



LOSSIEMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in

The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall

On Tuesday 19 January 2010

Sederunt	Mr Bill McLean Mr Ian White Mrs Anna-Mary Overing Mrs Joyce Stewart Mr Craig Robertson Mrs Carolle Ralph Mr Jim Dartnall Mrs Wendy Hinnie Ms Helen Macintosh	Chairman Vice-Chairman Secretary/Treasurer
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Present Mr Bill McLean, Mr Ian White, Ms Helen MacIntosh, Mr Craig Robertson, Mrs Joyce Stewart, Mrs Anna-Mary Overing, Mr Jim Dartnall, Mrs Wendy Hinnie, Cllr David Stewart, Cllr Allan Wright, Mrs Fiona McPherson (Northern Scot).

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1930hrs after welcoming all those attending, and in particular the new Community Councillors from the second round of nominations. We are now just one short of our full compliment which is pleasing, and we took turns around the table giving brief introductions.


ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
1	Apologies. Apologies were received from Dave Haytack and Mrs Carolle Ralph.	
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>Lossiemouth & Burghead Joint Forum.</u> Chairman Bill McLean informed the group that he had recently met with leaders of Burghead CC and the Hopeman Association, and discussions led to a positive outlook towards forming a forum.</p> <p><u>Licences for charity events.</u> The Scottish Executive has scrapped this proposal.</p> <p><u>Breakwater repair.</u> Vice-Chairman Ian White stated that the hole has widened and another small one has appeared. Cllr David Stewart said that money from the Moray Council is in place but we need to wait for low tides to facilitate repairs. Chairman McLean thanked Cllr Stewart for lobbying towards urgent repairs. He also mentioned some loose boulders in the area by the toilet blocks and asked if this can be brought to the attention of the repair engineers.</p>	

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	<p><u>Cracked pavements.</u> A recent walkabout on estates with known dangerous cracks, involving Cllr David Stewart, Dave Haytack and Sarah (Moray Council Housing Officer) was postponed. Cllr Stewart and/or Mrs Joyce Stewart will report back.</p> <p><u>Thorn's Brae.</u> The lack of pavement between here and the Medical Centre was raised. An appeal by a local resident against removal of trees, necessary for a footpath, has been upheld. Cllr Stewart informed the group that possible alternatives on the other side of the road were being investigated instead. Jim Darthall highlighted the lack of suitable lighting in this area. It was agreed there is a need for more lights on safety grounds, however the difficulty lies in gaining support from the MOD as it is their property. We will ask Marty Latham whether these issues can be incorporated into their plans for a Community Centre.</p> <p><u>Budget Consultation.</u> Chairman Bill Mclean, Craig Robertson and Anna-Mary Overing attended the recent meeting at St. Gerardine School. Bill's opinion was that there was poor representation from the community, and that it was informative yet not a true consultation. Craig suggested that opinions were listened to, ie: since there is a budget, how can we agree on spending cuts. Anna-Mary found the meeting very 'education' orientated and thought little time was spent discussing other public issues. It was speculated that this had been a poor time of year to have public consultations on such important matters.</p> <p><u>Leader funding.</u> Secretary Helen MacIntosh has been in communication with Alistair Kennedy regarding submitting receipts towards gaining Leader Funding.</p> <p><u>Shrubs planted on common land.</u> Despite complaints from the public and notice of this problem highlighted in the local press, the only course of action available to Moray Council was to request that the property owner cut the shrubs back to prevent overgrowth. This will be monitored in due course.</p> <p><u>Annual Dinner.</u> This will be scheduled at a future date.</p> <p><i>COMMUNITIES</i></p> <p><u>Town Regeneration Scheme.</u> Projects are in hand arising from recent funding. 'Cashback for Moray' recently gave £18,000 to projects, £10,500 of which was allotted to Lossiemouth - £5k to Lossiemouth Youth Café and £5.5k to Outfit Moray. This news was gratefully received.</p> <p>Craig Robertson suggested a sub-committee be formed for funding projects, which was agreed to be arranged at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Plastic recycling.</u> Cllr Stewart had received a reply stating that due to budget restrictions, there is not enough funding for a facility in Lossiemouth, predominantly due to the costs of emptying containers thrice weekly, answering Chairman Mclean's suggestion that we possibly provide the receptacle ourselves. Mrs Joyce Stewart commented that the Elgin plant is manned but not 'policed' to check for suitable plastic materials.</p> <p><u>Whins removal at Park Place.</u> Cllr Stewart stated that it was not Moray Council who had removed these.</p>	<p>Cllr D Stewart/ Joyce Stewart</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Anna - Mary</p>

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4	<p>Planning Applications.</p> <p>Cllr Stewart informed the group that an application at 'Westland' was recently declined at committee, and at appeal. The applicant has now submitted a renewed application. Cllr Wright stated that re-application is allowed if an amended plan is 'materially different' to the previous plan.</p> <p>Jim Dartrnall has joined the LCC planning sub-committee, and was duly given the 'Planning in the Countryside' booklet for his perusal.</p>	
5	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>With some regret, Bill Mclean read out a letter of resignation from Mr Nicholls, Lossiemouth Town Crier. It was wholeheartedly agreed that he had done a wonderful job for the community over the years and would be missed.</p> <p>Bill Mclean had received a letter from PC Macdonald of Aberdeen regarding awareness of aviation security issues. We will invite him to a future meeting.</p> <p>Bill also read a letter promoting responsible dog owners, following the recent press regarding the irresponsible minority. We agree that most are the former.</p> <p>Helen MacIntosh had received another inquiry about the 'Brae Lossie' property and it was agreed to write to the owner with our queries and concerns.</p> <p>New correspondence to be discussed at LCC meeting.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
6	<p>Citizen of the Year.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman Ian White mentioned his sadness to hear of the passing of Mrs Margaret Ross, the current holder of this award. There was unanimous empathy. Helen will make contact for retrieval of the trophy for the next recipient.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
7	<p>Any Other Competent Business.</p> <p>Ian White showed the group a beautiful framed photograph of Lossiemouth he had been presented with by the Raft Race Committee. He gave this to Fiona for enjoyment in the Town Hall.</p> <p>Craig Robertson inquired about youth involvement at LCC, and the Secretary will write an invitation to LHS. Craig will be attending a community meeting at Inchberry Hall to discuss projects, seminars, etc and will report back to us.</p> <p>Jim Dartrnall raised the issue of the poor state of roads in Lossiemouth following the recent icy spell of weather. It was agreed that priority areas should be informed to Moray Council by local residents, for maximum effect and benefit.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>

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	<p>Cllr Wright said the next Moray Council 'Economic Infrastructure' meeting will be on 23 February, and reminded the group that it is an open meeting, and available on webcast.</p> <p>Cllr Stewart offered congratulations to the Lights Committee for the new lights and a successful lights 'switch-on' evening. They hope to raise funds for more lights on the new posts in James Square.</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 16 February 2010 at 1930hrs.</p>	

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

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

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