



LOSSIEMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in

The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall

On Tuesday 20 April 2010

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Mr Bill McLean
 Mr Ian White
 Mr Craig Robertson
 Mr Jim Dartnall
 Mrs Anna-Mary Overing
 Mrs Joyce Stewart
 Mrs Carolle Ralph
 Mrs Wendy Hinnie
 Ms Helen Macintosh

Chairman
 Vice-Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer

Present Mr Bill McLean, Mr Ian White, Ms Helen MacIntosh, Mr Craig Robertson, Mr Jim Dartnall, Mrs Anna-Mary Overing, Mrs Carolle Ralph, Mrs Wendy Hinnie, Cllr David Stewart, Cllr Allan Wright, Marty Latham (RAF Lossiemouth), Mrs Fiona McPherson (Northern Scot), and Mr Keith Bingham.

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 Dave Haytack.	
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>Breakwater repair.</u> Cllr Dave Stewart informed the meeting that repairs will now take place in August, although tides may be more favourable in September.</p> <p><u>Thorn's Brae.</u> Mrs Carolle Ralph told the group that she had been in contact with Chris Thompson, who had requested to meet with herself and Jim after the financial year finished. She will duly report any updates at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Budget Consultation.</u> Cllr Allan Wright stated that allocations will be reviewed during the expected new political administration following the election. The Moray Council budget is secure (2010-2011) but the budget for future years may be changed under a possible new regime.</p>	

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	<p><u>Town Regeneration Scheme.</u> It was agreed that recent resurfacing of Station Park carpark is good, and it has passed planning permission to hold potential markets.</p> <p>The shop front of Grampian Furnishers is now being upgraded from this scheme.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman Ian White mentioned that sadly, some older youths have broken a new swing, and much litter has been noticed in the vicinity. Thankfully however, CCTV in the area is very clear and may help to identify vandalism culprits.</p> <p><u>Ramsay McDonald viewpoint.</u> Work is ongoing to upgrade this site. It was noted that James Square has an official opening date of June 12.</p> <p><u>Youth Membership.</u> We await new youth members and look forward to welcoming them and their contributions.</p> <p><u>East Beach Bridge repairs.</u> It was reported to the meeting that both the Lossiemouth Business Association and the Heritage Association have declined to be part of our intended plan to secure funding as a whole community project in order to repair the bridge, which is causing worry due to corrosive deterioration of some essential bolts and steel supports. It was noted that the wood itself is in good condition, having been well preserved due to natural elements.</p> <p>Mr Craig Robertson stated his disappointment at the above decision, and suggested that we would hope to form a mixed steering group with members of the Heritage Association in order to raise funding for the repairs, which would clearly benefit everyone in the community, particularly economically. We would welcome an informal chat with a couple of members from other groups, not to seek money, but to put ideas around a table as a conjoined group, in order to pursue funding options, such as from Leader, for example.</p> <p>The Secretary will write to Mrs Iona Keilhorn inviting an informal chat as outlined. Mr Jim Dartrall reminded members that the bridge is part of the Core Paths route, linking the beach to Kingston.</p> <p><u>Environmental Officer.</u> We will invite Grant Wilson to an upcoming meeting.</p> <p><u>Flower beds dug up.</u> Cllr Stewart informed the group that the Tenant's Forum have re-seeded this area.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Planning Applications.</p> <p>No contentious new planning issues have arisen.</p> <p>However, Mr Keith Bingham told the group about a large fence which has been erected around large shrubs as previously discussed at the Water's Edge foreshore property, and he showed us photographs.</p> <p>Cllr Stewart stated that the owner had been requested to remove the fence or alternately open up a portion which blocked the public path, but he had not done so. He was asked again by Moray Council, stating that his actions were contravening Section 14 of the Land Reform Act (2003).</p>	

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	<p>This (Section 14) will be pursued by the Moray Council legal team if the owner refuses to conform.</p>	
5	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>A letter was received from Forres CC inviting our response to the Community Planning Unit. We will await a meeting with Fiona Rolt before responding.</p> <p>The next meeting of the JCC will be held on Thursday 13 May in Moray Council chambers at 7pm.</p> <p>Chairman Bill Mclean informed the group of a letter he received about a sponsored cycle around the UK coast, possibly stopping off in Lossiemouth in July.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
6	<p>Citizen of the Year.</p> <p>Vice-Chairman Ian White suggested that he could make contact with Rev. Bryson towards a possible location venue for the new recipient, given her contributions.</p>	<p>Vice-Chairman</p>
7	<p>Any Other Competent Business.</p> <p><u>West Beach filthy.</u> It was noted that a combination of high-tides, strong winds and lots of man-made rubbish had accumulated more than normal mess on the beach. Perhaps community groups could co-ordinate a clean-up? Marty Latham suggested that squadrons at the RAF are keenly looking for projects to help within the community, and they would be willing to take this project on, if the Moray Council will agree to remove the debris. Marty will ask the Squadron Leader of Supply Unit to contact the Secretary regarding this project.</p> <p><u>Chairmanship.</u> Mr Craig Robertson said he is aware of Bill's wishes to hold the position as Acting-Chair only, until someone else feels willing, due to his ongoing and many other commitments. Craig suggested this item be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Berthing at Lossiemouth Harbour.</u> Mrs Wendy Hinnie raised the question of which craft is allowed berthing rights. Cllr Stewart stated that the Harbour Board have revised their allowances from 2 to 4 commercial vessels. It was agreed that sadly Lossiemouth is a pleasure craft harbour now, more than a commercial/fishing one, although any fishing boat in difficulties is always admitted.</p> <p>Marty Latham told the group that Sarah Riley-Evans is now fully recovered and hopes to be back in attendance next month.</p> <p>Cllr David Stewart stated his sadness at the passing of Evan Young, the managing director of Gleaner Oils, who had been a wonderful contributor to business in Lossiemouth. The group were agreed in condolences.</p>	

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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 18 May 2010 at 1930hrs.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:10hrs.

Signed:  (W. McLellan) Chairman

Date: 18/05/10

