

# Minutes

Lossiemouth Community Council

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 7pm at Community Centre



**Chair:**

Mike Mulholland

**Attendees**

- Heather Sheils (secretary); Tim Stanning (Treasurer); Maureen Garden; Andrew Campbell; Councillor Cowe and Councillor Tuke and Councillor Slater.

**Apologies**

- Apologies were received from Carolle Ralph (Vice Chair); Sam Williams (RAF Liaison Officer) and Tim Betts (Community Warden).

Topic	Discussion	Action
<p>1. <b>Welcome Police Report Community Warden report</b></p>	<p>The Chair opened the meeting at 1900hrs after welcoming all those attending.</p> <p>Police Report – Constable Alice Cooper and John Bowie reported:</p> <p>Thefts – during the night of 22<sup>nd</sup> September two thefts occurred from insecure vehicles that were parked on Argyle Street and Dunbar Street. Enquiries are still ongoing. On 5<sup>th</sup> October an attempt was made to break into a shed on Moray Street. Between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October two houses on Laverock Bank were the subject of crime. At one address a shed was broken into but nothing stolen and the other property was entered and money stolen along with a motor vehicle. Enquiries are still ongoing.</p> <p>Vandalism – On 28<sup>th</sup> September, overnight, a vehicle which was parked on High Street had its rear windscreen wiper ripped off. Enquiries are still ongoing. On 9<sup>th</sup> October a house on Prospect Terrace had its window damaged, possibly by a stone thrown by a child playing.</p> <p>Domestic Abuse – Four domestic abuse incidents in Lossiemouth whereby three men have been charged with assault and appeared at court from custody. Enquires are currently ongoing regards the fourth incident.</p> <p>Bogus Workman – on 26<sup>th</sup> September at an address on Prospect Terrace, a low four figure sum of money was stolen from an 89 year old woman. A man aged between 50 and 55 came to the woman’s home to carry out gardening work. When he left the woman discovered that a large amount of cash had been taken. Enquiries are still ongoing.</p>	

		<p>Tim Betts (Community Warden) was unable to attend however a report was produced and discussed at the meeting;</p> <p>Abandoned vehicles – three vehicles have been investigated in this period; enquiries are currently ongoing.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour – causes to be targeted with Police Scotland and other partners.</p> <p>Dog fouling – urge people who witness dog fouling to report it on 0700 670 665. Public are invaluable when it comes to identifying and dealing with dog foulers. No FPNs were issued during this period.</p> <p>Neighbour disputes – a number of neighbour disputes have been investigated, with a wide range of advice given and mediation provided.</p> <p>Seagulls – continues to advise people not to feed seagulls as the noise, mess and swooping behaviour of the gulls can cause distress and nuisance to neighbours.</p> <p>'OperationTyphoon' - plain clothed patrols targeting dog fouling have been set up at hot spots throughout Moray including in the vicinity of Hythehill Primary, Shore Street, Clifton Road, East Beach Caravan Park and more. A number of dog walkers have been spoken to. These patrols will continue and feedback on hot spot areas would be gratefully received.</p>	
2.	<b>Local Community Attendees</b>	There were no Local Community Attendees.	
3.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting with no amendments.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p>Bridging the Gap – there is a link online to be able to put forward any ideas to cut costs. Maureen Garden has already input her ideas. It was suggested that everyone go online and put their suggestions forward.</p> <p>Mike Mullholland had a meeting with the Police in the Council Chambers. It was agreed that they would experiment with preparing a Police Report each month for the whole area rather than per community.</p>	
5.	<b>Correspondence</b>	Councillor Tuke contacted the Police to ask if they could continue their presence at the Lossiemouth Community Council meetings. They assured him that they would.	

		<p>Over the period 8<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October there will be a major exercise at RAF Lossiemouth (Joint Warrior). It will take place off the north-east of Scotland and RAF Lossiemouth will host some air elements of that exercise.</p> <p>The Royal British Legion is organising the National Day of Remembrance Parade and Church Service at Lossiemouth on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016. A representative from the Community Council will participate at the wreath laying ceremony.</p>	
6.	<b>Matters from Community Councillors</b>	<p>Mike Mullholland reported that there was a new proposed cycle track that may run alongside the road on the left hand verge; however there would be a break in this path due to houses where the cyclist would have to pass these buildings by road and then return back to the verge.</p> <p>Mike was very pleased with the turnout and reception that Heather Stanning received on her fleeting visit to Lossiemouth. The visit went exceptionally well. Heather is such a remarkable woman and an inspiration to all. The lighting up of the lighthouse was spectacular with a precision fly past. A video of the light up and fly past was filmed by Yvonne Findlay.</p> <p>Heather Sheils brought up with the Police the fact that there have been a number of disturbances around the High Street area involving youths. A number of residents have complained as well as the Library, Youth Café and the Dance Studio. The Police were aware and were hoping to be more present in the area.</p>	MM
7.	<b>Matters from Councillors</b>	<p><b>Councillor Dennis Slater:</b> Councillor Slater has had no reply from the MOD regarding the pipe just off the West Beach. He will try again tomorrow.</p> <p><b>Councillor John Cowe:</b> The burnt house on Prospect Terrace has been broken into on several occasions by youths. Neighbours have been moving them along as the building is unsafe. They are still trying to locate the owner. A new play park at Cromarty Place has been a success with no adverse comments. Would like to see the new lights at the lighthouse becoming a permanent fixture. It would be a great tourist attraction. Mike Mullholland would discuss the lights with the Lighthouse Committee at the next meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Extra bins are to be placed in front of the High School. The toilets at Station Park were left unlocked and they were vandalised once again.</p>	DS  JC  MM

		Heather Stanning's visit to Lossiemouth was not only a great night for Heather but a great night for Lossiemouth.	
8.	<b>Treasurers Report</b>	Tim Stanning reported that 2 cheques had been issued; £75 honorarium to Heather Sheils and £26.50 for wreath for Remembrance Sunday.	TS
9.	<b>Reports</b>	Resilience Plan – Andrew Campbell has been adapting Hopeman's resilience plan for Lossiemouth. It is still a work in progress and the amended plan can be found on Moray Council's website.	AC
10	<b>Planning Issues</b>	There was a recent complaint against a Community Council where it was established that: Planning objection letters had been falsified. A Planning objection letter had been submitted on behalf of a Community Council however this was never recorded in minutes as having been discussed and agreed. Both practises are unacceptable. All Community Councils are reminded to adhere to Community Council Codes of Conduct when dealing with such matters.	TS
11	<b>AOCB, Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting</b>	Tim Stanning reported that there was to be an event at St. Gerardines Church on Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm where an archive film would be shown about HMS Fulmar.  The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2016, 7pm, Community Centre.	

Meeting concluded 8.30pm