Chairman Bill McLean said he would welcome human resource help from that source.</p> <p>Mrs Jane Stokes proposed her ideas for an 'environmental café' in the Sunbank area, which would be sustainable, green and environmentally-friendly. She hoped school children and the community could become involved in designing, building and maintaining the project.</p> <p>Cllr David Stewart said that Sunbank is now designated for industrial use, possibly a supermarket. Mrs Stokes wondered if her café could be part of this, which might benefit the supermarket company by being 'green'.</p> <p>Chairman Bill McLean welcomed Jane and her ideas to the table, and her attendance was very welcome.</p> <p>He also welcomed Donna McAllister from the P&J and thanked her for attending.</p>	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
8	<p data-bbox="245 219 678 253">Time and Date of Next Meeting.</p> <p data-bbox="245 293 1284 360">The next meeting will be held in the Seaview Suite, Town Hall on Tuesday 15 September 2009 at 1930hrs.</p>	

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

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

Date: