


Minutes

Lossiemouth Community Council Monday 19 June 7pm at Community Centre		
Chair:		Mike Mulholland
Attendees		
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolle Ralph (Vice Chair, minutes); Eddie Kerrigan; Tim Stanning (Treasurer) Maureen Garden; Ashley Parker, RAF Lossie, Councillor Cowe, Councillor Edwards, Councillor Patience and Councillor Allan; Members of the public for part of the meeting; Louise Hill, Sandra Scott, Eileen Riddell		
Apologies		
<input type="checkbox"/> Andy Campbell, Heather Shiels, Tim Betts, Flight lieutenant Chris Hawkins		
Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Welcome Discussion on the plans for the proposed Lossiemouth learning centre (high school, swimming pool, library and community centre)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair opened the meeting at 1900hrs after welcoming all those attending. • There then followed a discussion on the plans for the new Lossiemouth Learning Centre. Carolle had spent time with Shona Leese from planning and read through comments from members of the community as well as sought feedback from individuals and groups through face book and on a one to one. • The Community Council are most grateful for all the input from everybody who has taken part in the consultation. • There was some confusion about the closing date for feedback as the schedule which Tim had received from Moray Council suggested there were to be further public sessions. • One of the main concerns from the public was the swimming pool which is currently 20mtrs will still be 20mtrs in the new project. Most of the people and groups who participated in the consultation have suggested that this is short sighted and should be 25mtrs. The CC acknowledged that we were lucky to have a replacement pool at all and that we were to have “like for like” due to costs and restricted budgets. However, we did think it worth seeking funding elsewhere towards a larger pool if this was feasible. It was suggested by Councillor Cowe that any move to change the footprint of the planned build would be costly and inadvisable. However, it was suggested that there was adequate room within the existing plans to extend the pool should monies be available. • Carolle offered to contact BEA and Boeing to see whether they might be able to help in some way towards costs, given we have been advised that RAF cannot help. It was agreed that the community 	CS

		<p>had absolutely nothing to lose and everything to gain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolle agreed to feedback to the Moray Council on behalf of the CC incorporating all the suggestions and concerns of the community. A copy of the letter is attached to this minute. <p>RAF Lossie update Ashley had to leave early and wished to advise the group that Friends and Families Day would be on 5 August this year. It is open to individuals who have contacts on the airbase. There will be increased flying that night.</p> <p>There is currently discussion on the base about a community support group forming which will consist of individuals who are available locally to help out in the community for events eg Seafest. This was welcomed by the meeting.</p> <p>Minute of last meeting were approved.</p>	
<p>2.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Police report; Community warden report</p> <p>Beach Clean</p>	<p>Concerns expressed about speeding traffic on the Inchbroom Road from the other side of the cemetery into the town and from Silversands on the Hopeman roads. The meeting agreed that both roads were seeing increasing volumes of pedestrians walking along the road side and that the situation was an accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>The meeting further agreed that the preferred option would be for the speed limit to be lowered to 40mph to the cemetery and to Silversands in the other direction.</p> <p>Councillor Edwards offered to speak to Elaine Penny. Carolle to speak to Inspector David Hoyle</p> <p>Members of the public have once again raised concerns about gulls. Tim Betts had provided advice in his community update, this has been shared to the face book page. The public should not feed the birds at this time of year.</p> <p>It was agreed that we postpone our annual beach clean until 26 August due to low numbers this weekend. However Councillor Edwards suggested we could still do a community clean up if anyone was available.</p> <p>The group agreed that whoever was free would tackle the area round the CO OP and community centre, assembling at 10am on Saturday 24 June.</p>	<p>RE CS</p>

4	East Beach Bridge	<p>Litter pickers bags and gloves will be provided.</p> <p>Councillor Edwards circulated photographs of the bridge which he had taken and had blown up. The photos showed the bridge to be extremely rusty, far worse than previously assessed, indeed a bit had broken off. The meeting discussed the bridge at length as it had been of huge concern to the CC for over 10 years now.</p> <p>Mike advised the group that the trust were still trying to establish ownership of the bridge and that they had been granted £4000 for searches on the question of ownership.</p> <p>The army have indicated a willingness to assist in the project once ownership has been confirmed. The meeting discussed the fact that the bridge was a core path and was essential for the economic wellbeing of the town as well as being an iconic feature of Moray.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about the state of the bridge meantime and the fact that the Moray Council had repaired it in the past, would suggest that the precedent had been set. In the event of anyone being injured they might be responsible. Councillor Edwards suggested that a temporary handrail be considered to ensure people had something to hold onto.</p>	CR
5	Meeting with Scottish Water and Veolia	<p>The Community Council met with several representatives of Scottish Water and Veolia on 30 May in the community centre to discuss ongoing concerns about the smell emanating from the plant at Oakenhead. It was agreed that the meeting had been constructive and that a plan of action to address the issues appeared to be working. The meeting was also attended by our 4 elected members and Jim Grant and Russell Anderson of the Moray Council and George Mollinson.</p> <p>Following the meeting Councillor Edwards met with George Mollinson, they discussed the use of small hand held monitors to enable the community to measure levels across the area. Councillor Edwards purchased 3 monitors and approached residents in the area who have agreed to record levels.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that there have been no reports of smell over the past month.</p> <p>Carolle to arrange a visit to Oakenhead plant over summer, probably be in two groups because of numbers.</p> <p>A meeting will be reconvened in September and the organisations have been asked to deliver a presentation on the long term future of the plant.</p>	ALL MM CR

