

Minutes

Lossiemouth Community Council Minutes			Be at the heart of your community
19 November 2013, 7.30 at Lossiemouth Community Centre			
Chair:		Mike Mulholland	
Attendees			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr John Cowe, Donna Milne, Lynn Wood, Anna-Mary Overing, Cllr Alan Wright, Malcolm Edwards, Maureen Garden, Carolle Ralph, Stuart Crowther, John Smart, Cllr Eric McGillivray, Suzanne Tait, Tina Mainland, Sgt Angie McCarthy (part), Sheila Forbes (Secretary)			
Apologies			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tim Stanning, Tim Betts, Cllr Chris Tuke			
Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome	Mike opened the meeting and welcomed two Associate Members, Suzanne and Tina, who would be representing young people. Mike expressed how much he is looking forward to working with the Community Council to get things done for our Community.	
2.	Police Update	Sgt McCarthy spoke to her report (attached to these Minutes). In addition, she outlined some initiatives her team would be involved with, ie. Anti-violence campaign, Winter Safe Driving Campaign and the Lossie Lights. There followed a discussion about the problem of motorists speeding in and around the town. It is hoped that the winter weather will curtail the speeders but the possibility of erecting some extra signage will be explored.	Sgt McC
3.	Guest Presentation	Mike welcomed Mr and Mrs Kelly and asked if they wanted to say anything at this point. Mr Kelly informed the meeting that they are interested in developing some properties in Lossiemouth and were interested in the workings of the Community Council. They wished to stay for the whole meeting.	
4.	Minutes of Last Meeting	These were agreed with some amendments. The Esplanade toilets are now closed and the Station Park toilets remain open but are locked each evening. Mike did not meet with Mr Sel Williams, but had telephone discussions with him.	
5.	Matters Arising	<p>a) East Beach Bridge b) Cycle Track</p> <p>These matters arising were not discussed at this point but Mike suggested at a later point in the meeting that they be added to the next meeting Agenda for full discussion</p>	SF

6.	Correspondence	<p>i) Mike outlined the background to the Moray Towns Partnership Fund. Essentially it is an award to Lossiemouth (and 3 other towns) for Economic Development. In the past, the Business Association was tasked with disbursing the monies and it has been used to provide promotional literature for Lossiemouth as well as supporting the development of the Lighthouse Project. However, it is now a requirement that representatives of both the LCC and the Business Association must have joint discussions in order to disburse funds. The Business Association recently required some more funds for a reprint of the promotional booklet and for an advert in Visit Scotland, totalling £6,000. Mike contacted 3 others members of the LCC, Carolle, Maureen and Malcolm, and it was agreed that this amount could be awarded to the Business Association. Mike is to write a formal letter informing Bernard.</p> <p>There is now £4K left in the Fund for this financial year with £15k becoming available next April. Cllr Wright advised that, as the £15k would be the last tranche of monies from the MTP Fund, careful consideration should be given to its use for the Community. Mike informed the meeting that Jim Grant, TMC, would be attending the next meeting to give some guidance on operating the Fund. Following a query from Stuart about transparency in the disbursing of these monies, it was agreed that anyone with an interest in a body receiving funds, should declare an interest. Cllr McGillivray informed the group of a change in the Code of Conduct 2 years ago which states that people should declare an interest but are no longer disbarred from voting, if appropriate.</p> <p>ii) Report of Town Community meeting Mike went through the Report produced by the Community Support Unit, which all agreed was a concise summary of the evening's events. Thanks were voiced to the CSU for their support in making the evening a success and it was agreed that a formal letter of thanks should be sent to Denise Gormley and her Team.</p> <p>There were 36 groups in attendance with 44 representatives, which was felt to be a good response. Mike picked out a number of ideas and suggestions from the community groups present which prompted a discussion around</p>	<p>MM/SF</p> <p>MM/SF</p>
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		<p>the table. In particular, it was noted that at the time of the “Save RAF Lossiemouth” campaign, some assurances were given by the RAF to the LCC that if successful certain benefits may be given to the Community. It was felt that this needs to be followed up with the Stn Cdr at RAF Lossiemouth. Mike to write to him asking for a meeting where these things can be clarified.</p> <p>It was asked if a report of the Community Meeting would be sent out to the attendees? Mike will liaise with the CSU as to the next step.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold an extra meeting of the LCC on 3 December at 7pm at the Stotfield Hotel in order to move forward with this initiative.</p> <p>iii) Burghead and Cummington Community Council Constitution – this was added as Cllr Tuke advised us that it would be prudent to add a clause to our Constitution regarding “Title to Property”. It was agreed to do so, and further discuss the Constitution at the next meeting.</p>	<p>MM/SF</p> <p>MM</p>
7.	Treasurers Report	N/A at this meeting	
8.	Community Feedback	N/A at this meeting	
9.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	<p>Cllr Cowe informed the meeting that work will commence on the Harbour Wall in January '14 and should be finished by Easter '14. The contract has been awarded to South Bay Construction, South Shields. They may do some remedial work prior to the main contract starting but the lego blocks will remain meantime.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe also informed us that Building Warrant has now been awarded to the Ponderosa Café and the owner will undertake to work on the Disabled toilets before hopefully opening next Spring.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe has had a meeting with Lt Col Tim Marsden, CO at Kinloss Barracks. Col Marsden is keen to support projects in Moray and members of his staff have had preliminary meetings with the LCC regarding the Bridge. Cllr Cowe reminded the meeting that the</p>	

		<p>difficulty of maintaining the bridge is one of ownership. After much research by a previous Community Councillor, it is still not known who owns the Bridge. However, Cllr Cowe informed the meeting that there could be a way for The Moray Council (TMC) to assume ownership and then sell it to the Community for £1. In addition, there is an issue around Public Liability Insurance but further discussion needs to be had on the whole subject. If the Community did own the Bridge then funding streams would need to be accessed in order to pay for materials etc. Cllr Cowe outlined a few:-</p> <p>Heritage Lottery, Environmental Grant, EU Funding, Leader Funding, - match funding.</p> <p>John Smart expressed the opinion that we should be careful about taking on ownership due to the costs involved. Carolle informed the meeting that the Heritage Group had been approached in the past but they didn't want to take it on due to the liability and there being no way of making money from the bridge. Cllr Wright expressed the opinion that all avenues could be explored but the process is not straightforward. It was agreed that the Bridge is placed as a discussion point for the LCC Action Plan.</p> <p>Cllrs Cowe reported there is a list of Trust Funds available, and Cllr McGillivray added that the LCC would need to set up a charitable trust and be a constituted group. Cllr Wright urged caution and again this topic will need further discussion.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe informed the meeting about Developer Contribution monies which are available to Lossiemouth High School. Criteria for accessing the monies are not set up yet but will be looked at by the 4 Councillors covering the School catchment area. Cllr Cowe will keep the LCC informed.</p> <p>Cllr Wright informed the meeting that Councillors will see the first sight of the Council's 10 Year Plan on 20 November. It is a work-in progress but appears to be quite sophisticated. In addition, a vote on the Library Closures will be held on 20 November.</p> <p>It was noted that Lossiemouth High Teacher, Alex Munro, had been named Scottish Physics Teacher of the Year. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations should be sent to him.</p>	<p>MM/SF</p> <p>JC</p> <p>MM/SF</p>
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