



# Lossiemouth Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting held in The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013

### **Present**

Mike Mulholland (Chair)  
Jim Dartnall  
Anna Mary Overing  
Allan Wright (Cllr)  
David Stewart  
Adrian Banksby  
PC Kenny Gauld  
Tracey Rae (Moray Council)  
Sheila Forbes (Secretary)

In attendance: John Smart, Sarah Rollo

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

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
1	<b>Apologies.</b> Apologies were received from Chris Tuke, John Cowe, Billy McLean, Lynn Wood and Tim Betts	
2	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>  The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting with some minor amendments and signed by the Chair.	<b>Chair</b>
3	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><u>Orienteering Event</u> - There was discussion around the purchasing of the banners for this and future events. It was agreed that we should purchase 3 banners. They should be adorned with the St. Gerardine's crest and the wording should read "Lossiemouth Community Council, Welcome". Keeping them quite unspecific means that the banners can then be used for any occasion. Mike and Sheila will liaise with the printer. Some people have already indicated they will take a stall at the Orienteering Event. Mike will check to see if the Brownies/Guides would like to attend and Anna-Mary needs Roo Hornby's contact details. Sheila to supply</p> <p><u>Citizen of the Year Award</u> – Mike reported that the presentation to Denise and Stuart went well.</p> <p><u>East Beach Bridge</u> – Mike reported that he had walked over the Bridge and feels that some areas may be dangerous, ie. some wooden treadways are wearing and the railings are corroded in places. Action to repair is difficult to instigate as we still do not know the ownership of the bridge and the Moray Council will only maintain if there appears to be a Health and Safety issue. Jim will liaise with John Cowe.</p> <p><u>Raft Race</u> - Mike reported back on the recent meeting. Unfortunately there was no-one from the RAF in attendance. Mike's main concern was that drinking should not be encouraged as it should remain a family event.</p> <p>An extension to the Raft Race has been discussed by the Community Council for quite some time now, and it is hoped that this can be taken forward once the Community has</p>	<p><b>MM/SF</b></p> <p><b>JD/JC</b></p>

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	<p>been consulted at the proposed gathering of groups in the Autumn.</p> <p><u>Beach Clean-Up</u> – It was agreed that this should remain an annual event and be held in the last week of May.</p> <p>It was agreed we would like to hold a BBQ at the Sailing Club on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 7pm. Mike will liaise with John Cowe to arrange.</p> <p><u>Toilets</u> – No further action will be taken in the short-term.</p> <p>.</p>	<b>MM/JC</b>
4	<p><b>Police Report.</b></p> <p>PC Kenny Gauld reported that there has recently been a Moray-wide increase in the theft of diesel fuel. Speeding on the main Elgin-Lossie road is still a concern, recently a motorcyclist had been clocked doing 115mph. PC Gauld asked if there was any progress on the provision of a skateboard park as recently a makeshift track had been built on the canal bank at the East Beach car park. He asks that the Police be included in any discussion about the siting of a skateboard track. David Stewart informed PC Gauld that a resident of Quarry Road has been in touch with him regarding ongoing vandalism (suffered for over two years now). Windows are being smashed by vandals hitting golf balls from the Quarry. The culprits are hidden by the dense shrubbery in the quarry and David asked if this could be cut back. He will contact John Cowe. PC Gauld reported that Tim Betts is currently in conversation with the residents of Quarry Road but urged the Community to report vandalism so that the Police can be aware of the bigger picture and act accordingly. He will report the concerns back to his colleagues. Finally, there are concerns over drug dealing in certain areas of Lossiemouth and PC Gauld undertook to arrange for a leaflet drop to be carried out.</p>	<p><b>DS/JC</b></p> <p><b>KG</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Correspondence.</b></p> <p>It was noted that Jim had not received any items via email due to the wrong address being held for him. Sheila to amend.</p> <p>An e-mail to the CC from a visitor to the Town was passed round the meeting. The gentleman was complimentary about our town and surrounding countryside but he highlighted the problem of the rubbish being discarded at the East Beach. He compared it to the worst he had seen in Third World Asian countries. He suggested we place a few large bins on the beach side and undertake a public education plan. There followed a full discussion on the topic and Mike was able to inform the meeting that Tim Betts had already begun to address the problem by putting up notices and undertaking more litter picking. However, it was felt that more needed to be done particularly at this busy time of year. It was recognised that the Moray Council had placed an extra bin at the car park but it had disappeared. Also it was suggested that more fines could be issued by the Community Warden but again it was agreed that there was only so much one individual could do. We agreed that an article should be placed in the Northern Scot and that we should purchase banners that could be placed at each end of the Bridge urging people to take their rubbish away with them.</p> <p>An issue highlighted by a resident in St Margaret's Crescent was being looked into by Cllr Cowe.</p>	<p><b>SF</b></p> <p><b>MM</b></p>
6	<p><b>RAF Representation</b> - Adrian reported that the CLO is very busy at present but is happy to be contacted by email should we need to discuss anything. Adrian is happy to wear two hats but he is going Out of Area soon. The Members reiterated their feeling that the RAF needs to be represented as they are such a major part of our Community. Adrian agreed to speak to Sarah once more.</p>	<b>AB</b>

