



Lossiemouth Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held in The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall On Wednesday 19th June 2013

Present

Mike Mulholland (Chair)
Jim Dartnall
Anna Mary Overing
Lynn Wood
Allan Wright (Cllr)
John Cowe (Cllr)
David Stewart
Adrian Banksby
Helen MacIntosh
Billy McLean
Tracey Rae (Moray Council)
Sheila Forbes (Secretary)
In attendance: Roo Hornby

The Chair opened the meeting at 1900hrs after welcoming all those attending.

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	Before the formal meeting started Mr Hornby gave the meeting a presentation on the forthcoming Orienteering Event which is to be held in Moray from 27 July 2013 to 3 August 2013. There will be around 4000 competitors and supporters in the area with the main event in Lossiemouth on 31 July when over 1000 competitors will take place in a sprint orienteering event in and around the Boyd Anderson Drive area. There will be a central area at the High School for light refreshments etc. however, there will be no alcohol available. The organisers are in a continuing dialogue with the Police. Mr Hornby informed the meeting that the competitors will be staying throughout Moray, mainly in self-catering accommodation or camping, but it is hoped that they will be encouraged to make the most of the facilities on offer in Lossiemouth. In answer to a question as to how the LCC could help, Mr Hornby asked that we let local groups, charities, clubs and traders know that they can set up stalls, and indeed ensure that people know the event is happening. We agreed to contact various local groups and pass info back to Mr Hornby. He prefers that info should come to him through one channel. As the event is seen as an exciting opportunity to showcase Moray and Lossiemouth in particular, the LCC is keen to support it as best we can. We would like to purchase some banners to display at the event. Tracey informed the meeting of a supplier being used by another CC. She agreed to send us information and it was agreed to form a sub-committee to decide on wording and colours etc.	JD and ?
1	Apologies. Apologies were received from Chris Tuke	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting with one amendment (Tracey Rae was not present) and signed by the Chair	Chair
3	Matters Arising <u>East Beach Bridge repairs</u> - Jim is still researching the ownership of the Bridge and gave a concise overview of the history of the Bridge. He had three possible funding	

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	<p>options:-</p> <p>i) CTC Replacement, costing around £250,000</p> <p>ii) Moray Brit Blasts, £100,000</p> <p>iii) Community Payback from the Wind Generator Company and commission Vertech of Wales to supply a plastic bridge which would be cheaper</p> <p>Cllr Cowe informed the meeting that the bridge had recently been risk assessed and has been found to be safe. Jim asked if we should contact the Engineers at Kinloss Barracks to carry out an independent survey of the bridge and it was agreed this was a good idea. After discussion, Mike suggested Jim go ahead and contact the Engineers. It is acknowledged that there are repairs needing done but the bridge is not a priority for The Moray Council (TMC) at present.</p> <p>It was felt that we should look into possible funding streams and we would have a better chance of a European Grant if the bridge belonged to the Community</p> <p><u>Citizen of the Year Award</u> – This award will be made to Denise and Stuart at 1630 on Friday 21 June 2013 at the Stotfield Hotel. Mike encouraged as many of the LCC members to attend as possible. He will purchase a voucher for the Stotfield for £25 and ask that they match it.</p> <p><u>Marine Park/Skate Park</u> - The Event held on 15 June was well attended and the organisers were pleased with the outcome.</p> <p><u>Gala Event</u> – Final list to be prepared and vetted by members. Mike asked if members would then be willing to contact a few of the groups to encourage take-up.</p> <p>David asked if the Raft Race could be extended to include other things, in the manner of the Portsoy Boat Festival. He was asked if the Wall of Rock was coming to Lossiemouth this year. It isn't, but it is possible that some other young bands could come along. He will report back to the next meeting</p> <p>Mike informed the meeting that George Reid is still happy to let the community use the Sheds at the Harbour for an event but it was felt it may not happen this year now.</p> <p><u>Beach Clean-Up</u> It was agreed the Beach clean-up went well and perhaps we should make it an annual event. Letters of thanks will be sent to the food suppliers.</p> <p>There was some food left over which is in the freezer at the Sailing Club. Mike wondered if there would be any interest in having an LCC get-together BBQ there. Cllr Wright informed the meeting that the Rotary Walk is due to end there the first Sunday in August and that this might be a good time to have a BBQ. Cllr Cowe will speak to the Sailing Club to co-ordinate. John informed the meeting that the Sailing Club are always looking for new members and have an open night every Thursday. It was suggested that the RAF Community Liaison Officer, Sarah Riley Evans, may like to pass this information to members of RAF Lossiemouth. Adrian undertook to speak to her.</p>	<p>JD/JC</p> <p>MM</p> <p>SF</p> <p>DS</p> <p>MM/SF</p> <p>AB</p>
4	Police Report. There was no representation from the Police.	
5.	Correspondence. Sheila informed the meeting that she has set up a calendar list for all electronic mail received. It will be logged and then moved to either the correspondence folder or the report folder. She asked that members check the list and folders and bring any queries to the next meeting. In addition, any (snail) mail received will be logged and a correspondence list will be issued with the Agenda for the next meeting.	SF
6	<p>Moray Councillors' Report.</p> <p>Cllr Wright gave an update on the repairs at Station Park. The Scottish Government</p>	

