

Minutes

Lossiemouth Community Council Minutes 18 February, 7.30 at Community Centre				
Chair:	Mike Mulholland			
Attendees				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donna Milne, Maureen Garden, Carolle Ralph, Lynn Wood, PC Donald Matheson, Community Warden Tim Betts, Cllr Eric McGillivray, Cllr John Cowe, Cllr Chris Tuke, Alison Mitchell (sec). Jim Grant, Head of Development Services, Moray Council, Sarah Rollo (Northern Scot) 				
Apologies				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Allan Wright, John Smart, Stuart Crowther, Adrian Barksby, Anna-Mary Overing, Tim Stanning, Malcolm Edwards, Tracey Rae 				
Topic	Discussion	Action		
1. Police Update	<p>PC Matheson attended and spoke to the Report previously submitted by Sgt. Angela McCarthy and attached to these Minutes.</p> <p>Mike enquired if ethnicity of offenders was available - PC Matheson was unable to supply any details.</p> <p>Mike enquired how those reported for driving offences had been dealt with. PC Matheson advised that majority would have been by Fixed Penalty Notice.</p> <p>Tim Betts, Community Warden attended and spoke to Report previously submitted and attached to these minutes. Dog Fouling being one of his priorities.</p>			
2. Guest Presentation	<p>Jim Grant, in his role as Head of Development Services, Moray Council, advised Town Partnership money totalling £19K was still available for spending on Community Projects which met set criteria - £15K forthcoming year plus £4K unspent from last year. £5K of this type of funding is being used, from previous allocation, for the Coastal Path. He cannot guarantee that any unspent monies this year will be carried to next. The LBA has been allocated funds from this in the past. It can be used as 'match funding' in larger</p>			

		<p>projects or for smaller projects. Carolle Ralph suggested LCC should establish what local community sees as a priority.</p> <p>Mike suggests meeting need to be arranged with LBA.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe reminded those in attendance of Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) funding which is underused in Lossiemouth. Jim Grant advised that Reni Millburn and her team at Moray Council would assist on funding. Cllr McGillivray reminded those in attendance of the importance of going to Reni and to any funding pitch opportunity with a thoroughly thought out business plan. Jim Grant advised that Moray Council hold an annual meeting re funding and how to pitch.</p>	
3.	Public Discussion	No public attendance at this meeting.	
4.	Minutes of Last Meeting	The Minutes of the last meeting were amended and agreed.	
5.	Matters Arising	<p>a) East Beach Bridge - Cllr Cowe provided Survey Report done after 15 Dec 2012 high tides. He feels there is some progress with regards to ownership but no definitive answer he will liaise with previous Community Councillor, Jim Dartnell, who is continuing to work on this project. Lengthy discussion on how liability may be covered - Cllr Tuke and Cllr McGillivray suggested that if it became a community asset, through the Community Council, it may be covered by Moray Council public liability insurance. Cllr Cowe agreed to investigate this.</p> <p>Mike reminded LCC that the CO at Kinloss Barracks is happy for the Army to assist in this project but that ownership needs to be established. He also advised that he has been in contact with the CO at RAF Lossiemouth regarding their involvement in community projects.</p> <p>b) Cycle Track - Cllr McGillivray suggests contact be made with Ian Douglas and Elaine Penney, Moray Council and Sarah Riley Evans (RAF Press Officer) as there may be previous work on this.</p> <p>c) Cllr Cowe informed the meeting that he believes the Ponderosa café at the West Beach will be open by Easter and that the</p>	JC MM

		<p>disabled toilets will be fixed. Cllr Tuke did add that leaseholder is and has been in breach of his lease for some time.</p> <p>d) Cllr Cowe has provided useful contact info to Kenneth Simpson in relation to funding issue with Lossiemouth JFC</p>	
6.	Correspondence	<p>Correspondence discussed is in the Lossiecc email yahoo account.</p> <p>Alison Mitchell suggested that Subject Headers be updated in the yahoo email account to reflect content of message - this was agreed.</p>	AM
7.	Treasurers Report	<p>In the absence of Tim Stanning, Mike Mullholland reported that he and Carolle Ralph are now signatories.</p>	MM
8.	Community Feedback	<p>Mo raised the issue of Dog Fouling - as discussed this is a priority for Community Warden Tim Betts, he is involving schools and other local groups and has plans for a 'spray and collect' day in the Spring. He would act on any information provided regarding offenders/locations. Jim Grant, Head of Development Services, Moray Council advised that Moray Council would take action, by means of Fixed Penalty Notice on witness statements identifying offenders.</p> <p>Carolle has had the issue of Parking - Queen Street/King Street junction mentioned to her.</p> <p>Both Carolle and Mo spoke of Parking/Speed problems at St. Gerardines School area - drop off/pick up time.</p> <p>PC Matheson undertook to raise these issues with PS McCarthy and colleagues. He advised that more officers locally are trained/are being trained in the use of Speed Detector Guns.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe mentioned the large Funeral tea at Stotfield Hotel when a number of Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued.</p> <p>PC Matheson undertook to raise this with</p>	