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8	<p><b>Agenda Items</b></p> <p>1) Mike informed the Group of a recent meeting that he and John Cowe had had with Denise Gormley who is a Community Support Officer with Moray Council. She and Tracey are keen to offer support and guidance in the Lossiemouth Community Council's efforts to provide a more comprehensive service to the Community. Part of this effort is the idea of getting all the various groups in Lossie together and forming a body which could attract funding to allow the Community to carry out planned initiatives. Cllr Wright informed us that there are a number of different models in Moray ... some communities form an Association and one even employs a Development Officer. It was agreed that we have to be clear what our objectives are and how it is best to achieve them. The starting point is the gathering of the groups; a date needs to be decided and the letters need to go out. It was felt that the October Holidays may be the best time to hold a meeting. A venue needs to be booked, Sheila has undertaken to do this. It was agreed that a smaller group should be formed to take this initiative forward and a meeting will be held with Tracey on 30 July at 7pm in the Seaview Room, Town Hall. Lynn, Anna-Mary, Sheila and Mike to attend.</p> <p>2) <b>JCC Meeting – 8 August</b> - Mike and David will attend. Any questions for Richard Lochhead should be forwarded to Sheila or Tracey.</p> <p>3) <b>Sunbank Quarry</b> - Mike informed the meeting that he had been contacted by a representative of Smiths Gore. Pitgaveney Estates have taken back the land at Sunbank Quarry from the Moray Council and they wish to cut back a 10m strip of vegetation at the outer edge of the park for safety reasons. We were all in agreement that this should go ahead and fully endorsed Pitgaveney's action.</p> <p>4) <b>Action Plan</b> – The development of an Action plan will continue to be held on the Agenda to be discussed at future meetings and will tie in with the item noted at (1) above.</p> <p>5) <b>Clubs List</b> - A few more contact details were added to the list. Once complete and the letter revamped, this will form the basis of the meeting with Tracey noted at (1) above. Some Members of the CC undertook to telephone the groups after the letters have gone out.</p>	<p>LW/AMO/SF/MM</p> <p>MM/DS</p>
8	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Mike informed the meeting he had difficulty banking the cheque as the account had not been finalised. It is now.</p> <p>Anna-Mary raised the issue of how badly finished the recent road re-surfacing throughout the town is. Tracey agreed to contact the Council and suggested Anna-Mary speak to John Cowe. Anna-Mary also asked if the 1629 had permissions to extend their tables at the Armed Forces Day and whether they had Performing Rights Licences. It was believed they did. She also asked if anyone would be interested in hosting foreign students for a year.</p> <p>Sheila informed the meeting that we have received the promotional literature for the Community Council Elections. It was agreed to put them around the Town just prior to the opening of nominations on 19<sup>th</sup> August.</p>	TR/JC
8	<p><b>Time and Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 20 August 2013 at 7pm in the Seaview Room, Town Hall.</p>	

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

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

Date: .....