



# LOSSIEMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held in The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall

On Tuesday 19 March 2013

Sederunt	Mr Mike Mulholland Mr Ian White Mr Bill McLean Mr Jim Dartnall Mrs Anna-Mary Overing Mrs Lynn Wood Mr Terry Egglestone Ms Helen MacIntosh	Chair Vice-Chair      Secretary/Treasurer
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**Present** Mr Mike Mulholland, Ms Helen MacIntosh, Mr Jim Dartnall, Mr Bill McLean, Mrs Anna-Mary Overing, Mr Terry Egglestone, Mrs Lynn Wood, Mrs Tracey Rae (CCLO), Cllrs Chris Tuke and John Cowe (Moray Council), PC Tony Phillips (Grampian Police), Mr Tim Betts (Community Warden), Mrs Sarah Rollo (Northern Scot), Marty Latham (RAF) and Mr Dennis Slater (Hopeman Community Association).

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:00 and welcomed all those attending.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
1	<b>Apologies.</b> Apologies received from Mr Ian White and Cllr Allan Wright.	
2	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting.</b> The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of that meeting and signed by the Chair.	<b>Chair</b>
3	<p><b>Matters Arising.</b></p> <p><u>East Beach Bridge repairs.</u> No update on bridge situation since previous documents were lodged with Moray Council legal team. Jim has seen measurements being taken for a ramp at the beach end, but believes no repair will be done until the bad weather subsides.</p> <p><u>Dog fouling (Golf Club bin).</u> Tim has issued one notice for dog-fouling this month, and expects to issue more based on his email inbox waiting to be dealt with. Cllr Tuke mentioned that he had asked the Golf Club if they would be prepared to empty the dog bin as before, and is awaiting a reply. It was agreed that it would be preferable if we can retain the bin at this site, if it will be emptied. Cllr Cowe stated that no new bins will be given, however signage will be placed on existing ones. Tim added that the dog mess issue is slowly getting through, and reminded people to phone him with any specific areas of concern, or evidence of bad behaviour.</p>	

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	<p><u>Skatepark.</u> Lynn stated that many people want a skatepark but are divided on location. Mike has spoken to a lady who wants a 'park' at Marine Park, and some people want the skatepark there. Mike has invited her along to discuss her views.</p> <p><u>Gala-type event.</u> Helen circulated a list of groups/clubs so far, and asked for any additions or amendments to contact information. As soon as this is complete, we will send out the letters. Marty and Tracey requested copies of the list. Bill suggested that this is a positive initiative by LCC and gives groups an opportunity to become involved as a wider community effort.</p> <p><u>Lighthouse</u> - Mike informed the group that the lighthouse now belongs to the community and this will benefit all of us. Funding has been successful so they can now move forward. There is a fundraiser, 'Seafood Night' 6 April, 7:30pm Lossie Town Hall.</p>	<b>Secretary</b>
4	<p><b>Planning Applications.</b></p> <p>We have submitted comments re: the property at Covesea.</p> <p>The catering van - no objections so far but Jim has concerns over the concrete and rods that are breaking up and protruding respectively. This needs work before permission for the van should be given. Cllr Cowe will look into this.</p>	<b>Cllr J. Cowe</b>
5	<p><b>Correspondence.</b></p> <p>Mike mentioned the letter regarding closure of public toilets along the esplanade. The Moray Council will maintain one of them but not both. It was agreed to look into the option of keeping Station Park toilets maintained by Moray Council, and the community sharing duties of the Esplanade toilet block, although the cleaning rota would be a huge problem to overcome long-term. If we cannot arrange this, then we agreed to reluctantly secede the Esplanade location, given the proximity of the two facilities. Mike suggested we register an interest, to enable time for pursuit of advice. Dennis stated that the Hopeman community decided to do this as a community project and it is difficult but can be done with diligence and commitment. Tracey has information if we want in future of a successful trial of this type of venture from Tap 'O North.</p> <p>A free, two-day fundraising event is being held in Elgin Town Hall 3/4<sup>th</sup> April. Someone will try to attend but it is not confirmed who is available yet.</p>	
6	<p><b>Citizen of the Year.</b></p> <p>Congratulations to Stuart and Denise Evans who have been chosen as this year's recipients for their ongoing and relentless efforts to clean up the town, particularly by collecting dog litter left by ignorant dog owners. Anna-Mary will retrieve the trophy ready for engraving prior to a presentation.</p>	<b>Anna-Mary</b>

