

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting 19th October**

Date: Monday 19th October 2026

Time: 19:00

Location: Lossiemouth Community hub

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Lily Mulholland, Gina McNicoll, Marian Evans, Maureen Halkett, Dave Walker, John Cowe, Bridget Mustard, Alison Read, Pat McNicoll, Lorna Sutherland (LCTD), Kevin Lynch

Apologies: Kristi Lunt, Louise McBride, Andrea Dowds, Donna Jamieson, Neil Cameron, James Allan, Chris Pastakia, Val Pastakia

Agenda:

1. Police and RAF Community Warden Update:

Police

No police present or update

RAF

No RAF representative present, apologies received

Community Warden

Issues at High School P2 & P3 pupils. Extra Police patrols requested by Donna. Van parked outside of Macraj will be moved within the next few days, apparently it has not been abandoned.

2. Matters Arising from September Minutes –

Football artificial pitch now open

3. Approval of September Minutes – approved

Carolle began the meeting by letting members know that Kristi remains quite poorly and everyone sent her our best wishes and hopes that she is home soon with her family.

4. Arthurs' Bridge

Lily and Gina met with Graham Leadbitter

The bridge is top of the list for next financial year BUT at moment no funding. He was very much aware of the importance of the bridge and when the subject of cameras to monitor the traffic was discussed he said that he would contact Moray Council and

back our request .

5 Defibrillators

Sandra from Kierens legacy did contact us again and would like to have further discussion as regards LCC taking over the Maintenance .Meeting arranged for 1st week in November. Gina& Dave to attend

6. Traffic Island at Co-op.

LCC agreed to an island being positioned on Queen street beside the CO-OP

Lily will contact Elaine Penny to confirm

7 Skatepark

Dance -Athon very successful .Raised £2104 but expected to be nearer £2500

Donations have also been received from Round Table of £200

Donation from Andrew French (IAM Gaming) Expo) £519

Future events: Tesco bag packing ,Film Night LCC Craft Fair

8 Sand Dune Project

Nearly 900 grasses have been planted on the East Beach Sand dunes . A mixture of marram and Lyme . About 70 have been planted at the west beach . More grasses will be planned for west beach next year

9 Toilets

Major issues with gents' urinals. Repair work will have to be scheduled for when we are closed . Toilets will close on Sunday 25th October

Thanks to everyone who help opening and cleaning .

10 November Remembrance. Lily will lay the wreath on behalf of LCC.

Lily preparing a poppy cross for the square and Maureen creating a large poppy filled with knitted poppies

Our remembrance seat does require some maintenance but not easy to repaint unless you know what you are doing.

Contact the place who supplied it to ask for advice They are based in Kilmaronock

11 Curry Night Fundraiser: Wednesday 25th November

Raising funds for Station Park Toilets Update price increased to £30 due to high operational costs at the restaurant

12 Christmas Lights James Square.

Agreed to go with pre-lit obelisks apart from the Centre bed and in the tubs beside the sundial.

The large Christmas tree donated by Rebecaa is very hard for us to decorate.

Have asked John Cowe if he would ask her if this could be changed to 3 smaller trees

Marian will be in charge of Rotary Bed

Gina & Pat central bed

Maureen and Carolle have said they would take a bed.

Lily in charge of the obelisks

Lily has some other people to contact

Electricity to be checked. Carolle to Contact electrician

13 Charity Christmas Fair, Saturday 28 November.

21 tables have been booked. Carolle to contact Andrew from Lossie United so see if wants a stall for his baking – Been confirmed yes

14 Christmas Extravaganza Sunday 29th November.

All going to plan. Still looking for some different activities and could do with 2/3 extra people to help

Possible colouring competition will be a gingerbread house

15 Zoom subscription. Will need to contact Kristy to set up again or move to other platforms which have no cost. Eg teams. Will have to check if everyone comfortable with a different platform and can be discussed at next meeting

16 Financial End year

Community councils run from 1st October till 30th September

Does not line up with MC financial year

Year started with a balance of £2420.61

Year ended with £43005.10

Received an HIE grant for £ 15000 for sand dune restoration. To be spent by early 2028.

Holding funds for another organisation who have disbanded

We have 14 different pots to cover all the activities we are engaged with. E.g gardens toilets, soup and sweet ,resilience

Financial Summary for Moray Council has been audited by and external financial adviser.

It was proposed that the treasurer should receive a remuneration. Amount to be agreed at next meeting

17 Community Group Updates

LCDT.

Received 50 k grant from Crown Estate Scotlands Moray Coastal Communities fund which will allow to move forward with some repairs at the west beach footpath and some flood defences. Would need at least 200k to complete the work required.

LCDT and Moray golf club still in talks with the landowner but things are moving forward.

Place Plan meeting Nov5th. Please advise Alison Read if you wish to attend with her.

Lily may be available, Carolle unable to attend

LBA -No chair but small group are taking the lead

Rhona McNicol from MC has moved.

Moray Council has yet to agree with landowner as to the finances required to fix the actual carpark. Possible that Moray Golf club may contribute.

Beach hut is due to close shortly.

LCDT still considering taking over the lease

Men's Shed

2 new members

Still waiting for MOD to sign off on the lease for the ground beside Greenkeepers buildings

Community Hub

Still very busy with different groups

Community Pantry is in place but very slow on uptake

18. Community Councillor's Issues

Carolle: .

Article written for Lossie Local

New post office very busy . A few teething issues. Cash can be deposited or withdrawn

Hard for 1 person to handle both counters

Squirrel Crossing signs & bridge . This was supposed to be put in place when first houses built on Inchbroom Road but because houses were not built on the other side MC did not pursue the builder as was agreed.

New housing may be built on the other side of the road so we need to keep an eye and of course check with MC to see if any agreement as regards the squirrel bridge.

Pathway at back of school very dark. People do use this path as a shortcut.

Request lights to be switched back on. John C to investigate

Lily: Post Box Topper for square

Marian does know someone who could crochet one so will contact

19 . Elected Member Updates.

John Cowe. Will be contacting MC to arrange a meeting with Rebecca to discuss the west beach carpark

There is a national proposal that something should be done to highlight the late Queen Elizabeth II and her impact on Scotland. It was agreed to leave discussion until next meeting to allow everyone to read the email.

No other updates from our elected members

8. Treasurer's Report.

£100 donation received from Seafest

£30 from Friendship group.

20. Planning Issues. Nil

21 AOCB.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 16th November 7pm Zoom