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	<p>has indicated that they have already allocated money to Moray for repairs for storm damage. TMC will pay for the proper repairs at an estimated cost of around £425,000. The contracts will go out to tender on 21st June 2013 and it is anticipated there is a 14 week lead-up. Cllr Cowe indicated that there is a local stonemason who is interested in the job, however he is not a registered supplier for TMC at present. Cllr Cowe has passed the procedure for registering to the individual.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe gave an update on the West Beach Café. It appears that the tenant did not apply for planning permission or building warrant before proceeding with the alterations to the Café. He has now applied for retrospective building warrant but it is anticipated there may be a problem because the disabled toilet is too small. Therefore, it is unlikely to be open for the summer season. Anna-Mary was asked if the Council could provide portaloos at the Beach or encourage a catering van to be sited there, but it appears the Council is going to push the tenant for a resolution to the issues.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe gave a report on the Esplanade toilets. The indicative costs amount to £7850 p/a, the break down including £1298 p/a for rates, £1088 water charges, £5030 maintenance, £300 electricity plus a sum for other supplies. If the toilet was owned by a charitable trust then it would not be liable for the rates. In this case the LCC cannot own the toilets but it has to be a separate group altogether. (Business Association or Heritage Group?). There was much discussion about the way forward but all were in agreement we wanted to keep these toilets open. We have to send an Expression of Interest (in writing) to Stephen Cooper, Head of Direct Services, TMC, before the Council Meeting on 3 July 2013. Sheila and Mike will action.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe informed the meeting that he has tried to contact the owner of Braelossie (the derelict house on Prospect Terrace) who lives in America on numerous occasions. His next step is to contact the local American Police to ascertain whether the owner is still living and if not then the house would have to become the subject of Compulsory Purchase order.</p>	SF/MM
7	<p>RAF Representation - The question of the lack of RAF representation was raised again. Adrian explained that CLO role had dramatically increased over time, but that he would speak to Sarah and report back.</p> <p>It was particularly felt that, as the Community Council, we should have been informed about the Armed Forces Day taking place in Lossiemouth on 23 June 2013. Tracey suggested that we send the CLO the dates of our meetings and put a regular item on the Agenda. If the CLO is unable to attend, perhaps she could submit a Report.</p> <p>Mike had received a message that 10 tickets for the Friends and Family Day at RAF Lossiemouth on 22 June 2013 have been posted out to him (not received yet). Lynn, Anna-Mary, David and Mike would like to attend. Mike will ask for more tickets.</p>	AB SF MM
8	<p>Agenda Items</p> <p>Armed Forces Day – This is taking place in Lossiemouth on 23 June 2013. It is anticipated this will be a hugely popular event and prestigious for the town. There will be a beer tent and a licence has been granted to the Football Club. Local alcohol by-laws will be complied with.</p> <p>Piping Hot, Forres – This event is taking place in Forres on 29 June 2013. Again it is a prestigious event with competitors from all over the world taking place. This event is to take place in Forres for the next 3 years.</p> <p>Raft Race – The next meeting regarding the Raft Race will take place on 1 July 2013 at the 1629 restaurant. Members of the LCC will be invited. There are to be licenced tents again. Mike was keen to stress the need to keep this event family friendly and hoped that it would not deteriorate as in years past.</p>	

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	<p>Community Council Elections and Leaflets - Tracey informed the meeting that the second Consultation is out and once the Scheme is in place, election dates will be announced. Tracey showed the meeting a poster and tri-page leaflet which is being distributed to all CC's. There was much debate in the sub-group of the JCC about using the Doric or Queen's English for the material. It was decided to use English for the posters but each CC can decide which for their own leaflets. It was agreed that LCC would use English. In addition, we are invited to contribute £75 to the JCC to support the Election process. LCC members are asked to help with the distribution of election materials. Mike to action.</p> <p>Action Plan – Mike informed the meeting that we should formulate an Action Plan for the future. He asked for this item to be put on the Agenda for full discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>New Secretary, Role and Responsibilities – These have been outlined in the information given by Tracey. Sheila declared she was happy to share these with the members of the Committee!</p> <p>Venue Change – The current meeting room does not comply with the Scheme regulations as there is no disabled access. We could consider asking Bernard if they would be willing to assist in this matter or look for alternative premises. It was suggested that the Community Centre could be used. There is availability on Tuesday nights and we would have access up till 2145. A sub-group will be set up to look at the options.</p> <p>Letters to Clubs/Groups – The list needs to be finalised and will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Various Improvements required around Lossiemouth – David spoke about a number of issues that have come to his attention. Cllr Cowe has undertaken to address them with the Council.</p> <p>Planning – Planning permission for the Cottages at Covesea Café has been granted but with conditions. Jim to send details to Sheila</p> <p>Resignations – Letters of thanks will be sent to the two members who recently resigned from the LCC.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>AMO/LW</p> <p>SF</p> <p>JD</p> <p>MM/SF</p>
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The issue of Jet-Ski's using the river estuary was discussed. There have been some complaints about the noise level and whether their presence has disturbed the local wildlife. It appears that the jet-ski users are legally entitled to use the river mouth as long as they don't go past the bridge.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe asked if the Senior Citizens Bus could be used to reduce the school taxi bill, but Jim explained that its constitution only allows for use by Senior Citizens.</p>	
8	<p>Time and Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 16 July 2013 at 7pm in the Seaview Room, Town Hall.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2115hrs.

Signed:(Mike Mulholland - Chair)

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