



Lossiemouth Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held in The Seaview Suite Main Town Hall On Tuesday 20th August 2013

Present

Mike Mulholland (Chair)
Chris Tuke (Cllr)
Tracey Rae (Moray Council)
Jim Dartnall
Billy McLean
Sgt Angela McCarthy
Tim Betts
Adrian Barksby
Allan Wright (Cllr)
John Cowe (Cllr)
Sheila Forbes (Secretary)

In attendance: Sarah Rollo, Tanya Smith, Kirsten O'Donnell and neighbours, Alex Flett, Clive Sheil, Iona Keilhorn

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

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY
1	Apologies. Apologies were received from Lynn Wood and Anna-Mary Overing	
2	<p>Public Discussion</p> <p>(i) Mrs Tanya Smith attended the meeting and gave an outline of her complaint about the Recycling Facility at Coularbank. She spoke about the nuisance caused by the smell, increase of seagull activity and subsequent implications, eg. having to clean up seagull droppings from her car, children's toys, garden furniture etc. She disputes the need to have such a facility so close to residential areas and has written to Richard Lochhead, MSP, with her concerns. She received a response which she read out to the meeting and has given us a copy. Mrs Smith has also spoken to the Press and had an article in last week's Northern Scot.</p> <p>Mr Clive Sheil another resident in the area, also spoke about the increase in seagull activity and the nuisance it caused residents. There was a discussion around what can be done about the seagull nuisance in the town. The legal situation is that all non-lethal steps to remove seagulls must be taken prior to further action. If there is to be further action, a Licence must be obtained and the Scottish Heritage Agency must be informed.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe informed the meeting that he has spoken to Mrs Smith and Mr Sheil personally. The position regarding the Recycling Plant is that it had to be moved from Buckie following the recent increase in recycling bins. A certain amount of material must be processed daily, but unfortunately the Baler cannot cope with the volume. Cllr Cowe read out an email from Steve Williamson (Waste Manager, TMC) regarding the situation.</p> <p>Waste Watchers, the Charity which runs the resource (which provides work for people with learning disabilities) is aware of the issues and have already taken some steps to alleviate the problems highlighted by concerned neighbours and residents. However, it was reported by neighbouring residents that the bales of material which were initially produced are still awaiting collection, the screening is too flimsy and the area is</p>	

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	<p>generally messy. It was agreed that more needs to be done but it is hoped that as the summer recedes at least the smell problem may be resolved.</p> <p>Cllr Wright gave a firm undertaking that The Moray Council (TMC) will do whatever it can to improve the situation and he will keep in touch with Steve Williamson. Unfortunately there is no budget to provide a shed at present, but it is hoped that once the Flood Alleviation work is completed in Elgin, they may be able to relocate the Facility. He advised that members of the public refrain from feeding seagulls and suggested the Community Warden may want to become involved. It was also felt that the problems may be alleviated if people washed out the cans and plastic bottles before placing in the recycling bins.</p> <p>Mrs Smith recognised the difficulties around the situation but wanted firm assurances that something will be done, rather than potentially happen, and she intends to continue her campaign.</p> <p>Mike thanked Mrs Smith, Mr Sheil and Mr Flett for their input and they left the meeting.</p> <p>(ii) Tim Betts introduced some residents of Drainie Road who wished to outline their concerns about the dangers they face from speeding cars and bikes on a daily basis. Kirstin O'Connell is their spokesperson but both families present gave their views. It would appear that motorists use the road as a race track, and due to its position next to the view point for RAF Lossiemouth, it is continuously used. The residents have often found themselves blocked into their drives. If they ask the motorists to move they are often faced with intimidation. There have been a number of minor accidents already and they believe something more serious is bound to happen. They would like some double yellow lines painted or a mirror placed to help them come out of their drives. The residents have approached the RAF for assistance. The MOD has agreed to provide signs but is awaiting funding. Sgt McCarthy suggested "Children Slow" signs could be placed or a speed reduction could be introduced. It was also suggested that bushes along the roadside could be cut back, but this depends on who owns the land. Cllr Wright will take the issues back to the Road Safety and Traffic Department to see what can be done.</p> <p>Mike thanked Mrs O'Connell and families and they left the meeting.</p>	AW
3	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting with a minor amendment and signed by the Chair.</p>	MM
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Orienteering Event</u> - Mike informed the meeting that the banners purchased had proved a great success. He and Cllr Cowe placed them at various vantage points throughout the Event and had heard reports that the Orienteers had felt welcomed to Lossie! Cllr Cowe informed the meeting that the Event had brought £1.6m of benefit into the Moray economy.</p> <p><u>BBQ</u> – Due to an inclement weather forecast it was decided to cancel the BBQ on Thursday 22 August. It was agreed that we should choose another date when there is a good forecast. Cllr Cowe will inform Sailing Club</p> <p><u>RAF Representation</u> – Ade Barksby confirmed that he will be the RAF Liaison person as well as CC member from now on, as the RAF CLO is unable to attend meetings. She is, however, happy to be contacted by email. Ade reminded us he is going to Afghanistan shortly, and we wish him well.</p>	JC

