

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 12 August 2019

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Community Centre Library

Chair: Mike Mulholland

Attendees: Maureen Garden, Amy Taylor CLLR, Stuart Mason, Gina McNicoll, Calum Luce, Louise McBride (Hill), Kristi Corbett, James Allen CLLR, Tim Stanning, Mike Mulholland, Stuart Garden

Apologies: John Cowe, Ryan Edwards, Carolle Ralph, Marian Evans, John Straw, Sarah Tompkins-Le

Agenda:

1- Police Update:

See email with the Community Safety report

RAF Update:

2- RAF Update:

LOS continues to be exceptionally busy with both operational and non-operational activity;
QRA is having a spate of launches as a result of increased Russian air activity in the region;
Apologies for the noise and disturbance created but as the USAF like to say 'it's the sound of peace and freedom'

There continues to be at least one Sqn & approx 80 individual augmentees deployed overseas.

The preparatory work required to make sure LOS is ready to welcome the P8-A when it arrives is picking up pace;

The P8-A strategic facility is on schedule and looks pretty darn impressive even from a distance.

Crews (air and ground) continue to go out to Jacksonville, USA, to conduct their specialist aircraft training for lengthy periods.

The contract for the resurfacing of the LOS runway is due to be issued in the immediate future;

Landowners and immediate neighbours who will be affected have had direct communications with DIO Land Management.

Once contract is issued, there will be engagement with the wider community including a public meeting – stand by to stand by!

Normal Typhoon and QRA operations will take place for the bulk of the resurfacing programme but QRA will relocate to Leuchars for a short period (approx middle of next year).

The RAF have taken ownership in the States of the 1st P8-A aircraft (named the 'Pride of Moray') and it is due to arrive in the UK in early 2020;

As the LOS runway will still have significant resurfacing works to complete, this aircraft will fly into and temporarily operate out of Kinloss until it can return here.

Plans for the Raft Race 2019 continue apace;

Approx 20 teams have registered and there is a Marvel theme so we expect some impressive rafts and fancy dress.

Stalls set up will commence from 9am, road closure at 10am and the gates will open at 12 noon;

Rafts will enter the water at the usual location for a race start at 2pm.

The bridge will be used as a start and finish line for the rafts in the water but not accessed at any point.

Presentation of awards will be at 3pm and funfair closes at 5pm with the roads reopening at 6pm.

Profits raised on the day will be split equally between The Oaks Palliative Care Unit, Poppy Scotland, MFR Cash for Kids and the Lossie Bridge Fund;

The first 3 charities were publicly committed to prior to the closure of the bridge.

Neither RNLI nor Coast Guard have raised any concerns or objections to the race but LOS will deploy additional manpower to advise people from crossing the river to get to the beach;
We are limited to providing advice and cannot enforce nor stop people should they choose to do so.
We were saddened by some of comments at the town hall meeting to discuss the closure of the East Beach Bridge about what the RAF could or should be doing in these circumstances;
We have reached out to those who expressed strong views and requested a meeting to clarify matters.

3- Minutes of June Meeting

Accepted

4- Matters Arising

1-Bridge: This is a long term situation. The Community Council will focus on fundraising, public safety and keeping up community spirit while helping the other organisations, LBA, LCDT and Moray Council where they need it. Per Councillor Amy Taylor we need to have a united front for our community.

The LCDT is still working with Moray Council on their grant application but we will not know for some time if the application is successful or not.

2-Toilets: Per Jim Grant we can collect from the Caravans at Station Park, Carolle will write up a letter and leave it with envelopes asking for donations to be dropped at Unique. These will be left on the windscreens.

3-School Crossings: Zebra crossings will be 7,500 per crossing and there should not be a problem with one at St. Geradines, there may be an issue with one at the Community Centre due to the road layout. Mike will speak to McPherson's, Balfour Beaty, Stagecoach and Matt about donations towards the crossings, as they all use Lossiemouth to train their drivers.

4-JCC: There is a new police inspector, and the police have new mobile phones that they can do all of their paper work on in their cars and the community without going into the office, this will allow a larger police presence in the communities.

Other Community Councils are interested in the Zebra crossings after hearing about our efforts

5- Merchant Navy Day: Tim Stanning will take care of raising the Ensign and lowering it.

6- Cash Machine: Links has said that we warrant another cash machine and will help us get one but we need someone willing to take it on.

7- Grass Cutting: Lossie football club is getting a mower and will be cutting the cage and playing fields. The games are being called because of the grass being too long.

8- VE Day Celebration: Marian has booked the town hall, the band may not be available due to other commitments, we need to decide our date and go from there.

9- Emergency Disaster Plan: We need to coordinate with RAF and Moray Council to see what they already have in place.

10- Fundraising: First event will be the Penny to a Pound for a Mile, the committee will keep the Community Council updated, other events will be planned and communicated.

5- Correspondence:

6- Community Councilors Issues:

7- Councilors Updates:

The lights on the School Brae are still to be put in but we do not have a date or a time frame.

Parking Charges will not be going into effect in September, the plan is still in committees and we do

not have an updated date at this time.

8- Treasurers Report: The same as last month.

9- Chairman's Updates: Still waiting on the golf course for a meeting.

Seafest will pay for the cost of the lights in James Square, the repair was done without authorization or an estimate given.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: September 16, 2019, Community Centre.