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7	<p><b>Any Other Competent Business.</b></p> <p><u>Police report</u> - PC Tony Phillips gave an update on the most recent report. There are ongoing investigations into several crimes, including vandalism, breach of the peace, break-ins, and thefts of alloy wheels and a quad bike. He issued a reminder for people to lock their belongings out of sight, particularly in sheds and garages. He also pleaded with the public to report anything suspicious. The Police have greater difficulty investigating a crime with the passage of time, so the earlier they can begin, aids their success rate and this relies heavily on people reporting suspicious behaviour or noise. Operations Moravia and Avon are ongoing. PC Phillips highlighted the new non-emergency number - 101 - which is live now. Jim asked for feedback on no-entry signs at La Caverna. PC Phillips will find out.</p> <p>Mike thanked PC Phillips for the report and his attendance at the meeting.</p> <p><u>RAF</u> - The Friends and Families Day will be 22 June this year. There will also be a Kinloss 'Family Fun Day' which is open to everybody. Bill said he had met with people who run the museum, who are keen for any related Navy or RAF memorabilia. Marty replied that there is a museum on camp and perhaps they might share their artefacts. Cllr Cowe remarked how fantastic Lossie Museum is, and suggested it could benefit from more signage.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe is trying to get the rubble at Station Park cleaned up before Easter, and there is a beach cleanup scheduled for this coming weekend. Cllr Tuke stated that the criminal justice team are keen to help the community with this type of project and welcome suggestions for their involvement. Cllr Cowe mentioned the 'Four Towns Partnership' and Coastal Communities funding, which Helen suggested will be discussed at the funding seminar. He also asked whether the 'lego blocks' on the West Beach could be moved or painted. Structural engineers would be necessary and very costly. Additionally, Cllr Cowe asked where the xmas lights on Clifton Road had gone. They were unsafe last year and there is a meeting this week to discuss them.</p> <p>Jim told the group of the PGA tournament at the golf club on 15 July, and of a 'walking festival' between 20-24 June. Mike suggested we try to the community cleanup project going, and George Reid has offered the use of sheds to store barbeques and related equipment.</p> <p>Marty re-introduced himself and will attend our meetings when possible, whilst we remind Sarah Riley-Evans that she is also welcome to resume attendance.</p> <p>As per previous correspondence, Dennis stated that the Red Cross have put forward an idea to get a defibrillator into communities and train up a dozen or so people to use it, in an 'on-call' rota system. This would cost in the region of £2.5k but there is funding and/or grants available. We agreed this is worth pursuing.</p>	

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	<p><u>Tracey Rae presentation</u> - Tracey stated that our constitution is required to be lodged, and she circulated copies of templates for us to look over, to adjust as we see accordingly. Cllr Tuke suggested we add a clause regarding land ownership, in case we require to pursue 'asset management' projects in future.</p> <p>Tracey also circulated a leaflet asking how we perceive the community council and how we relate to it, ie: our aims, review, meeting and committee formats, areas of concern, and promotion of the CC.</p> <p>We are to bear in mind the end/beginning of terms in October 2013, with promotions of this beginning in August. There is no money available this time but we are asked to consider ideas to promote and advertise CC's with a view to new members. The JCC have agreed that all CC's will contribute £75 to a 'kitty', with the JCC contributing £300, towards said advertising and promotion of CC's. A sub-committee will oversee this, of which Mike is a member.</p> <p>Overall, Tracey found our meeting tonight to have been positively run and informative, with all opinions considered and debated well.</p> <p>During conversation - Bill iterated that we use our time well and are lucky, as most often, to be well represented by Moray Council, Grampian Police, the Northern Scot and other agencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mike reminded members that if a problem arises which a Moray Councillor could assist in, ask them, without necessarily waiting for our next monthly meeting.</li> <li>- Terry reminded us that we should source alternate premises should we have wheelchair-bound visitors. He also suggested that each LCC member take on their own area of responsibility within the Community Council, including for instance, a sub-committee being formed should the Gala group gain a positive response. --- --</li> <li>- Terry asked if the minutes could be displayed in the Community Centre - Helen will ask them if this is amenable.</li> <li>- We discussed the best way to deal with incoming email concerning LCC and Helen was asked to create a 'generic' LCC-specific email address, and add it to communications, especially for when we come to promote the LCC during impending autumn elections, in which we are reminded to promote the fact that we are unpaid volunteers and strictly non-political.</li> </ul> <p>Tracey offered one-to-one meetings if we feel it necessary at any time. This was much appreciated and we thanked her for her support, advice and attendance.</p>	<p><b>Secretary</b></p> <p><b>Secretary</b></p>
8	<p><b>Time and Date of Next Meeting.</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held in the Seaview Suite, Town Hall on Tuesday 16 April, 2013 at <b>1900</b>hrs.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2110 hrs.

Signed: .....(Mike Mulholland - Chair)

Date: .....