4	<p>Reports</p> <p>Police Report – Sgt Angela McCarthy spoke to her Report, previously distributed to all CC Members, and which is annexed to these Minutes.</p> <p>Mike asked Sgt McCarthy how the Raft Race had gone – she reported there were some minor issues which she will discuss with the RAF Organisers. The numbers appeared to be reduced and this was possibly due to the Keith Show being held on the same day. Jim Dartnall informed the meeting that there is an Events Dairy managed by TMC so that clashes can be kept to a minimum, http://morinfo.moray.gov.uk/morinfo_ind.php.</p> <p>The pubs were full and there was no outside drinking. Windswept Breweries were in attendance and there were no problems there either.</p> <p>It was felt by all that the RAF Race had been a success and that letters of thanks should go to RAF Lossiemouth and The Moray Council. Sheila and Mike to action.</p> <p>Community Warden's Report – Tim Betts spoke to his Report, previously distributed to all CC Members, and which is annexed to these Minutes.</p> <p>Tim thanked everyone who came to assist in the Beach Clean-Up. He feels that since that time there has been a reduction in litter on the Beach.</p> <p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Cllr John Cowe – John congratulated all on the success of the Raft Race and echoed Tim's thanks regarding the East Beach Clean-Up. John has now filled 60 bags of rubbish from both beaches himself. He also informed the meeting it is likely there will be volunteer Life Guards at the East Beach next year. More info in due course.</p> <p>The road leading up to the Lighthouse is being cleaned up by the Criminal Justice Department. They will be cutting back all the whins which will enhance the Lighthouse Entrance.</p> <p>The grass and toilet facilities at the Cemetery need to be tidied up and he will bring this to the Council's attention.</p> <p>Finally, John reported that the Harbour Wall will be attended to over the winter months.</p> <p>Cllr Alan Wright – Alan advised the LCC that they should arrange a meeting with the Business Association as soon as possible, to discuss spending the monies available from the Towns' Partnership Fund for the benefit of the Community. There is £11,000 left for 2013-2014 and £15,000 available for 2014-1015. Mike to arrange.</p> <p>Cllr Cowe agreed to send the Objectives for the Towns' Partnership Fund to Sheila.</p> <p>Cllr Chris Tuke – Chris informed the meeting that the development of Brown Muir as a Wind Farm has been scaled back.</p> <p>Chair's Report – Mike also spoke about the success of the Raft Race and will write a note to the Station Commander and staff. The LCC is working towards arranging a Gala Week in coming years to coincide with the Raft Race.</p> <p>Funding for the car park at the Lighthouse has been turned down but this is seen as a temporary hitch which will be addressed elsewhere. They have received £10k from the Robertson Trust and £26k from the Fisheries Fund . The cottages are proving very popular and the income from these along with the award from the Towns' Partnership Trust has been very welcome. There will be a charge of £3/adult and £1/child at the Visitor Centre.</p> <p>Mike has been in discussion with Mr Sel Williams, Barrack Staff Officer, 39Regt Engineers based at Kinloss Barracks, regarding the East Beach Bridge. Mr Williams</p>	<p>MM/SF</p> <p>MM/SF</p> <p>JC</p> <p>MM</p>
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	<p>believes it is the sort of project the Engineers would like to be involved in as a training exercise. There would need to be a survey done to assess what work needs to be done and this is in hand.</p> <p>Mike has been approached by someone regarding a Cycle Track between Lossie and Hopeman. This is a project which has been looked at many times in the past and various people have information on it which may help us take this forward. Mike to follow up.</p> <p>Mike updated the members on a meeting held between a sub-group of the LCC and Denise Gormley and Tracey Rae, TMC on 30th July regarding the development of a Trust or Association which can help the Town identify priorities, join everything up and move forward.</p> <p>The date for bringing all the Groups/Clubs together is now the 6th of November in the Town Hall. There will be a further meeting of the sub-group on 4th September at 7pm in the Seaview Room. Sheila to book</p> <p>Mike gave a quick update from the JCC Meeting on 8th August. He reported there was some discussion around a Trust which provides funding to protect and restore green spaces, called Fields in Trust. Tracey will pass info to the Community Council.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>SF/MM/LW/AMO/JC</p> <p>TR</p>
5.	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>All correspondence received between meetings is noted and stored in the LCC email account. None was brought forward for further discussion.</p>	
6	<p>Agenda Items for discussion</p> <p>a) Coularbank Recycling Centre – this was discussed fully at the start of the meeting.</p> <p>b) Road Resurfacing – Adrian asked when Queen Street will be resurfaced as it is in a poor state of repair. Cllr Cowe will check the Schedule and let us have a copy.</p> <p>c) TellmeScotland is a national portal used by the Scottish Government for its Public Information Notices. TMC are using it for some documents.</p> <p>d) Zero Waste Scotland – Sheila will forward information re. funding for litter and fly-tipping projects to Tim Betts.</p> <p>e) Election Posters/Leaflets - Sheila and Jim to distribute. At this point Mike informed the meeting that David Stewart will be standing down as a Co-opted Member due to personal reasons. Nomination forms must be in by 26 September.</p> <p>f) Community Safety Strategy – Unfortunately, no-one is available to attend the Launch of this Strategy on 23 August.</p> <p>g) Millenium Association – Sheila read out an email received from the LMA re. the potential purchase of a tree. After discussion, it was decided that the members would like more information from an alternative source before committing to the purchase of a tree, but subject to this, were in agreement in principle to purchase, motion proposed by Mike and seconded by Jim.</p> <p>h) Moray Feelgood Festival – Sheila directed members to website for further information.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>SF</p> <p>SF/JD</p> <p>JC</p>