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7	Best Council House Garden Competition	<p>Photo and article appeared in Northern Scot last month to launch the competition. The best council house garden will be judged during the summer. Entrants have been invited via nominations to Heather in the library.</p>	
8	Don Ritchie	<p>Mike suggested that the award discussed at earlier meetings be made to Don Ritchie on Sunday 9 July at the joint church ceremonies. A tea would follow and include ex community council member John Smart.</p>	
9	Lossiemouth Lower Speed Communities Project	<p>Carolle updated the meeting on the progress of the project led by Barbara Allan. Observations were carried out by the group on 3 occasions of traffic around all 3 schools. St Gerardines was noted to be the most concerning both in morning and after school. The multi agency group will reconvene after summer.</p> <p>Eddie advised the group that the CCTV cameras will be positioned at the bottom of the school braein the near future.</p>	MM CR TS
10	Councillor's issues	<p>The Station Park toilets are to be painted by the Community Offenders team.</p> <p>Ponderosa café and toilets will be open in early July</p> <p>Seafest will be 1st to 9th July</p> <p>The Waste Busters project will be moving from Lossie to Elgin in the near future.</p>	
11	Treasurer's report	<p>Tim advised that there was £1326 in the bank following £966 being paid out for the defibrillator. Carolle will ensure we have update on the defib for the next meeting. The community council will have plaque made for the defib.</p> <p>Moray Council grant is due.</p>	
	Planning Issues	<p>Tim and Maureen advised the group that other than the school/community centre plan there are no other planning issues.</p> <p>Tim is attending the Dualling of the A96 exhibition in Elgin this week.</p> <p>JCC have invited us to an extra meeting on Moray Growth Deal on 22 June. Carolle and Maureen to try to attend.</p>	TS TS

12	Correspondence	.Planting a legacy tree Carolle has enrolled us in this Woodland Trust venture There are several Survey Monkey questionnaires requiring responses. Carolle and Mo agreed to respond to these on behalf of the group.	
13	Community council elections	Carolle to attend another meeting on this, 29 June, the review of community councils goes to committee on the 28 June. Agreed that Tim pay the sum of £75 to the JCC for costs and leaflets.	CS TS
14	Secretary	Unfortunately Heather has had to resign her position as secretary to the Community Council due to pressure of work. She wishes to remain as a member of the council. The meeting noted how much we appreciated Heather's input. The question of increasing payment for the role was discussed as it was agreed that the role takes some hours, minutes, agenda, communicating with various individuals and groups. Agreed that Carolle would advertise for a secretary on facebook and the Northern Scot.	CS
11	AOCB, Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> There will be no July meeting this year. Next meeting will be on Monday 21 August 2017, <input type="checkbox"/> 7pm at Lossiemouth Community Centre. Members of the public are, as always welcome to attend.	

Oakenheadwood Wastewater Treatment Plant

Odour Control Problems

Oakenheadwood was constructed in 2001 at that time the population numbers on the Government website and the Moray Census showed a continuing decline in population in Moray and the surrounding area. The works therefore had been designed to the population figure at that time it was deemed not necessary to build growth into the project.

The site was designed to the average water usage in 2001 which was 120 litres per head per day. The average water usage today is 150 litres per head per day, this would increase the flow to the site by 25% before adding in any additional population.

It has been quite the reverse from the 2001 Census when the Moray population was 86940 to today's population according to Moray Council's demographic fact sheet the population is now 95510. This is approximately a 10% increase in the population number.

All the population figures were taken from the 2001 Census the next best set of figures I had were for 2011. The combined flows to the site in 2001 from Moycroft, Duffus pumping station and Lossiemouth was 3,824,160 litres per day. The combined flows for 2011 for the same area was 5,162,250 litres per day.

Oakenheadwood is not just a wastewater treatment plant it is the main sludge reception and treatment plant in the area. It receives sludge in liquid and cake form. It also thickens all imported sludge into cake before treatment. The area that the sludge is transported from is Banff and MacDuff, Buckie, Aviemore (and surrounding area), Moray, Nairn, and Fort William. On looking at population numbers all the areas show significant increases, especially in Aviemore which appears to be approximately a 50% increase in numbers. These figures will significantly increase the amount of imported sludge arriving at Oakenheadwood for treatment per week.

The typical dry solid content of liquid sludge in a tanker would be averaged at 5% this leaves 95% of liquid to be removed. This is done in a two stage process some of the liquid will be removed at the settling tank and returned to the head of the works to be treated in SBR's before being discharged. The settled sludge then passes through the belt press where it is reduced to an average of 22% and it is then combined with the imported sludge cake. Sludge cake should arrive on site with an average dry solid content of 22% it is then held in a silo till it passes through the thermal dryer where it is reduced to a 95% pellet. As both the liquid and sludge cake is reduced at each stage the liquor is returned to the head of the works to be combined with the incoming sewage for treatment before discharge.

Looking at the population figures for treatment of the wastewater and the increase in the sludge treatment the site appears to be overloaded. Further questions need to be asked of Scottish Water and their Operator as to how and when these issues will be addressed.