

Minutes

Lossiemouth Community Council			Be at the heart of your community
17 June 2014 Community Centre			
Chair:		Mike Mulholland	
Attendees			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">John Smart, Adrian Barksby, Stuart Crowther, Tim Stanning, Carolle Ralph, Donna Milne, Alison Mitchell (Secretary) Councillors Tuke, Wright, and Cowe, Sarah Rollo (Northern Scot) Constable Brian Dick. Members of the Community Robert Davies and John Wood.			
Apologies			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anna Mary Overing, Lynn Wood, Maureen Garden, Community Warden Tim Betts, Councillor McGillivray.			
Topic		Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome	Chair welcomed everyone and invited Local Community Attendees to speak first.	
2.	Local Community Attendees	Robert Davies and John Wood explained attendance as Jet Skiers due to recent publicity over one Jet Skier breaking local agreement which was reached a couple of years ago - the discussion at that time had involved Jet Skiers, Community Council, Police and Coastguard. Mr Davies explained that the incident recently had involved someone who had only recently bought a jet ski and he had since been advised of the local agreement by Mr Wood. Stuart Crowther said he was very concerned that an accident may occur if this behaviour happened again. There was lengthy discussion over the creation of a local bye-law - Cllrs Tuke and Wright advised that this process was extremely lengthy and expensive and if byelaw was created there would then be the issue of policing. Carolle Ralph said that issues of bye laws had been raised prior to the discussions of two years ago which had resulted in the local agreement. Mr Davies and Mr Wood felt that the incident had given jet skiers bad publicity when they have been instrumental in rescuing people in difficulty. Mr Davies said that they paid dues to the Harbour and were numbered to make them identifiable - Mr Davies and Mr Wood agreed that numbers should possibly be larger and they were keen to	

		<p>have access to the water restricted from the harbour - by a locked gating system to ensure dues were paid and jet skiers registered with harbour board, liability insurance in place and they hoped improved signage could be put in place. There was discussion about surfers making themselves more visible (bright/fluorescent bands, tops) in the water to swimmers and jet skiers - this had been discussed a couple of years ago but was not happening. It may be best for those concerned about safety. Mr Wood and Mr Davies requested a member of the Community Council assist them in their discussions with the Harbour Board. Stuart Crowther agreed to do this and report back to the Community Council.</p> <p>Mike Mulholland mentioned the amenity of the river, sea and beach was for all but not everyone appreciated the noise from the jet skis continually on a bonnie day if they had gone to take in the view.</p> <p>Constable Dick made it clear that there were offences that may be applicable to dangerous behaviour, by anyone in the water, Culpable and Reckless Conduct and Breach of the Peace. But as with all offences witnesses, to the behaviour they find concerning, must provide statements providing sufficient evidence for a prosecution to be considered.</p>	SC
3.	Police Update	<p>Police report attached.</p> <p>Constable Dick apologised on behalf of Inspector Robertson who had been due to attend the meeting but had a shift change at short notice and was unable to attend.</p> <p>Constable Dick emphasised the importance of witnesses to any offence coming forward with information and providing a statement - vital for any prosecution. He hoped that the 'smiley face' speed indicators had been noticed in the town and everyone agreed on their effectiveness in cutting down on incidents of speeding vehicles. Tim Stanning mentioned the amount of vehicles travelling at well in excess of the 30mph</p>	

		<p>sign at the Kinnedar side of Muirton Road. Constable Dick said that Traffic Officers had recently been active at that location but he would mention this again to them and other officers. He advised that there was a Police Surgery in the Community Centre on Wednesday 18 June and he hoped it had been better advertised than the last - he had made attempts to have the event highlighted on the Police Scotland Facebook page but it did not seem to be there. Stuart Crowther indicated that there appeared to be significantly less noise in the area of the Beach Bar at the end of the evening and Constable Dick agreed that this was well policed and he would feedback that a change had been noticed.</p> <p>Constable Dick - in the absence of Community Warden Betts - advised that Litter Picks were still being arranged and attended by Community Warden Betts.</p>	
4.	Minutes of Last Meeting	Agreed.	
5.	Matters Arising	a) Proposed Community Development Plan - BAD Group Access - meeting to be Chaired by Cllr Cowe with the group and representative from Moray council at 18 June 2014, 7pm at Lossie High School, Dining Hall. Mike Mulholland will attend along with any other available Community Councillors.	JC/MM
6.	Correspondence	Forwarded to Community Councillors via email, starred items in yahoo mail. Sadly Malcolm Edwards had resigned from his role as a Community Councillor - Mike Mulholland thanked him for his work and support. This was agreed by all.	
7.	Matters from Community Councillors	Jet Skis - discussed at item 1 above.	
8.	Treasurers Report	Tim Stanning reported £3424.78 was held - £1800 of which was the bequest money specifically for flowers, which had now been spent on planting on the Esplanade and the Square.	
9.	Reports	a) Chair	

		<p>i) Greenfingers have done an excellent job of the planting - Mike Mulholland has spoken with Fire Brigade who have agreed in principal to be involved in the watering. Tim Stanning to meet them 6.30pm 18 June 2014.</p> <p>ii) Update re LBA and Moray Partnership Funding - this was around £14000 and although the LBA appeared to be pushing for an indication what this was to be spent on, Denise Gormley had advised that the funds did not have to be spent until March 2015, it was felt that the LCDT should be instrumental in the spending, taking into consideration the issues raised at the Groups meetings held in Nov 2013 and April 2014. Some of this had already been addressed by the planting by Greenfingers and the maintenance of £90 per month would need to be covered by the Partnership Funding. Banners would also soon be in place for Seafest - these could be looked at and if fir for purpose more purchased, another thing on the Group wish list would then be addressed. More Picnics benches and street art were also mentioned on the wish list - John Cowe advised that heavy duty picnic benches had been made for Hopeman at the cost of around £225 from another Community run project - details would be available from Hopeman Association.</p> <p>iii) Litter Pick at the West Beach had been successful 24/25 May - further pick to be carried out 30 August or 6 September.</p> <p>iv) There was the opportunity of a bin to be placed on East Beach - it was envisaged that it would be difficult to have it emptied - it was decided signage could be used to encourage people to take litter home. Stuart Crowther to contact SEPA to enquire if dot matrix sign at East</p>	MM/TS
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10	Planning Issues	Nothing reported	
11	AOCB	<p>John Smart advised that he was contact with Moray Tennis Forum with the intention of providing a cup for a sports competition - especially as AMP were doing such positive things with Marine Park.</p> <p>Ade Barksby advised of the arrival of the</p>	

		<p>Typhoon Squadron at RAF Lossie and the continued increase in numbers over the rest of the year. There is to be a Flypast on 20 June.</p> <p>Mike Mulholland advised that Alison Mitchell was finishing as Secretary and requested that if anyone knew someone who would take up the position please let him know ASAP. Ade Barksby said he would put a notice out at RAF Lossiemouth to see if anyone wanted to get involved.</p> <p>Mike Mulholland also said that with Malcolm Edwards stepping down and Lynn Wood being unable to attend recently he would be proposing Jamie Lumley and Janet Tryfell - who had indicated they would like to get involved - as Associate or Co - opted members. He would be contacting Lynn Wood to clarify her position.</p>	
12	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	15 July 2014, 7pm, Community Centre.	

Meeting concluded 9pm