

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 17 August 2026**

Date: Monday 17 August 2026

Time: 19:00

Location: Lossiemouth Community hub

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Lily Mulholland, Gina McNicoll, Marian Evans, Maureen Halkett, Dave Walker, John Cowe, Bridget Mustard, Alison Read, James Allan, Louise McBride, Donna Jamieson, Val Pastakia, Chris Pastakia

Apologies: Kristi Lunt, Andrea Dowds, Neil Cameron

Agenda:

1- Police and RAF Update:

No police present. Apologies received from Andrea. Donna our community warden attended. We thanked her for organizing the barrier at Station Park to prevent vehicles parking on the grass and for her work in addressing the issue at St Margaret's Crescent.

Matters Arising

School transport to and from Muirton area remains an ongoing issue and again we reinforce our opinions already expressed to the local authority that M Connect bus should be utilized.

Litter picks, we thanked Marian for organizing the litter picks across the summer months, we have had good turn outs of volunteers to our own ones and also thank the various companies and organisations who have also helped keep Lossie tidy.

(Arthur's Bridge)

We continue to fight for a new bridge and tomorrow Lily and Carolle will attend our MSP Laura Mitchell's surgery to ensure we continue the fight on all fronts. Carolle has written to Nicola Moss to get any updates, and we have been assured that it is the priority in the next round of funding for capital projects. Maureen has written to the LBA to ask for their support. They will raise it at their agm.

Sand Dune Restoration Project

Grasses to be ordered and schools contacted about the next stage of planting. Moray Golf Club will start work on Saturday 22 August in the morning on doing an area close to the Beach Hut. They are using our surplus Christmas trees and we will help as much as we can. All welcome from 9am to 12.

Boardwalk will be done on the west in the coming year to protect the sand

dunes. The Lossie High school story boards are almost ready we just need to get Cam at Signworks to put them into a suitable format for Men's Shed to make the stands.

West Beach carpark

MKA are working on their final business plan and costs which will be presented to all stakeholders for review and open discussion. There is an exercise led by MKA on Wednesday unfortunately all cc members have prior engagements.

Defibrillators

Carolle and Gina met with Sandra from Keiran's Legacy. Some months ago we paid for replacement pads for three defibs in town and following a successful social media post we received payment for 3 further sets of pads from generous members of the public and a business. Last week we got a further bill for two more sets of pads. These pads need to be replaced every 2 to 3 years and the boxes inspected quarterly. Keiran's legacy will now be asking us to sign up to a maintenance contract which will be £130 per year. Our metal casing boxes also need to be replaced by plastic ones at a cost of £500 each.

Obviously, we want to ensure that this life saving equipment is looked after and kept up to standard, but these significant costs need to be met by us in most cases in Lossie.

We will circulate the proposed contract and discuss at the next meeting.

St Margaret Crescent bins

The ongoing saga came to a climax when we eventually went to the media. Grateful thanks to our community warden Donna and to all who have worked together to get something done. We had a site visit whereby environmental health met with Grampian Housing and we hope a solution has been found which will alleviate this public health issue.

Pedestrian crossing Queen Street

Lily wrote to Elaine Penny at MC. We are going to revisit the site with her to look at the options as we agreed we do not want congestion in the area around the bus stop and the Coop lorries.

Skatepark update

Maureen told us about the exciting Danceathon organized by Sarah Cull in the town hall on Sunday 27 September. Help will be required to assist in this 12 hour event and we agreed we should donate a hamper for the raffle that day.

St Gerardine's artefacts

Historic Scotland have asked for evidence of proof of permanent address for the

objects. The cemetery was suggested as a long-term placement for the Kinneddar Cross, but it would require glass protection. Lily will speak to Susan from St James's church about the possibility of the Church of Scotland paying for this, John Cowe will assist if need be, by taking action as was the case in Burghead recently.

Associate members

We are delighted to welcome Chris and Val Pastakia and Pat McNicoll on to our community council as from today, paperwork has been completed and will be passed on to Debra Duke from MC.

Associate members do not have voting rights but can be involved in all aspects of the projects we work on and other activities.

Calendars

Sales going well but we need to push them on our Facebook page.

Joint Community Council meeting

Carolle attended and summarized the salient points in particular about the Elgin CC urban gull survey in conjunction with Nature Scot. Minute will follow once received.

Raft race

The meeting expressed a vote of thanks to Elgin Roundtable for their hard work in bringing back this exciting event to Lossie. The estimated 4000 crowd enjoyed the day, and we are sure the lads will take on board the teething problems if they run it again next year. They kindly donated toilet rolls and liquid soap to us for our help. Thank you also to Elgin Positive Action Group for litter picking on the day!

Group Updates

The Community Hub/2-3 group

Louise told us about the successful auction held at the end of their summer long charity shop held at the hub.

LCDT

AGM on Thursday evening.

Men's Shed

Dave said they are waiting on the MOD to get back to them about their move.

Community Councilor issues/updates

Gardeners very busy over the summer and lossie looking good.
Various abandoned vehicles discussed. Cycle track remains overgrown and unsafe in part. Dave will write to MC, Carolle will remind Community services about the old liney track.

Treasurer report

£50 donation to flower show

Christmas fayre will be £260 for the weekend to the town hall

Our grant from MC went up £9 to £592.36. They paid us double and we have had to repay it.

Planning

Nothing to report but other community councils unhappy with information from Moray Council.

Elected members Matters

The banking hub will close but no idea when. Post office opening in October.
Council in recess over summer.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 21 September 2026 7pm at the hub.

Could someone please take minutes if Kristi is unable to attend.