7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>1. Iona Keilhorn from the Lossie Heritage Association was in attendance and wanted to update the LCC on projects being considered by the Heritage Association. Mrs Keilhorn was under the impression that the meeting started at 7.30pm as this is the time still noted in the Northern Scot. Jim has undertaken to inform the Scot of the change of time. Mike apologised that she had had to sit through the whole meeting before being able to speak but we were unaware that she wished to speak.</p> <p>The Heritage Association wish to repair parts of the Moray Coastal Trail between Shore Street, the Beach Bar area and the West Beach. It is a public right of way but is owned by various owners which creates difficulties. Planning Permission is being sought at present. 39 Regt at Kinloss Barracks have indicated they will do the work as a training exercise and will start at the end of the year if permission is granted.</p> <p>The Association also wish to do work at Kinneddar Castle (part of which can be seen at the old Cemetery opposite the Camp). They have written to the Vatican and Prince Charles for permission.</p> <p>The Association is in possession of the old Lossiemouth Provost Lanterns and are looking for ideas for use. In addition, they are looking for ideas for suitable projects and Billy suggested making repairs at the old Cemetery noted above, as it has fallen into disrepair.</p> <p>2. It was noted that this evening's meeting had been exceptionally busy and the formal business of the LCC had been a bit rushed due to the additional speakers attending. Tracey suggested that we allocate half an hour at the beginning of each meeting as a public session and it was agreed this was a good idea.</p> <p>.</p>	JD
8	<p>Time and Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 17 September 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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