		<p>PS McCarthy.</p> <p>All agreed it was unfortunate in such circumstances but it was a difficult area in which to park a large number of vehicles.</p> <p>Mo spoke of an elderly resident requesting Dustmen to collect bins from inside property line. Cllr Cowe agreed to arrange this.</p> <p>Carolle mentioned the poor condition of the bus shelter outside the Community Centre - Cllr McGillivray suggested making contact with Peter Findlay, Moray Council to discover who was responsible for it and if anything could be done</p>	<p>MG/JC</p> <p>MM</p>
9.	Reports		
	a) Local Councillor(s)	<p>Cllr Cowe informed the meeting that the Raft Race date has been changed to 3 August. It was discussed and agreed that SEAFEST would be unlikely to run over 3 days this year as the date is close to another large event to be arranged by Moray Chamber of Commerce. There are also issues to be clarified over location of SEAFEST marquee and 'showies'. It was however agreed that there is no reason why a SEAFEST event could not be held elsewhere on an evening of the weekend of 3 August.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe is still in contact with Moray Housing Partnership regarding ongoing problems in Imlach Way.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe advised that the money from the Scottish Government for the Harbour Wall cannot be ring fenced for use later in the year but the work on the wall is proceeding at a pace. Carolle asked about the breakwater/wall adjacent to the unused putting green at Station Park, which has been infilled with concrete but is still allowing seawater to break through. Cllr Cowe said this was part of the repair currently being carried out.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe advised that the floor repair in</p>	

		<p>the Lossiemouth High School hall was now completed, although there were still a few flaws being dealt with by the contractor. He informed LCC that between June 2013 and February 2014 the Community Centre had lost in excess of £7K in bookings. Carolle asked if this new floor was suitable for all events, there had been issues re the wearing of heels in the hall in the past and if this was still the case the financial implications would continue. Cllr Cowe undertook to discover if this was still the case.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe has been contacted by organisation marking the issue of the Victoria Cross in WW1 to Alexander Edwards from Lossiemouth.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe requests a letter be sent from the Community Council thanking Mr Nasmith from Pitgaveny Estates for his assistance in cutting the buckthorn on the West Beach Path and information he provided with regard to the possible ownership of East Beach Bridge - as discussed earlier.</p>	JC
	b) Community Council Sub Group	No reports	MM
	c) Chair	<p>1) East Beach Bridge - discussed earlier 2) Coastal Path - discussed earlier 3) Harbour Wall - discussed earlier 4) Communication - discussion in hand with Stuart re communication within LCC. 5) Group (Club) co-ordination Diary of Events drafted - some amendments suggested by Lynn, Alison and Cllr McGillivray - agreed.</p> <p>Mike advised that CSU have drafted a letter to go out to groups with details of issues raised and what might or is being done to rectify them. And that the database with details of local groups will shortly be forwarded to LCC. Cllr McGillivray raised issue of such details being used by LCC and the security of email addresses.</p> <p>Meeting scheduled for 26 Feb cancelled, new meeting date in March to be arranged</p>	

		<p>- it is proposed for 27 March - not circulated as yet.</p> <p>Mike requests a meeting of the Sub Group to set up a structure for the proposed group meeting - this is to be held 7.15pm 25 Feb at Stotfield Hotel.</p> <p>Issue re A96 signage to advertise Lossiemouth was raised again - Brown Tourist signage suggested - Cllr McGillivray suggests Tourist Board contacted on how we may go about this.</p>	MM
10.	Planning Issues	<p>Cllr Cowe reported there were issues over a fence Church St/Elgin Rd. The owner of the fence has been advised that Planning Permission must be sought.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe advised that there has been no objection to the new cutting of the Coastal Path at the West Beach and this would start 19 February.</p>	JC
11.	The Joint Community Council of Moray	<p>Carolle briefly outlined some of the issues raised at JCC on 13 Feb.</p> <p>Equality Information Officer - Access to Streets - any LCC Feedback.</p> <p>SEPA - there will be Flood/Tide warning numbers to register with to get alerts.</p> <p>Representation at Community Planning. Due to the lateness of the hour these matters to be discussed more fully at the next meeting</p>	CR
12.	AOCB	Cllr Tuke raised issue of toilets and funding of other facilities at Lighthouse. Limited time for discussion. May be discussed in the future.	
13.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	18 March 2014, 7.30pm, Lossiemouth Community Centre.	

Meeting concluded at 9.50pm