

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 16 Sept 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Lossiemouth Community Centre

Chair: Mike Mulholland

Attendees: Mike Mulholland, Carolle Ralph, Stuart Garden, Maureen Garden, Fraser Bowie (RAF), Marian Evans, Amy Taylor CLLR, John Cowe CLLR, Stuart Mason, Gina McNicoll, Kristi Corbett, Tim Stanning

Apologies: James Allen CLLR, Ryan Edwards CLLR, Louise McBride, Callum Luce, Claire Edwards

Agenda:

1- Police Update: No representatives. There will be a promotion at 11:00 am on Friday 20 Sept at St. Geradines Primary School for roads and safer crossings.

RAF Update:

No updates, but we have requested to find out who will be replacing Samantha Bunn and Marian will contact Dave Allen about a rep for the Cycle Track committee.

3- Minutes of August Meeting:

RNLI have prioritized the beach safety assessment and it will be done within the next few weeks.

Thank you to Tim Stanning for raising and lowering the Ensign.

VE Day Celebration plans may need to be altered due to a Moray Council celebration

Mike and Maureen will speak to the last person who was coordinating a disaster plan and see what happened with it.

We can look into the Landfill Tax Fund for funding for the school crossings.

4- Matters Arising:

Town Centre Fund Application: We applied for funding for an interactive Heritage Trail but the request was turned down and Moray Council will be using £10,000 from the fund to provide new seating on the Esplanade. This was not something that we asked for in our application, there are questions as to how the funding was decided.

Public Toilets: The Station Park Toilets will be closing at the end of October for 4 months to give our volunteers a break. Gina has taken over sorting out the Utilities bill and has managed to get it down to a more reasonable cost, Mike is going to look into finding us a more cost effective provider.

So far none of the local charities are willing to help us so that we can get better rates on the utilities. This may affect what we are able to do next year.

We are waiting to hear from Laurie Piper on what his plans are for the public toilets across the council.

Stuart Mason will look into sorting out a QR code to make it easier for people to donate to the toilets.

The tins are becoming a less effective way to fundraise so we will need to investigate alternatives.

Safer Crossings:

Per Elaine Penny the St Geradines road is too wide for a Zebra crossing but it will take island crossings so that is what we are aiming for.

Moray Council will be putting in lights on the School Brae over Christmas, *update: This work will now begin in October and go through December 6. The School Brae will be closed for that time, road diversions will be put into place.*

Sustrans will be putting in a Cycle track from Elgin Road to Muirton road and they will be putting in crossings on Coularbank Road as part of the works.

John Tulloch has said that he will put in the crossings at cost.

We need to fundraise approx. £15,000 for our part of the crossings.

We need to speak to the school's again to see if we can now use their charity status to fundraise as our goal has changed from hiring a person to putting in crossings which are more sustainable and permanent.

Fundraising Updates:

Quiz Night is on Friday the 20th of September. The funds will be going to the safer crossings and community projects.

Community Dress Up/Down Day will be Oct. 10, the primary schools, nurseries and doctors office are all participating so far. Louise will collect the donations. The funds will go to the safer crossings

We have a stall for the Christmas Lights and will be doing a children's raffle

Mike will ask if the Girl Guides will do a Soup and Sweet to help raise money for the crossings

Penny to a Pound for a Mile will be Nov 2, we will have a raffle, treats and Mielies is donating ice cream.

Bridge:

We will be turning over the £1410 that we have raised for the bridge to the LCDT.

Per CLLR Taylor: There is a chance that the community will need to fundraise to cover the costs of the option appraisal studies.

We need and update on what the business plan is and the Scottish Governments milestone requirements are.

There is a question of if it will be the LCDT or Moray Council who is heading the project. Per Councillor Taylor Moray Council will not be heading it, but from what we've read in the press the Scottish Government wants Moray Council to lead the project.

Both CLLR Cowe and Taylor stated that the local groups all need to work together to ensure that the bridge is built.

Gardening and Flowers:

£630 remaining from the money we received this year from the grant for flowers. We have been told that we can carry it over to next year.

It was decided to give Linda Crowther £100 to assist with the bed she takes care of on Queen Street.

Lily Mulholland will manage the flowers and gardening for the Community Council. We do need to organize a night for weeding.

We will donate £50 to the garden show.

Mike has spoken to Ian Campbell about the bill for the lights in James Square because the work was carried out without authorization Mr. Campbell will investigate it and see if there is anything that he can do to help with the cost.

The lights in James Square have not been turned on, we need to find out who oversees turning them on.

GEN:

Global Eco Village Network: They would like to present to us on community gardening. We need to look at the calendar and choose a date.

Priority Planning Meeting:

We will schedule a meeting in early October to discuss our priorities as a Community Council for the short and long term.

Kristi will send out a calendar/poll to choose the best date. Please respond to it by Sept. 26.

Community Council Christmas Night Out:

Dec 7 at 7:00 pm. Stuart Mason has made a reservation at the Firth for us. We will need to confirm the numbers to finalise the reservation. Please try and let us know by the next meeting if you think that you will be able to make it.

Road Safety:

We've had a number of complaints of near misses on Tulloch's Brae and complaints of a lot of traffic on the road. Per Moray Council Roads Dept. there is nothing that they can do.

We need to have a larger police presence in Lossiemouth to help control the speeding and flow of traffic.

Citizen of the Year: We are not going to have the award this year due to a number of issues, going forward we will ask the Lossie Local magazine to take on the running of the campaign with our assistance.

5- Correspondence:

None

6- Community Councilors Issues:

Marian raised the issue that we all need to be more aware of what we are saying and how we are representing ourselves when we are commenting on posts and making posts on public forums and social media. What we are saying and doing reflects on the Community Council.

7- Councilors Updates:

CLLR Taylor: see the Bridge in the Matters Arising.

CLLR Cowe:

The Option Appraisal Study for the Seatown Flood Alleviation will go the Scottish Government for funding approval. It may be as long as 2028 before they are put in.

The new high school is 6 weeks ahead of schedule.

The Lossiemouth War Memorial won the national title for Best Kept War Memorial without a garden.

The recycling facility in Lossiemouth will be moving to Elgin in Feb. 2020.

Moray Council has a £40.7 million backlog on it's roads maintenance.

All Moray Council land in Lossiemouth has been developed any further developments to support Lossiemouth will be in Elgin.

JNK Kitchen Site is being looked at for development into a gin distillery.

8- Treasurers Report:

All accounts currently balance but Tim would like to have Carolle look at the books to verify the accounts.

9- Chairman's Updates:

The meeting with the golf course for the cycle track did not go well, the golf course says that the cycle track will cause a decrease in their membership and they are unsupportive. The committee is looking at bringing in a consultant to help move the cycle track process forward.

10- Planning Issues: None

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 21 October 2019